

The PhD Connector

This is the inaugural edition of The PhD Connector, an e-newsletter designed to bring us together with news, events --both past and future -- and other miscellaneous information. We hope you enjoy it.

PhD NEWS

Your news

- **Rajkamal Vasu (Finance)** – Raj will be presenting his paper, “Auctions or Negotiations? Selling a Firm in the Presence of Latent Competition among Acquirers” at the LBS Trans-Atlantic Doctoral Conference, held in London from May 18th to 20th.
- **Kaylene McClanahan (MORS)** - Kaylene’s paper, "Two Ways to Stay at the Top? Dominance as a Short-Term Strategy," is part of a symposium that won the best symposium award from the OB division.
- **Voni Pamphile & Rachel Ruttan (MORS)** – Voni’s and Rachel’s paper, “Stated-Lived Value Congruence and Expressive Authenticity,” won the OB division’s most innovative student paper award.
- **Kejia Hu (Operations)** – Kejia is excited to move to Nashville where she will start her career as an assistant professor in Operations Management at the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University.

PhD Job Placements

Here is what we know so far about where our graduating students are headed. Congratulations to all!

- **Accounting Information & Management**
Davide Cianciaruso – HEC Paris
Rita Nevada Gunn – Vanderbilt University
Andrew Stephan – University of Colorado, Boulder
- **Management & Organizations**
Sookyoung Lee – HEC Paris
Michael Mauskopf – Columbia University
Rachel L. Ruttan – Washington University in St. Louis
- **Managerial Economics & Strategy**
Soheil Ghili – Yale University
Tom Hamami – Ripon College
Paolina C. Medina – Texas A&M University
Can Urgan – Princeton University
Clair Zhuqing Yang – University of Washington
- **Marketing**
Chaoqun Chen – Southern Methodist University
- **Operations Management**
Ahmet Colak – Clemson University
Kejia Hu – Vanderbilt University

Graduate Student Appreciation Week

We had huge turnout for the Graduate Student Appreciation lunch in April. How huge was the turnout? The turnout was so huge that we quickly ran out of food! Thank you to everyone who attended, and a huge apology to those of you who left hungry but were very good natured about it. We will do better next time! Take a look at the photos.



FACULTY NEWS

Professors Brayden King (MORS) and Achal Bassamboo (Operations) were honored at Kellogg's New Chair Investiture Ceremony on April 18th. Professor King now holds the Max McGraw Chair in Management and the Environment, and Professor Bassamboo is now the Charles E. Morrison Professor of Decision Sciences. This past December, Professor Viktor Todorov (Finance) was named the Harold H. Himes Jr. Professor of Risk Management, and Professor Sandeep Baliga (MEDS) was named the John L. and Helen Kellogg Professor.

Professors David Matsa (Finance) and Loran Nordgren (MORS) were recently honored as two of "Poets & Quants'" [40 Most Outstanding MBA Professors Under 40](#). This could be in your future!

SAVE THE DATE

We will honor our 2017 PhD graduates and celebrate the end of the year at a reception for ALL Kellogg doctoral students and faculty on June 7 at 4:00pm in the White Auditorium. More details coming soon!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **May 31** – Mentoring Your Summer Student: An Orientation for Postdocs and PhD Students. Chicago Campus – 11:00 – 1:00pm
- **September 14** – Searle Center New TA Conference. 8:30-3:30pm-Technological Institute, Evanston Campus

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **May 15** – Registration for fall 2017 begins
- **May 29** – Memorial Day – No classes
- **June 3** – Spring classes end
- **June 7** – Kellogg PhD Graduate and End of Year Celebration-White Auditorium-4:00pm-6:00pm
- **June 15** – TGS PhD Hooding Ceremony
- **June 16** – Northwestern Commencement and Kellogg Convocation
- **June 19** – Summer quarter begins

DID YOU KNOW.....?

- TGS has a [Childcare grant](#) that allows for a \$2500 subsidy per year for licensed day or in-home daycare?
- That you are one of 123 PhD students here at Kellogg?
- That we will have 14 new PhD students joining us this fall?
- If you have a legal question and you have paid your activity fee, you are eligible to receive legal consultation. The [Student Legal Services Office](#) is funded by TGS and Kellogg School of Management through proceeds from student activity fees.
- The Global Hub fitness center is located on the lower level and it's free. It's open from 6am-8pm Monday-Friday and 6am-2pm on Saturdays; closed on Sundays.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE – EXPLORE EVANSTON

- Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. [Evanston Farmers' Market](#)! A 13 ½ minute walk to Oak Ave and University Place (a little north west of the movie theatres; behind the Hilton Garden Inn). Stock up on farm-raised food (flora and fauna); listen to local musicians' entertainment; and wander around and talk with friends and others.
- June 17-18: [Custer Fair](#) - Click on "Visitor Info" to whet your appetite. A quick trip south on the Purple Line; get off at Main Street. Look for Carol: she'll be there for sure, probably in her Carolina baseball hat.

GOOD READING

"Take Five: How to Nurture Your Work Relationships" This article is based on the research and insights of MORS professors Jeanne M. Brett, Eli J Finkel, Leigh Thompson, Aparna Labroo (Marketing), Martin Lariviere (Operations) and Thomas Lys (Accounting). It appears in the 2/7/17 edition of *Kellogg Insight*.

[This article](#) contains five pieces of advice from Kellogg faculty members on improving your negotiation skills and managing conflict at work. These suggestions apply to most any situations where you're studying, working, playing, socializing, or communicating with people other than yourself!

1. Don't let culture get in the way
2. See your arguments through someone's else's eyes
3. Improve your negotiations
4. No, really, negotiate
5. Turn the lights down low

SUGGESTION BOX

What else would you like to see in the PhD Connector? Please contact [Jo Ann Yablonka](#) with your ideas or feel free to let us know your ideas by [answering our survey](#).

Based on some suggestions to broaden the scope of our PhD students news, we would appreciate if you would share an accomplishment of yours or share some good news about your colleagues. Our next newsletter will feature academic and non-academic news, so include something personal or even information about a fun activity that you think others will enjoy.

Thank you, PhD students!

Our best wishes to each of you for a happy healthy spring quarter and some sunshine would be good too!

Carol, Jo Ann and Susan