Graduate News!

MBA Spring Faculty Speaker Series
The Lally School of Management and Technology invites you to campus for the MBA Spring Faculty Speaker Series.

• Tuesday, February 8 – Professor Jason Kuruzovich will speak on internet marketing.
• Wednesday, March 9 – Professor William Tracy will speak on global business/China and US business intersection.
• Thursday, April 7 – Professor Aparna Gupta will speak on finance and account risk.

At the conclusion of each speaking engagement, faculty and staff will be on hand to meet candidates for the 2011 MBA class. Join them as they present the curriculum, discuss the application process (including tips on preparing for the GMAT), and answer questions from the audience.

If you are interested in more details on the MBA Spring Faculty Speaker Series, would like more information about Rensselaer’s MBA program, contact Michael Gunther at gunthm@rpi.edu or (518) 276-8351.

Graduate Arts Award Opportunity
Are you a recent graduate planning to begin your first graduate degree program in the arts in fall 2011? Do you have exceptional artistic or creative promise and significant financial need?

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation’s Graduate Arts Award cycle is currently open, and recent graduates (within the last five years) who are planning to begin their first graduate degree program in fall 2011 are eligible to apply. Awards may be up to $50,000 annually for up to three years of study at an accredited graduate institution in the US or abroad. The award provides funding for tuition, room and board, required fees, and books. Ten awards are available at the national level. Selection criteria includes: artistic or creative merit, academic achievement, financial need, will to succeed, and a breadth of interest and activities.

Rensselaer may nominate two students or alumni to be considered for this award. If you are interested in learning how to apply, contact Mecaila Smith at smithm12@rpi.edu. The campus deadline is Monday, January 31. Interested parties may not apply directly to the

#First Name#, if you have not already signed up for the new alumni website, please do so now! To complete the first time log-in process you will need your alumni ID number, which is #Advance_id_number#. Click here to register.

The Passing of Dr. Robert P. Ingalls, Executive Officer of Computer Sciences
Bob Ingalls passed away on Friday, November 12. Dr. Ingalls was a pivotal member of the Computer Science Department who made countless contributions to the education and welfare of our students, staff, and faculty. There was a memorial service for Dr. Ingalls on Saturday, December 4. In lieu of flowers Bob's family requested contributions to be made to his favorite charities. (The obituary for Dr. Ingalls was published in the Albany Times Union on November 14).

As a tribute to Dr. Ingalls, the Computer Science Department is planning a physical memorial in the form of a tree, bench, and plaque outside the Lally Building and a scholarship memorial to be given annually to the student that the faculty judges to be the best programmer. If you would like to get involved or have any questions, contact Sharon Simmons at (518) 276-8291 or simmos2@cs.rpi.edu.

RPI Academics News
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Rensselaer Earns Spot on Kiplinger’s List of Top 100 “Best Values in Private Colleges”

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Professor Georges Belfort Wins Biochemical Engineering Award

Summer@Rensselaer News
Summer@Rensselaer Night – February 25, 2011
Come to campus for the Men’s Hockey Game vs. Princeton University. It will be Summer@Rensselaer Night at the
JKC Foundation.

**Professional Development Programs**
For more information on the Office of Graduate Education’s Professional Development Programs, and for opportunities on how alumni may become involved, contact Connie Grega at gregac@rpi.edu or (518) 276-6761.

**Dissertation Boot Camp**
The Office of Graduate Education, along with the Center for Communication Practices, will be hosting a Dissertation Boot Camp on the Troy campus from January 18-21.

The Boot Camp is designed to help students progress through the difficult process of writing their dissertation. By offering an environment and support for intense, focused writing time, the camp provides participants with the structure and motivation to overcome typical roadblocks in the dissertation process. Our goal is to assist each participant in making significant progress towards completing their project. In addition to each day’s writing sessions, the following topics will be covered:

- Tools for Organizing Your Writing
- Introduction to LaTeX
- References I &II
- Active & Passive Voices
- Figures & Tables
- Making Presentations
- Thesis Formatting & Submissions
- Writing Styles

This program is directed primarily towards students in the final stages of writing their dissertation, after their data has been collected. That is, for the camp to work, you must have largely completed your research and/or data collection and analysis so that you are ready to devote substantial time to writing. An individual working on a dissertation proposal, Master’s thesis, or other projects could also benefit from the structured time, space, professional advising, and motivational support of the program.

**Navigating Graduate School & Beyond**
This past Fall 2010 semester, 25 graduate students participated in a zero-credit hour seminar on Navigating Graduate School & Beyond (ADMN-6960) held by the Office of Graduate Education. The seminar was lead by the Dean of Graduate Education along with other presenters, including the Student Services Staff from Graduate Education; Connie Grega, Assistant Director for the Office of Graduate Education; Mecaila Smith, Program Coordinator for the Office of Graduate Education; and by the Director for the Center for Communication Practices, Dr. Barbara Lewis. Topics included discussions on policies and processes within the Office of Graduate Education; External Funding Options; Time Management; Writing Skills; Student/Faculty & Student/Advisor Relationships; and Academic Integrity.

**Information for Prospective Graduate Students**

Houston Field House, and there will be an information table for you to get your summer questions answered. Stop by before the puck drops at 7:00 p.m.

**Summer 2011 Courses and Programs Available Online**
The summer website is updated with 2011 information: http://summer.rpi.edu. In addition to credit courses and degrees, there are enrichment programs and sports camps for pre-college students in elementary, middle, and high school. Below is a listing of the summer 2011 residential enrichment programs for high school students:

- Aerospace Engineering Summer Career Exploration Program.
- Architecture Career Discovery Program.
- Chemistry and Medicine Summer Scholars Program – New in 2011.
- Computer Game Development Academy.
- Lally School of Management & Technology – CEO Academy.

Experience the Summer@Rensselaer: http://summer.rpi.edu/update.do?catcenterkey=4

**Graduate Alumni Programs**
Visit the alumni website for more information on programs and services for graduate alumni.

**RPI Research News**

Rensselaer Researcher Working To Make Smarter Wind Turbine Blades
January 28, 2010: Aerospace engineering expert Michael “Miki” Amitay received a $250,000 grant from NYSERDA to continue his work on smarter blades for wind turbines.

LRC Steers Collaborative Initiative To Achieve Sustainable Lighting in South Asia with LED Technology
January 27, 2010: The Lighting Research Center (LRC) is steering a major initiative to promote sustainable lighting in South Asia, using LED technology.

Rensselaer Students Recognized for Innovative Ideas to “Change the World”
January 24, 2010: A collapsible oragami-inspired water bottle and stair-climbing aids for the elderly are among the winning ideas from students in the fall 2010 Change the World Challenge.
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