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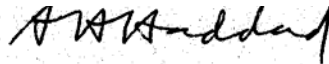
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**FROM THE DIRECTOR**

It is with pleasure that I welcome the Class of 2009, which, with 30 students, is our largest incoming class since 2002. I hope that everyone in the MSIT family had a pleasant and enjoyable summer and that you are ready to face the Fall with renewed energy!

This fall, we welcome a new faculty member to our Board of Directors. Professor Randy Berry, who also will teach our Communications Networks course, replaces outgoing board member Mike Honig, who served on our board for 10 years. Professor Honig will continue to teach our Wireless Technologies course. We are excited to welcome Dr. Berry to our board, and we thank Dr. Honig for his years of service.

We are all looking forward to another successful year in the M.S. in Information Technology program!

**Upcoming Information Sessions**

**Thursday, November 15**  
6:00 p.m.  
Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

**Saturday, November 17**  
10:00 a.m.  
Evanston Campus

**Thursday, December 6**  
6:00 p.m.  
FOCUS meeting space, Lombard

**Registration and more details at**  
<http://www.infotech.northwestern.edu/openhouse.php>

**M.S. in INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

We've updated our name! In order to bring our full program name in line with the name of the degree we confer, we've decided to phase out usage of "MITP" and "Master of Information Technology Program." We made this decision, in part, to make the name of our program more easily recognizable to our external community, as well as to eliminate confusion over the degree we do confer. We also wanted to drop the "P" as part of our name, to avoid the persistent "MITP program." As our alumni will recall, our conferred degree was changed to a Master of Science in 2005 based on a majority vote. We have begun making changes to our web site and to our printed materials to integrate our updated name, although the full transition will likely take several more months. We will be referring to the program as the M.S. in Information Technology, the Information Technology program, or, simply, the MSIT.



**Snapshots from Orientation**

## **WELCOME, CLASS OF 2009!**

The largest incoming class since 2002 started classes on September 29. We are excited to welcome the following new students to the MS in Information Technology:

Kelley Swanson – Transunion, LLC  
Paul Lowder – BEZ Systems  
David Pessis – Self-employed  
Garry Bennett – Northwestern University  
Mitzi Colbert – Kirkland & Ellis  
Elsa Madrigal – Panduit Corporation  
Marcelo Berger - Accenture  
Fred Salchli – Duo Consulting  
Jibrán Ilyas – Ambiron Trustwave  
Aly Boghani – Switchfast Technologies  
Juan Mendez – Hewitt Associates  
Yuri Serdyuk - Motorola  
Kandyce Kuenzer – VW Credit  
Jonathon Raclaw - Motorola  
Derek Chow -  
Mark Glubisz – Metavante Corporation  
Jason Kemble – Ken Burns Co.  
Lawrence White – Mercy Health Systems  
Julia Marsh – Four Seasons Hotels  
Valerie Buitron – Kellogg Co.  
Mark Zogbaum - Accenture  
Frank LaSota – Wellpoint, Inc.  
Rajesh Augustine – Discover Financial Services  
Rao Pathangi – Discover Financial Services  
Marek Jakubik – GE Healthcare  
Amol Potdar – Covalent Marketing  
Michael Patrick – Burwood Group  
Joan Oliver - Boeing  
Charles Roth – AT & T  
Jimmy Calahorrano - SunGard



**MSIT Class of 2009**

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## FACULTY NEWS



Congratulations to Alan Wolff, who earned his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from Northwestern University this fall. Dr. Wolff teaches the Fundamentals of Computer and Information Systems course in the first year of the MS in IT program. Dr. Wolff is also the Senior IT Director for the McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science

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We welcome Dr. Randy Berry to the Board of Directors for the M.S. in Information Technology program. Dr. Berry also replaces Mike Borella as the instructor for the Communication Networks course in the first year of the program. Dr. Berry is an Associate Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. In 2006 and 2007, Dr. Berry taught *Sensor Networks* as part of the Selected Topics in IT course, offered in the second year of the program.



Congratulations to Dr. Alok Choudhary, who has been appointed chairman of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, effective January 1, 2008. Dr. Choudhary holds a joint appointment as a professor in the McCormick School and in the Kellogg School of Management where he teaches marketing and technology industry management. Dr. Choudhary is a member of the MSIT Board of Directors and teaches the Database, Decision Support Systems course.

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## MSIT WEBSITE

You may have noticed that the McCormick School's web site has undergone some changes. The McCormick School has initiated a new branding campaign into its site and publications, and all school-affiliated programs will be updating their sites as well. Within the next couple of months, you'll be seeing a whole new web site for the MS in Information Technology. While our current focus is on updating our design, we are also interested in updating our functionality and ease of use for our visitors. We have some projects underway, including new sections for alumni and current students, and our new online application is up and running. But, we are always open to your suggestions. If there are features you'd like to see incorporated into our site, please forward your ideas to [erin-perez@northwestern.edu](mailto:erin-perez@northwestern.edu)

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## NAME OUR NEWSLETTER!

With the change in our name, the newsletter's name "MITPeople" no longer fits. We're looking to our alumni and students to find a new name! Email your suggestions to [erin-perez@northwestern.edu](mailto:erin-perez@northwestern.edu) by December 1, 2007! The alum or current student who submits the winning name will get a limited edition "MITP" prize package (no, that wasn't a typo – we have lots of "MITP" items to give away!)

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## ALUMNI NEWS

### Speaker and Networking Events

Keep an eye on your email for details about speaker event that we will be hosting in late fall. Part networking event, part social event, and part learning opportunity, this event will feature a prominent Chicago-area executive and will be open to all MSIT alumni and students, as well as other NU students and prospective MSIT students. We are targeting the last week in November, but we will make more details about this event known as they become available.

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### Happy Hour

The next alumni Happy Hour event will be held in downtown Chicago on November 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Café Iberico. We invite all of our alums and current students to stop by, have a drink, and socialize with other members of the MSIT family. An email invite was sent out by Ed McCulloch (MSIT '07) so check your email for more details and RSVP information. *(We would like to hold our next event in February or March, in a suburban location. If you would like to help us organize an event, please contact George.)*

**Café Iberico**  
739 N. LaSalle St.  
Chicago, IL

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### Audit a Class

All alumni of the MSIT are invited to audit any future class offered in the program for free! Take the opportunity to brush up on a new technology or update your business knowledge. Check out these upcoming opportunities, all taught as part of our Selected Topics in Information Technology course in the winter quarter: The Law of Information Technology, taught by NU law professor, James Speta; Peer-to-Peer Computing, taught by Dr. Fabian Bustamante; Nanotechnology, taught by Dr. Hooman Mohseni; Sensor Networks, taught by Dr. Robert Dick. Professors Bustamante, Dick, and Mohseni are all professors in the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science department. If you are interested in auditing one of these classes – or any other in our curriculum – please contact Erin Perez at [erin-perez@northwestern.edu](mailto:erin-perez@northwestern.edu).



Dr. Mohseni, Nanotechnology Instructor

### Homecoming

It was a great day for Northwestern football on Saturday, October 13! Nearly 20 MSIT alums gathered in the Tech parking lot for some food and festivities before heading over to witness an exciting double-overtime Wildcats win! It was great to see everyone having a great time! Thanks to all the alums who came out to cheer on the Wildcats (or just to eat) and who donated food, drinks and grills!



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