

## **Virtual Center for Supernetworks Isenberg School of Management, UMass Amherst**

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The UMass Amherst INFORMS (Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences) Speaker Series lineup for Fall 2007 is now available. The talks take place on scheduled Fridays at the Isenberg School of Management in Room 112 from 11:00AM-12:00PM (except where noted), and are open to the public. The series is organized by the UMass Amherst INFORMS Student Chapter, whose Speaker Series Coordinator is Ms. Trisha Woolley and whose Faculty Advisor is Anna Nagurney, the John F. Smith Memorial Professor. This is the seventh semester of this Speaker Series, which is multidisciplinary in nature.

The schedule for Fall 2007:

Dr. Brenda Dietrich, the Director of Mathematical Sciences at IBM in Yorktown Heights, will open the series on September 14, 2007. She will speak on "Services Science: A New Opportunity for Operations Research." Dr. Dietrich is the President of INFORMS and an IBM Fellow.

Dr. Stavros Siokos, Managing Director of Citigroup in London, the United Kingdom, and a UMass PhD '98, will deliver his talk, "Latest Trends of Global Equity Trading: The New Technology, the Players, and the New Legislation -- Differences Between the US and the Rest of the World," on September 28. His talk is joint with the Finance Seminar Series at the Isenberg School.

Professor Elaine Chew of the Viterbi School of Engineering at the University of Southern California and a 2007-2008 Science Fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University will speak on "Music and Operations Research -- The Perfect Match" on October 19.

Professor David Jensen of the Department of Computer Science at UMass Amherst and the Director of the Knowledge Discovery Lab will speak on "Learning and Exploiting Statistical Dependence in Networks," on October 26.

Dr. Joanne Hill, Managing Director of Goldman Sachs, will deliver her talk, "Investment Strategy Design Meets Capital Markets -- The Fit and Misfit of Operations Research," on November 2 at 1:30PM in Room 210. Her seminar is joint with the Finance Seminar Series at the Isenberg School of Management.

Professor Sundar Krishnamurty of the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering at UMass Amherst will speak on November 16. His talk is entitled, "Decision Model Development in Engineering Design."

Professor Arnold Barnett, the George Eastman Professor of Management Science at the Sloan School of Management at MIT, will conclude the Fall 2007 INFORMS Speaker Series on December 7, with his talk, "Is it Really Safe to Fly?"

For more detailed information on the series, see: <http://supernet.som.umass.edu/informs/speakernew.html>  
For information on the UMass Amherst INFORMS Student Chapter and additional activities, see: <http://student.som.umass.edu/informs/>

After each presentation, interested guests are welcome to join the speaker for additional conversation at lunch at the University Club at UMass Amherst.

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For questions, please contact Ms. Trisha Woolley, [twoolley@som.umass.edu](mailto:twoolley@som.umass.edu) the Speaker Series Coordinator for 2007-2008 or Professor Anna Nagurney; contact information below.

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