

Welcome the Newest Faculty Members of the College of Business Administration



As director of Experiential Learning and clinical assistant professor of managerial studies, **Chris Barlow** brings with him more than 20 years of experience as a researcher, consultant, author and professor. As a principal of The Co-Creativity Institute, Barlow helps professionals organize and manage cross-functional innovation teams. He obtained his PhD in organizational behavior from Case Western Reserve University, and his master's in creativity from Buffalo State College. In addition to his teaching duties he will organize and provide resources to support faculty using real world projects in their courses.

Robert Chirinko, professor of finance, comes to UIC from Emory University. Chirinko received his BA in economics from the University of Pennsylvania, and both his master's and PhD from Northwestern University. Before joining the faculty at Emory, he held appointments at UIUC, University of Chicago, Stanford University and Cornell University. His research interests include financial economics, public economics and macroeconomics.



Michael Kirschenheiter, associate professor of accounting, joins UIC from Purdue University. Kirschenheiter received his BA in economics and his MBA from the University of Chicago. He also holds an MS in economics from the London School of Economics. He received his PhD from Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management. Kirschenheiter has also held faculty positions at Columbia University.

Prior to joining the department of accounting as assistant professor, **Sam Lee** served as an instructor at the University of Southern California, where he earned his PhD in accounting. Lee holds two MBAs, one from Southern Methodist University and the other from Seoul National University, where he also received his BBA. His research and teaching interests include CEO compensation and turnover, performance management, managerial accounting and management control.



J. Christopher Westland, head of information and decision sciences, comes to UIC from the University of Science and Technology in Hong Kong. Westland received his BA in mathematics from Indiana University, where he also received his MBA in accounting. Westland received his PhD from the University of Michigan with a focus on computers and information systems. A certified public accountant, Westland began his academic career at the University of Southern California.

Roberto Ragozzino, assistant professor of entrepreneurship and strategic management, holds a PhD in business policy and strategy from Ohio State University and his most recent appointment was as an assistant professor of international business at the University of Central Florida. His research is in the area of mergers and acquisitions and strategic alliances with an emphasis on how these corporate phenomena apply to entrepreneurial ventures. Roberto is currently teaching competitive strategy at UIC.



Alan Malter, associate professor of managerial studies, comes to UIC from the University of Arizona. He received his PhD in marketing from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Malter received his MS in agricultural economics from the UIUC, where he also received his AB in political science and economics. His research examines the changing role of marketing; industry clusters and the effects of geographic proximity on knowledge transfer and innovation; and tacit knowledge in managerial and consumer decision-making. Before entering academe, Malter worked as a market analyst in Israel and a consultant on export development for the World Bank.

Maija Renko, assistant professor of management, most recently served as a visiting assistant professor at Florida International University. She received her MS and PhD in international business from Turku School of Economics and Business Administration in Finland and is expected to receive her PhD in entrepreneurship from Florida International University this year. Her areas of knowledge and interest include technology entrepreneurship; market knowledge in technology based ventures; international entrepreneurship; and entrepreneurial opportunity recognition.



John Miller has been named clinical assistant professor of finance and executive director for the International Center for Futures and Derivatives. Miller received his PhD from UIUC and was previously the director of Quantitative Research at Citadel Investments. He has also served in different capacities at Greenwich Capital, Lehman and Bear Stearns. His research interests are in applied investments, securitization and econometrics.

Before joining UIC as an assistant professor of accounting, **Winnie Wen** studied at Carnegie Mellon's Tepper School of Business, where she received her MS degree and is expected to earn her PhD in accounting. Originally from China, Wen received her MS and BS in finance from Tsinghua University in Beijing. Her research interests include financial accounting, voluntary disclosure, earnings management and incentives and contracting.

