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**FALL 2008 SEMINAR SERIES**

DATE	SPEAKER	TITLE
9/11	<b>Jesus De Loera</b> Professor of Mathematics University of California, Davis	<b>Transportation Polytopes: a Twenty-year Update</b>
9/18	<b>Ravindra Ahuja</b> Professor, Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering University of Florida	<b>Tales of an OR Company: From Problems to Solutions to Decision Support Systems</b>
9/25 * E51-063	<b>Brenda Dietrich</b> IBM Fellow and Vice President IBM T J Watson Research Center	<b>Business-to-Business Services New Opportunities for Operations Research</b>
10/2 * E40-496	<b>Achal Bassamboo</b> Assistant Professor of Managerial Economics & Decision Sciences Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University	<b>A Little Flexibility is All You Need: Optimality of Tailored Chaining and Pairing</b>
10/16	<b>Shmuel Oren</b> The Earl J. Isaac Chair Professor IEOR Department, UC Berkeley	<b>Modeling and Computing Oligopolistic Strategic Forward Market Equilibrium in a Congested Electricity Network</b>
10/23	<b>Guillermo Gallego</b> Professor and Chairman Department of Industrial Engineering & OR, Columbia University	<b>Upgrades, Upsells and Pricing in Revenue Management</b>
10/30	<b>Thomas Magnanti</b> Institute Professor MIT	<b>The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly: Progress and Challenges in Designing Optimal Networks</b>
11/6	<b>Paul Zipkin</b> R. J. Reynolds Professor of Business Administration School of Business, Duke University	<b>A Multi-Source Inventory System with Order Tracking and Expediting</b>
11/13 * E51-063	<b>Jonathan Caulkins</b> Professor of Operations Research and Public Policy Carnegie Mellon University, Qatar	<b>How Should the Mix of Drug Control Strategies Vary Over a Drug Epidemic?</b>
12/4 * E51-063	<b>Levent Tuncel</b> Professor of Mathematics Department of Combinatorics & Optimization, University of Waterloo	<b>Fundamentals of Convergence Theories for Convex Relaxation Hierarchies</b>
12/11	<b>Christian Borgs</b> Deputy Managing Director of Microsoft Research New England Microsoft Corporation	<b>Belief Propagation for weighted b-matchings</b>

**Please Note:** All seminars will be held on **Thursdays** from **4:15 to 5:15 p.m.** in **E40-298** (\*unless otherwise announced), followed by refreshments in the ORC Conference Room (E40-106).

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