Recent promotions and appointments have changed the face of the Department, the College and the University.

Moves upward in administration accounted for much of the change. FCBE Associate Dean Jasbir Dhaliwal was appointed interim Dean of the Graduate School and Vice-Provost for Academic Affairs, following Dr. Karen Weddle-West’s appointment as Provost. Subsequently, Dr. Lloyd Brooks, Chairman of the MIS Department was appointed Interim Associate Dean for Research and Academic Programs to replace Dhaliwal.

This promotion within the College left the Department Chair position open, and Dr. Robin Poston was appointed as Interim Chair of the MIS Department to replace Brooks.

New Faculty Member Welcome to Naveen Kumar, who joins the department from industry giant Yahoo as our newest faculty colleague, and specialist in Business Analytics.

Naveen earned the Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering from University of Washington in 2006, where he completed a dissertation sponsored by the prestigious National Science Foundation.

Zhang Earns Professorship Associate Professor Chen Zhang has been awarded the George Johnson Professorship for research in recognition of her premier-level publication activities. Chen’s research as helped move the MIS Department into the top 50 MIS departments in the world publishing in the top quality AIS-6 journals. In addition, Dr. Zhang is an award-winning teacher and advisor to PhD students.

Richardson and Kettering publish in JAIS Professors Sandy Richardson and Bill Kettering have published an article in the premier Journal of Association for Information Systems on IT and Agility at the eminent St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital.

Software Testing Activities The department’s special focus on software testing over the past year has resulted in several publications:

Tom Stafford, Jasbir Dhaliwal and Mark Gillenson publish a study on conflict between developers and software testers in Information & Management. Jasbir Dhaliwal publishes a study on software testing governance in Journal of End User and Organizational Computing.

Kettering invited Bill Kettering was invited as an editor fo the 2014 ECIS.
Faculty Research and Development

Jong Lee has multiple hits

Jong Sook Lee has published an article in the Journal of Behavioral Decision Making. Dr. Lee has also learned that his research will be featured at the highly prestigious International Conference for Information Systems this winter in New Zealand.

Robin Poston has multiple hits

In addition to two highly-visible publications achieved as mentor to hear doctoral students Eric Hu and Jignya Patel, Robin Poston has also published a study on Social Media with colleague Bill Kettinger in Journal of Database Management.

Brian Janz wins Best Paper Award

Dr. Brian Janz was honored for his research with a Best Paper Award by the Society for Information Management.

Tom Stafford returns to SAS for Analytics Training

Dr. Tom Stafford attended the SAS Institute Workshop for Analytics and Data Mining in Fullerton California. The workshop focused on specific aspects of Text Mining and advanced Analytics. These topics are relevant for our continuing updates to course content, as we launch our certification program in Business Analytics.

Student Stars

Graduates

Dr. Xihui “Paul “ Zhang earned promotion to Associate Professor this year. Paul maintains an active ongoing relationships with the Department’s Software Testing Excellence Program, which has resulted in a number of co-authored publications with his former doctoral committee members.

Dr. David Nichols has been appointed Department Chairman of the MIS Department at University of North Alabama.

Jignya Patel publishes article

Along with dissertation committee members Robin Poston and Jasbir Dhaliwal, Jignya Patel has had an article on software testing accepted to the Journal of Information Technology Management.

Current Students

The first Annual Outstanding MIS PhD Student Teaching Award has been won by doctoral students Jeff Kaleta and Deepti Agrawal. The Award is sponsored by the MIS Advisory Council to recognize outstanding teaching in the department by a doctoral student. Each spring, eligible students wishing to be considered for the award may apply with the PhD coordinator by assembling and subm-