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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2010 ~ Assistant Professor of Management, The Eli Broad Graduate School of Management, Michigan State University
- 1997-2000 Faculty Research Assistant, College of Agricultural Sciences, The Pennsylvania State University
- 1996-1997 Lecturer in Spatial Information Systems, School of Engineering, University of Tasmania, Australia

EDUCATION

- 2010 Ph.D. in Technology Entrepreneurship and Strategic Management
Michael G. Foster School of Business, University of Washington
- 2000 Master of Science in Management Science and Information Systems
Smeal College of Business, The Pennsylvania State University
- 1994 Master of Science in Geography
Master of Science in Environmental Pollution Control
Earth Systems Science Center, The Pennsylvania State University
- 1991 Bachelor of Science in Geography (1st Class Honors)
Brock University in St. Catharines, ON, Canada

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Collaborative Networks, Knowledge Exchange, Technology Entrepreneurship, Innovation Management

PUBLICATIONS

Phelps C., Heidl R., & Wadhwa A. (2012) "Knowledge, networks, and knowledge networks: A Review and Research Agenda". *Journal of Management*. **38**(4) 1115-1166

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Heidl R., Steensma H.K. & Phelps, C. "The influence of tie strength inequality across partner pairs on the dissolution of multi-partner alliances". *Under 3rd review at Organization Science*.

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Steensma H.K., Chari, M., & Heidl, R. "The assessment of invention novelty and the failure of inventors to reveal relevant prior art". *Revise and resubmit at Strategic Management Journal*.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Heidl R., Steensma H.K., & Phelps C. "Knowledge flow between Strangers among Friends". *Manuscript under final preparation for submission to Organization Science*.

Heidl R., Hollenbeck, J., & Calantone, R. "Formal and informal boundary spanning in multiteam systems: Triadic influences on knowledge generation and innovation". *Status: Manuscript under preparation for submission to Academy of Management Review*.

Heidl R., Yao, X., Schaubroeck, J. & Peng, C. "Human values and power in entrepreneurial negotiation". *Status: Data collection complete*.

Chari, M., Steensma H.K., & Heidl, R. "Patent traders or trolls: Innovation accelerators or inhibitors". *Status: Data collection in progress*.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Chaffin, D., Heidl, R., Chari, M. & Calantone, R. (2013). "The Role of Examiner Workload and Applicant Reputation in Intellectual Property Protection". *Academy of Management Best Paper Proceedings*. Orlando, FL, USA.

Heidl R. & Phelps C. (2010). "The influence of interorganizational embeddedness on multi-partner alliance stability". *Academy of Management Best Paper Proceedings*. Montreal, QC, Canada.

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Chaffin, D., Heidl, R., Chari, M. & Calantone, R. "The Role of Examiner Workload and Applicant Reputation in Intellectual Property Protection".
(August 2013). Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management. Orlando.

Chaffin, D., Heidl, R., Chari, M. & Calantone, R. "Too Small to Patent? The Liability of New Ventures in Intellectual Property Protection".
(June 2013). Babson College Entrepreneurial Research Conference. Lyons, France.

Steensma H.K., Chari, M., & Heidl, R. "The assessment of invention novelty and the failure of inventors to reveal relevant prior art".
(August 2012). Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management. Boston.

Chari, M., Steensma H.K., & Heidl, R. "Patent traders or trolls: Innovation accelerators or

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inhibitors”.

(August 2012). Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management. Boston.

Heidl R., Yao, X. “Founder characteristics and the social psychological mechanisms of entrepreneurial network development”.

(February 2011). INSNA Sunbelt XXXI. St. Pete, Florida.

Heidl R., Steensma H.K., & Phelps C. “Knowledge transfer within multi-partner alliances: The influence of relational embeddedness and power”.

(July 2010). INSNA Sunbelt XXX. Riva del Garda, Italy.

(August 2010). Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management. Montreal, Canada.

Heidl, R., Phelps C., & Steensma H.K. “The influence of inter-organizational embeddedness on the stability of multi-partner alliances”

(November 2009). Management & Social Networks. Annecy, France.

(August 2010). Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management. Montreal, Canada.

Westerman, G., Clemons, E., Heidl, R., & Kumar, S. “What are the key dimensions and issues of team level innovation?”

(August 2006). Seattle Innovation Symposium. Seattle.

GRANTS RECEIVED

2010 The Eli Broad College of Business Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation to develop a funding proposal related to research on network development in entrepreneurship and innovation management (\$10,000) with Yao, X. & Calantone, R.

2012 National Science Foundation – Science of Organizations (SoO) Program “Formal and informal boundary spanning in multiteam systems: triadic influences on knowledge generation and innovation in scientific teams” (\$1.1 MM) with Hollenbeck, J., Calantone, R., and Carlo, J.

TEACHING

2010 ~ Michigan State University
MGT 409 – Business Policy and Strategic Management (Spring 2013)
MGT 454 – Technology Entrepreneurship (Fall 2012)
MGT 912 – Innovation Management and Technology Entrepreneurship (Spring 2011)
MGT 352 – Entrepreneurship: New Venture Process (Fall 2010, 2011)

2004- 2010 University of Washington
MGMT 430 - Strategic Management (Winter 2005, Spring 2005, Summer 2005, Winter 2006).
ENTRE 370 - Introduction to Entrepreneurship (Fall 2007).

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- 1997-2000 The Pennsylvania State University
Object-Oriented Programming for Spatial Information Systems (Professional extension).
Environmental Decision Support Systems (Professional extension).
- 1996-1997 University of Tasmania, Australia
SIS I - Introduction to Spatial Information Systems (Summer 1996).
SIS II - Spatial Information Systems II (Winter 1996).
- 1990-1994 GEOG 497A – Applied Geographic Information Systems (Summer 1993)

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

- 2008 Program/Development Manager, Movilitas GmbH, Mannheim, Germany
Managed product definition and development planning for an early stage technology venture
Delivered functional application prototype for future acquisition of external funding
- 2002 - 2004 Development Architect, SAP AG, Walldorf, Germany
Managed and provided solution architecture leadership for international mobile project teams in strategic development projects
Advised top level management on performance improvement and application enhancement strategies
- 2000 - 2002 Product Manager, SAP AG, Walldorf, Germany
Conducted competitive analysis, developed business cases, and directed customer requirements workshops
Specified pharmaceutical industry requirements and obtained sponsorship for the corresponding application development targeting handheld devices

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2006 Dean's Achievement Award (highest GPA and comprehensive exam scores in cohort), Foster School of Business, University of Washington, USA
- 1995 Overseas Postgraduate Research Scholarship (OPRS), Centre for Resource and Environmental Studies, Australian National University, Australia
- 1991 Earth Systems Science Fellowship, Department of Geography, The Pennsylvania State University, USA
- 1989 DAAD Scholarship, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Germany

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS

- 2008~ Member Strategic Management Society / Reviewer, Annual Meeting

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2006 ~ Member International Network for Social Network Analysis (ISNA)
2005~ Member of the Academy of Management / Reviewer, Annual Meeting
Academy of Management, BPS/TIM/ENT Divisions
2005 Executive Council, Doctoral Business Student Association, Michael G. Foster
School of Business, University of Washington

OTHER SKILLS & INTERESTS

Languages: Fluent in German, Spanish, English and French (DELF B2)
Interests: Triathlon, Cycling (Road & Mountain), Skiing (Downhill & Cross-Country)