



NASPO Department of Supply Chain Management Newsletter

Chain Reaction

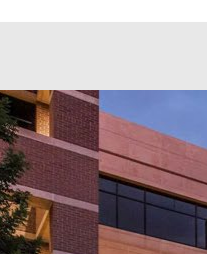
Dear alumni, faculty, and friends of the department,

It is with great pride and excitement that I welcome you to the latest edition of Chain Reaction, the newsletter of the **NASPO Department of Supply Chain Management**. This year marks a transformative milestone in our journey:

Thanks to a generous and visionary gift from the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO), our department has been newly named in recognition of their support.

In this edition, we share updates on this exciting partnership as well as various initiatives and the accomplishments of our faculty and students. Thank you for being part of our community and for joining us in celebrating this exciting new chapter.

Warm regards,



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A New Era

The [National Association of State Procurement Officials \(NASPO\)](#) has committed \$35 million to the Department of Supply Chain Management at the W. P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University to advance the re-envisioning of procurement and supply chain education and research. This investment not only elevates our visibility as a global leader in supply chain education and research, but also strengthens our ability to provide scholarships, expand innovative programming, and deepen our partnerships with industry and government.

Together, we will continue to build a stronger pipeline of talent and advance the future of procurement and supply chain management. Read more about this historic gift and what's next:

- [ASU News: \\$35 million gift advances ASU's global leadership in supply chain management.](#)
- [Poets&Quants: 'A Historic Gift': \\$35 Million Powers Big Changes In ASU Carey's Global Supply Chain Program.](#)
- [In Business Greater Phoenix: Historic \\$35M Gift Elevates ASU's Supply Chain Program, Department Renamed.](#)

Academic Highlights

Candidates on the market

It's a remarkably exciting year as the department will see five students graduate from the supply chain management doctorate program. We wanted to take a moment to highlight some of them as they are searching for their next opportunity.

- [Zhen Chen](#) is actively pursuing a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in a research-oriented university or business school. His research lies in revenue management, assortment optimization, and product line design under choice models.
- [Rohan Korde](#) is seeking an Assistant Professor position at a research college or university. Motivated by semiconductor manufacturing, his doctoral research focuses on solving NP-hard job scheduling problems in a two-stage flow shop. For future research, he will continue to study single- and multi-objective combinatorial optimization problems in flow line industries.
- [Wenting Li](#) is looking for a Research Assistant Professor position to continue his research. He specifically studies how to leverage financial flow, sustainability strategies, and AI to improve fairness, resilience, and performance of the supply chain.
- [Ning Ma](#) is seeking a tenure-track faculty position, where she can continue her research in designing resilient supply chains for an era of increasing uncertainty. She focuses on sourcing and procurement, inventory and pricing management, and strengthening healthcare supply chains.

We are excited to see how each of these graduates bring their unique talents and perspectives to their future careers as academics and researchers.

Reflecting on student events

- The student-run Supply Chain Management Association (SCMA) hosted their annual fall career fair in September, attended by over 50 companies and 400 students.
- In October, SCMA hosted their annual Fall Case Competition, sponsored by Applied Materials, Dell Technologies, and Boeing. Eighteen undergraduate student teams competed to present the best supply chain solution to the problem provided.
- The Graduate Supply Chain Management Association (GSCMA) hosted the Small & Medium Business Career Mixer at the West Valley Campus. Nearly 100 students attended to meet with over 30 companies and organizations.

Faculty and Research

New esteemed faculty join the department

The department was excited to welcome three new faculty this fall. Their depth of knowledge, expertise, and research will further strengthen our school and programs:

- [Ahmet Colak](#), from University of North Carolina - Wilmington, joined the department as a Clinical Associate Professor.
- [Allison Miller](#), from Georgia College & State University, joined the department as a Clinical Associate Professor.
- [Guangzhi Shang](#), previously at Florida State University, joined the faculty as an Associate Professor.

Honoring excellence in the classroom

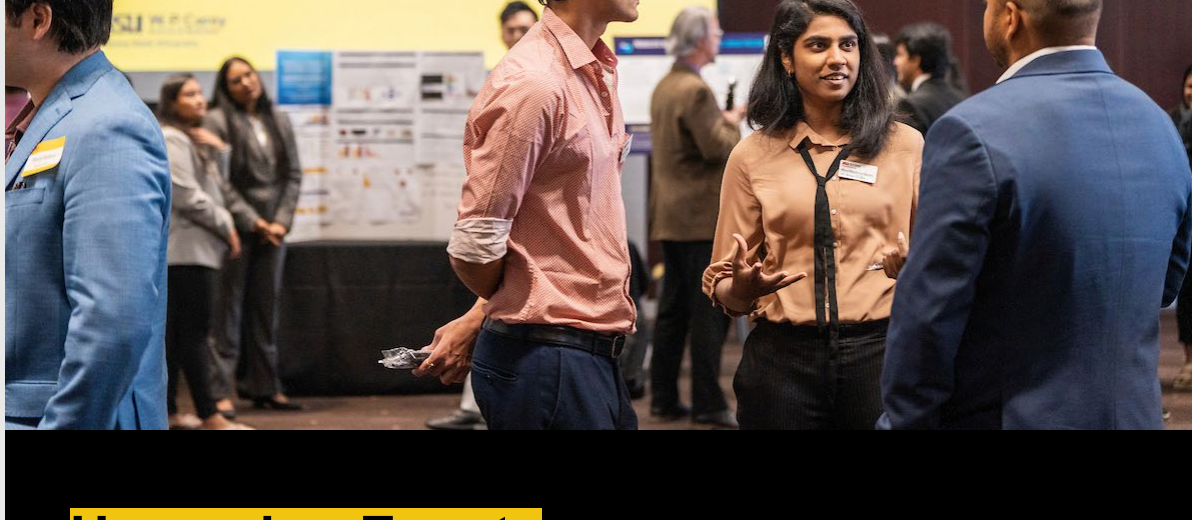
This semester has been exceptional for our department's faculty, who have been recognized and honored for their outstanding accomplishments in the classroom and for inspiring the next generation of supply chain professionals.

- [Reynold Byers](#) received the 'Rethinking Business Education' Outstanding Online Teaching Award.
- [Hitendra Chaturvedi](#) was selected as the graduate program recipient of the [John W. Teets Outstanding Teaching Award](#).
- [Ilyna Printezis](#) was promoted to Clinical Associate Professor.
- [Stanley Vitikas](#) received the Huizingh Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award.
- [Yimin Wang](#) won the Outstanding Graduate Teacher Award.
- [Robert Wiedmer](#) earned tenure and was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor in the department.

Sharing thought leadership

In addition to conducting and publishing their own research, a few faculty members have assumed leadership roles at some of the most prestigious supply chain journals and societies.

- [Hongmin Li](#) was elected to be the vice president of meetings by the prestigious [Manufacturing and Service Operations Management \(MSOM\)](#) society.
- [Mikaella Polyviou](#) was appointed as Senior Editor for the [Journal of Business Logistics](#).
- Veronica Villena was appointed as a Co-Departmental Editor for the Sustainable Operations department at the [Journal of Operations Management \(JOM\)](#).
- [Heng Zhang](#) was appointed as Associate Editor of [Operations Research](#).



Upcoming Events

- **Feb. 5-7** NASPO Case Competition
- **Feb. 12:** [SCMA Spring Career Fair](#)
- **Feb. 26:** [Center for Responsible Supply Chain Management Distinguished Lecture](#)
- **Feb. 26:** Supply Chain Alumni Networking Mixer
- **Feb. 27:** [SCEC Spring Forum](#)
- **April 2-3** SCEC Spring Board Meeting
- **April 2-4:** [SCMA HSI/HBCU National Case Competition](#)
- **May 3-5:** [19th Annual Behavioral Operations Research Conference in partnership with University of Texas - Dallas](#)

Thank you for reading! We'll be in touch again next semester.

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