



# Russ College Welcomes and Farewells

## New Hires

**Bryan Branham**, assistant professor,  
Department of Aviation

**Casey Capps**, Web administrator,  
Dean's Office

**JungHun Choi**, assistant professor,  
Mechanical Engineering

**Paul Deering**, assistant professor,  
Department of Industrial Technology

**Byung Cheol Kim**, assistant professor,  
Construction Engineering and  
Management, Department of Civil  
Engineering

**Arnold Jonas**, technical designer/  
grant writer, VITAL Lab, School  
of Electrical Engineering and  
Computer Science

**Terri Mosher**, grant coordinator,  
Ohio Coal Research Center

**Jesus Pagan**, visiting professional,  
Mechanical Engineering

**Namkyu Park**, associate professor,  
Industrial and Systems Engineering

**Tao Yuan**, assistant professor,  
Industrial and Systems Engineering

## Retirees

**J. Ludwig Figueroa**, professor/  
visiting professor, Department of  
Civil Engineering, five years.

## In Memoriam

Loehr Professor Emeritus of Industrial Technology James F. Fales passed away August 3 due to complications following a massive stroke he suffered while on a mission trip in Romania with his wife, Sharon. He was airlifted to Vienna for treatment before returning to Athens.

Fales joined Ohio University in 1986 as a professor and chair of the Department of Industrial Technology, which he led for 20 years. He significantly increased the department's involvement with industry and coined the phrase "current and relevant" as a foundation for all decisions: "If it is not current, we are teaching history; and if it is not relevant, why are we teaching it?"

Fales also served as director of the Center for Automatic Identification, the nation's first university-based research center devoted to the study of automatic identification and data capture. Founded by Fales in 1988, the lab now supports research and education on topics such as bar coding, magnetic-stripe and voice-recognition technology, and radio frequency identification.



**James F. Fales, 1941–2008**

In addition, Fales was the driving force behind the University's Automatic Identification and Data Collection Technical Institute.

Considered the first professor in the world to teach a university class devoted to automatic identification, Fales was named the department's Loehr Professor in 1993 and received the Russ Teaching Award in 2006.

He also was an AIDC-100 member, acknowledging those who have most significantly contributed to the growth and advancement of the AIDC industry. The organization recognized him as "the pioneer university educator on the subject of AIDC and its use for improvement of productivity." He is the only educator to have received the AIDC-100's Percival Award (1998), presented annually to an individual or organization and recognizing outstanding contributions in the application of automatic identification and data capture technologies.

Fales earned doctoral and master's degrees in education from Texas A&M and a bachelor of education degree from the University of Miami.

Memorial contributions may be made to the James F. Fales Scholarship fund. Checks should be payable to The Ohio University Foundation, with the memo line reading "James F. Fales Scholarship," and mailed to the foundation, P.O. Box 869, Athens, Ohio 45701. 