Mike Buckley, JCPenney Company Leadership Chair, professor of management and professor of psychology, won the Journal of Management Best Paper Award with his co-author Jonathan Halbesleben. Their paper "Burnout in organizational life" was published in the Journal of Management in 2004. The new editorial team at the journal reinstituted this Best Paper Award. The award committee decided to choose the papers that were the most highly cited in 2004 to allow time for the top papers to emerge. These papers were selected based on their citations in the Social Science Citation Index and Buckley’s paper was among the five most highly cited. This recognition makes the paper a finalist for the overall best paper in Journal of Management for 2004.

Shelly Grunsted, director of the First Fidelity Integrated Core and clinical lecturer, in legal studies is the inaugural recipient of the BP Fellowship Award honoring an outstanding instructor in Price College’s Energy Management program. Grunsted teaches the Legal Environment of Business, Real Property Law and International Business Law at the undergraduate and graduate level.

Rajiv Dant, Helen Robson Walton Centennial Chair in Marketing Strategy and professor of marketing serves as co-editor of the Journal of Retailing, which was recently ranked No. 1 out of all the marketing journals and No. 4 out of all business journals as rated by the 2008 Journal Impact Factor numbers just released by Thomson Reuters. The Impact Factor scores that describe how much of an impression a scientific journal makes, is measured by how often articles from the journal in question are cited in other scientific journal publications. Dant also spent several weeks during the summer with European universities like Maastricht University (the Netherlands) and University of Rennes (France) and Griffith University’s Asia-Pacific Centre for Franchising Excellence in Australia sharing his research and also helping coach early career researchers on how to get published. He made a number of research presentations at these universities on various topics focused on his ongoing research on relationship marketing and franchising.

Mark Bolino, McCasland Foundation Professor of American Free Enterprise and associate professor of management, was appointed to the editorial board of the Academy of Management Journal. The journal is considered one of the most influential and frequently cited journals in the management field. Bolino also serves on the editorial boards of a number of other journals, including Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes, the Journal of Management, and the Journal of Organizational Behavior. He won two teaching awards this year as well. One was a university award, the Merrick Foundation Teaching Award. The other was a college award, the Harold E. Hackler Outstanding MBA Professor Award for teaching in the professional MBA program.

Bob Dauffenbach, associate dean of graduate programs, director of the Center for Economic and Management Research and professor of management information systems, spoke on the impact of the stimulus package on Oklahoma’s economy at Rose State College in Midwest City, Okla., on April 16. Dauffenbach was the keynote speaker at the National Government Procurement Conference. The annual event, designed to help small businesses and others seeking to access federal funds, coincided this year with the $787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act stimulus, of which Oklahoma will receive $2.6 billion. Dauffenbach reiterated what many economists have said: that Oklahoma’s economy is in a better position than most of the country. But he still warned Oklahomans against feeling too comfortable, saying, “We’d like to think we’re immune to upturns and downturns in the national economy. It’s not true; we’re just sort of late hitching onto the train.”
Daniel Ostas, James G. Harlow Jr. Chair in Business Ethics and Community Service and professor of legal studies, was named one of four finalists for the 2009 Charles M. Hewitt Master Teacher Competition. His submission was selected through a blind review process by a panel of three judges, all prior winners of the competition. Ostas will present his submission at the Academy of Legal Studies International Conference in Denver. In April, Ostas was named editor-in-chief of the *Southern Law Journal*, and in May, he also received the Howard E. Hacker Outstanding Teaching Award for full-time MBA faculty.

Nim Razook, David Ross Boyd Professor of Legal Studies and Robert Zinke Chair in Energy Management, was appointed associate dean of Undergraduate Programs on June 1. Razook has served as both the director of the then-named Division of Business Strategy and Legal Studies and the MBA Program. Upon the announcement of Razook’s appointment, Dean Kenneth Evans said, “Along with his administrative background, it is his sincere commitment to the undergraduate student experience, his passion for teaching and his vision for preparing Price College graduates as business professionals that makes him uniquely suited to this associate dean role.”

Robert Zmud, Michael F. Price Chair in Management Information Systems and professor of management information systems, visited the business faculty at Memorial University of Newfoundland in Canada on April 24. He shared his expertise on CEO engagement in information technology management and in particular, the disciplinary effects of the American Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the impact on CEOs who neglect to comply with the regulated information technology standards for financial reporting. Zmud’s research focuses on whether executives of companies that violate the provisions of the act pay a heavy price. His research finds that CEOs, CFOs and CIOs of firms who neglect to comply with standards for financial reporting systems suffer a higher likelihood of turnover and negative labor market than their counterparts in firms without IT material weakness.

Mark Sharfman, director of the Division of Management and professor of strategic management, was elected as a representative-at-large for the Social Issues Management Division of the Academy of Management. He will be part of the executive committee of this division that develops and/or evaluates policy initiatives for the Social Issues Management Division.

Lowell Busenitz, Puterbaugh Chair in American Enterprise, academic director of the Center for Entrepreneurship and professor of entrepreneurship and management coauthored the paper titled “Resource Complementarities, Trade-Offs, and Undercapitalization in Technology-based Ventures” with David Townsend. The paper discusses how undercapitalization is frequently identified as an obstacle facing technology-based ventures. They utilized 79 technology ventures making strides toward commercialization. The findings suggest that ventures with moderate levels of undercapitalization can still be successful even though they did not meet their capitalization targets. Success appears to be more contingent on reducing operational costs. The second major finding is the joint effect between managerial and technological resources and undercapitalization. The study indicates relative weaknesses in either dimension tends to increase a venture’s risk of becoming undercapitalized. Their findings were presented at the Babson Entrepreneurship Research Conference and published in an article in *BusinessWeek* in June.