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## A Friend and Colleague Needs Our Help

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I am embarrassed that I have waited so long to write this request to help our friend, **Professor Mark Berenson** at Bernard Baruch College. Mark, a long time member of DSI, respected scholar, and author of numerous business statistics books, desperately needs our assistance.



His daughter, **Lori Berenson**, a young reporter in her 20's, was arrested almost 3 1/2 years ago by the Peruvian government. Charged with "treason against the fatherland," she was sentenced by a hooded military judge to life in prison, without parole. Lori was not allowed to present evidence in her own defense. The former MIT student was jailed in such extreme conditions—

a cell high in the Andes with no heat or windows and hundreds of days in solitary confinement—that her hands have turned purple and she is losing sight in one eye.

In condemning Lori Berenson for political reasons (she had written a column critical of the human rights in Peru), Peru broke four binding international treaties on legal rights, and even its own constitution. With a history of harassing reporters and rights activists, Peru's President Fujimori is using Lori to tout how he can't be pushed around by the U.S.

All Mark and his family are asking for Lori is a public trial, with civilian judges, witnesses, and the right to present a defense. Here is how we can all help.

Even though the Peruvian government is very independent, it is still concerned about public opinion, especially that of academics. If you would write, fax or call Peru's ambassador, this would be a first step. He is:

Ambassador Ricardo Luna  
Embassy of Peru  
Washington D.C. 20036  
Phone 202-833-9860  
Fax 202-659-8124

The next thing that would help is to write your own congressman and senators. With congressional pressure, the State Department may take a more aggressive stand.

Third, Mark and his wife have suffered not only emotionally and physically—they travel to Peru every few weeks and to D.C. frequently to lobby—but financially as well. Their legal bills are enormous. A tax-deductible contribution to the PROTEUS FUND will go to supporting educational benefits on Lori's behalf. The check should note "Inter-American Human Rights Project" and be mailed to:

Committee to Free Lori Berenson  
320 E. 25th St., #2AA  
New York, NY 10010

And, finally, please email Mark with your words of support. After three and one half years of watching his daughter suffer, your words of encouragement will be precious to him and to his wife Rhoda. His email is:

[marbb@cunyvm.cuny.edu](mailto:marbb@cunyvm.cuny.edu).

He has also established a home page that you may wish to visit at:

[www.freelori.org](http://www.freelori.org)

Many thanks in advance for your time and efforts.

## NAMES IN THE NEWS

CAROL LATTA, Feature Editor, Home Office, Georgia State University

**Ashok Chandrashekar**, Oregon State University, is one of the recipients of the *Journal of Operations Management* 1998 Reviewer Excellence Award, given annually. This award entitles Prof. Chandrashekar for registration at the APICS E & R Conference in Toronto this year.

**Chao-Hsien Chu** has joined the faculty of the School of Information Sciences and Technology, and the Department of Management Sciences and Information Systems (joint appointment) at Pennsylvania State University. He was previously on the faculty at Iowa State University and Baruch College, and a visiting professor at University of Tsukuba (Japan) and Hebei University of Technology (China). He is currently serving as the chief academic advisor to the School of Management at Hebei University of Technology.

**LeRoy A. Franklin** has just been awarded a one semester Teaching Fulbright in Industrial Statistics to the University of Iceland, Reykjavik, from January-June, 2000.



**Fred Glover and Gary Kochenberger** are principals behind a new applied research center at The University of Mississippi School of Business Administration. Dr. Glover is the Center's founding research director, and Dr. Kochenberger is founding administrative director. Both come to Ole Miss under a special arrangement with the University of Colorado system.



The Hearin Center for Applied Enterprise Science brings together the nation's top scholars in the field of operations research and management science to focus on theories of optimization and their application to real world business problems. Funding for the

Center is provided by the Robert M. Hearin Support Foundation.

By linking theory and practice, the Center plans to match faculty-student research teams with corporate clients. The Center's teams will apply special expertise and software to companies' problems, typically producing innovative and low-cost prototype studies.

Glover is identified with the field of network and combinatorial optimization. He pioneered the development of "tabu search," one of the most promising techniques in the applica-

tions arena. He recently received the prestigious John von Neumann Theory Prize, clearly identifying him as a key figure in the field.

Dr. Gary Kochenberger specializes in building and implementing models designed to help people make sound business decisions.

**Jagan Iyengar**, Jackson State University, has recently completed a book project with Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China. *A Textbook of Basic College English in Economics and Management* is edited by Professor Xianyuan Dai of Beijing Normal University (Aug 1998). Dr. Iyengar wrote "The Impact of Information Systems Technology," "The Components of Information Systems, Applications Software," and "Management Information Systems Analysis and Design." He has also received a Summer Faculty Fellowship at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (Livermore, California) for the Summer of 1999.

Dr. Iyengar has also successfully designed and implemented an MIS major (12 courses, each 3 semester credits) at the School of Business, Jackson State University. The program was officially implemented in Fall 1998.

**S. Jayanthi and K. K. Sinha** recently received the 1998 *Journal of Operations Management* Best Paper Award for their paper "Innovation implementation in high technology manufacturing: a chaos theoretic empirical analysis," (*Journal of Operations Management*, Special issue: Theory-Driven Empirical Research, 16(4): 471-494, July 1998). The Award will be presented at the APICS E&R Summer Workshop this year June 10-11 in Toronto, Canada.

**Alain Rutteins** announces his transfer, within the same Belgian KBC banking & insurance group, from KBC Bank to CBC Banque, as head of the engineering of Financial Markets Department.

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