

## Interdisciplinary Transportation Group(ITG) Presents\*

**Speaker Series for February 2016 - Torian Auditorium -Jordan Bldg.**

**Two Seminar Sessions on-February 12 2016**

**Dr.Frank Ciarallo, Associate Professor in the College of Engineering & Computer Science at Wright State University**

**Title: Perspectives from a Devoted Supply Chain and Operations Problem Solver**

His experiences in engineering, management, operations, teaching, publishing, advising students, building relationships, managing projects and working with industry have given him a deep appreciation for the skills required to be a successful problem solver as an individual, team member and team leader.

His background includes degrees in Electrical & Computer Engineering (BS), Engineering & Public Policy (BS), Manufacturing & Operations Systems (MS), and Industrial Administration (PhD) from Carnegie Mellon University. In addition to his current position at Wright State University he has held long-term faculty appointments at the University of Arizona, and been a visiting faculty member at University of California – Berkeley and the Eindhoven Technical University in the Netherlands. He is currently the Assistant Department Head of Biomedical, Industrial and Human Factors Engineering at Wright State, and is the Director of the Master in Engineering Innovation & Entrepreneurship Program which draws on Wright State’s engineering programs and the Raj Sooin College of Business at Wright State.



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**Dr.Srinivasa Thoppul, Technical Specialist at Gulfstream Aerospace**

**Title: Business Aviation: Past, Present and Future**

Dr. Srinivasa Thoppul is currently working for Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation in Savannah, GA from June 2010 as Technical Specialist II. At Gulfstream, Dr. Thoppul Guides successful planning and completion of major programs, or conceives research in problem areas of considerable scope and complexity that support the development and production of Gulfstream products and services.

Dr. Thoppul earned a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering in May 2008 from Wayne State University in Detroit, MI, USA, a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Western Michigan University from Kalamazoo, MI USA in 2003 and a B.S. In Mechanical Engineering from Bangalore University in India. Dr. Thoppul has several journal papers published in leading Engineering and Material Science Journals on the topic of material characterization of composite bolted, sandwich structures and metallic friction stir welded joints.



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