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read by Prof. Zopito Marini, Brock University

The OCUFA Teaching and Academic Librarianship Awards Committee are very pleased to present a 2008-2009 Teaching Award to Nick Bontis, Associate Professor, Strategic Management, DeGroot School of Business, McMaster University.

In his teaching, Professor Bontis is committed to provide students with a stimulating classroom experience that will remain with them for decades after they graduate. In order to achieve such a goal, Dr. Bontis treats his courses as if they were dynamic organisms in search of continuous renewal. This constant experimentation from term to term inevitably leads to innovation which he believes resonates most with students.

Dr. Bontis has implemented the use of two innovative management simulations in the classroom: i) the Capstone Simulation for his business policy & strategy course, and ii) the Tango Simulation for his knowledge management course. The purpose of both simulations is to provide students with 'real-life application' opportunities of concepts learned in the classroom. The course designs and applications developed by Dr. Bontis have often been replicated by other university programs.

A former student wrote: "His passion for teaching and his ability to incorporate experimental learning methods into a classroom format have enabled me to move past the scope of an academic setting and apply key theoretical concepts to application based situations in a commercial environment."



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Dr. Bontis is a globally recognized expert in the fields of knowledge management and intellectual capital. He is a much sought-after keynote speaker and conducts dozens of seminars for business and government leaders around the world each year.

One of his nominators wrote “His high commitment to our business school is a blessing to all students that have had the pleasure to have him as a mentor and to all other faculty who have been touched by his message and expertise. I’m absolutely positive that Nick exemplifies the true essence of the OCUFA Teaching Award.” We agree with this characterization, and honour Professor Bontis with this award for the excellence in teaching, which he has demonstrated throughout his academic career.