

Faculty/Staff Testimonial

Yu-Luen Ma: Katie School is very unique for students who are interested in insurance as a career, or looking at insurance as a potential career because it offers so many opportunities from internship opportunities for them to explore whether they like insurance or not. Katie School's connection with the industry is tremendous that we have industry speakers to our classes because of the connection Katie School has built up with the industry. And they come to our campus to interview students as well.

Jim Jones: The Katie School is a program that cuts across the university. We are here, housed physically in the College of Business and we are very tied to the insurance curriculum here in the insurance program that we have. We also work with the students in the Actuarial Program. We work with faculty across the College of Business, and in fact across the university as a whole. And the idea is to help provide the insurance industry with the kind of talent and solutions and professional development that they need.

Yu-Luen Ma: Our research is part of our job description and so, as a professor, half of the time you are in the classroom and the other half of the time you are actually working on getting papers published and so, the linking between research and teaching also helps with teaching because you get to give out new ideas and have new findings and you're able to bring those findings to the classrooms and that's what the Katie School faculty members are trying to do – the empirical research, so that we are able to provide not only just the things that we learn in the books but also things that we find out through the research and bring such results and deliver them to the students and discuss with them.

Debbie Babcock: Well I think one of the things that really sets the Katie School apart from other programs around the country in insurance and risk management is the student opportunities we offer for our students. They receive a wonderful education in the classroom but it's the outside activities that really enhance their education here. We do a lot of activities; taking students to industry conferences – whether it's in San Diego, Hawaii, New Orleans – where they get to network with industry professionals, and we make business cards for them. So it's a real professional atmosphere.