**People**

- **Prof. Krishnaiyan Thulasiraman**, Hitachi Chair in Computer Science, has been selected to receive the 2008 Distinguished Alumnus Award of the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M). It recognizes distinguished accomplishments in Academic Excellence, Creation of Wealth/Job Opportunities, Organizational Management, or Adapting/Innovating Technology for Economic Growth.

- **Sociology Prof. Kelly Damphousse** gave an invited paper titled, “The Life Course of American Eco-Terrorists: Formal and Informal Organizations,” at the February meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. It compares the lifespan of right-wing, international, and environmental terrorists.

**Scholarship**

- Anthropology and Women’s Studies Prof. Betty J. Harris is co-editor of a special issue of Journal of the National Women’s Studies Association. Her article, entitled “Women, Tenure and Promotion”, describes interrelationships among research, teaching, and service, impact of the non-academic job market on women faculty salaries, and bias in teaching evaluations. The special issue can be accessed in Project Muse on the OU Library website.

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**Highlight: Political Science Professor One of Four in US to Receive Major Grant**

- Political Science Prof. Alisa Hicklin, in only her second year at OU, is one of four pre-tenure faculty in the U.S. to receive a WT Grant Foundation Scholar Award for the study of youth between the ages of eight and 25. The five-year, $350,000 grant will explore how political and institutional settings affect undergraduate African American and Latino six-year graduation rates. Other institutions receiving awards were Johns Hopkins, U Illinois/Chicago and the Boston Medical Center.

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