

## New head of industrial engineering department appointed at Penn State

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Paul Griffin has been named the new Peter and Angela Dal Pezzo Department Head Chair of the Harold and Inge Marcus Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering at The Pennsylvania State University, effective Aug. 15.

A member of the faculty in the H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering at Georgia Tech since 1988, Griffin has served as a professor of industrial engineering and co-director of the Center for Health Care Logistics. Additionally, Griffin was associate chair for five years during his tenure at Georgia Tech.

Griffin replaces the outgoing head of industrial engineering, Richard Koubek, who left Penn State to become the College of Engineering dean at Louisiana State University. Ravi Ravindran, professor of industrial engineering, has been serving as the department's interim head.

Griffin's research and teaching interests include health and supply chain systems. In particular, his current research activities concentrate on cost-effectiveness modeling of public health interventions, health logistics, health access and economic modeling, and supply chain coordination and control.

Griffin received his B.A. in chemistry and his B.S. in chemical engineering from the University of Texas at Austin, his M.S. in industrial engineering from the University of Texas at El Paso, and his Ph.D. in industrial engineering from Texas A&M University.

Founded in 1909, the Harold and Inge Marcus Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering is the oldest industrial engineering department in the nation and currently ranks as a top five program in the country. With a roster of twenty-four student-oriented faculty members, Penn State IE focuses on quality, hands-on education and concentrates on addressing today's most pressing issues through innovative research in state-of-the-art facilities.

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