Kevin Gue Named Inaugural Tim Cook Professor

Kevin Gue has been honored with the inaugural Tim Cook Professorship in Auburn’s Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, where he has been a faculty member since 2004. He is widely recognized as an authority in material handling and storage in industrial distribution centers. His research has been sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the Office of Naval Research, and the Department of Defense.

In 2009, he was awarded the Technical Innovation Award in Industrial Engineering for his research on the configuration of aisles in a warehouse, a subject that led to the Best Applied Paper Award in *IIE Transactions* in 2010, and to the Best Paper in Material Handling Award by the Material Handling Industry of America in 2008. He has published articles in leading journals such as *Operations Research*, *Transportation Science*, *Naval Research Logistics*, and *IIE Transactions*, and serves on the editorial board of *Naval Research Logistics*. Gue has twice been recognized by his students as the Industrial and Systems Professor of the Year and is noted for introducing emerging technology into instruction. He is a past president of the College-Industry Council on Material Handling Education, and is a co-founder and past president of the Facility Logistics Special Interest Group of the Transportation Science Society of INFORMS.

Prior to joining Auburn University, Gue was Associate Professor of Logistics in the Graduate School of Business & Public Policy at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. He graduated with Distinction from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1985, and served as an officer in the submarine community onboard USS Guitarro (SSN-665). After leaving active duty in 1990, he attended the Georgia Institute of Technology, where he received his Master of Science in Operations Research and Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering from the School of Industrial & Systems Engineering in 1995.

Tim Cook has become synonymous with the success of Apple Inc. Cook, who is Apple’s chief operating officer and a 1982 alumnus of Auburn’s Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, is responsible for the organization’s sales and operations, as well as Apple’s Macintosh division. He previously established an endowed fund for excellence and the Cook Leadership Scholarship.