

This distinguished professor has researched quality, equity and efficiency in distribution systems, and is

looking for contractual ways to motivate sustainable practices.

f Milind Dawande gets his way, the world of supply chain management will set off a chain reaction and create a "I'm deeply interested in socially responsible supply chain

Management. "You have to think of all the stakeholders instead of just considering one objective."

to Dawande, who started his career in computer science, detoured into math and finally found his way into business.

Growing up in Amravati, a midsize city in India, after listening to his mother, a history professor,

talk about her rewarding academic career. But he was conflicted at first about what topic to teach.

Even as he was earning his bachelor's degree in computer science from the Birla Institute of Technology and Science in India, he found

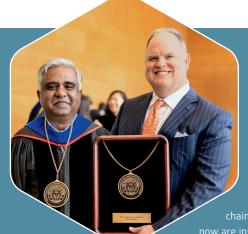
So he earned a master's in mathematics from the University of Louisiana and then enrolled at Carnegie tion — a one-of-a-kind joint program offered by the Department and the Mathematics Department.

scientists and business guys were each doing their





Dawande with alumnus Mike Redeker, MBA'97, MS'01, namesake of his



ized that their hardest problems were essentially equivalent, they

Dawande's new way of looking at things came in handy in 1997, when he joined IBM's T.J. Watson Research Center in upstate New winning solutions that also found applications in e-commerce.

In 2000, Dawande joined the UT Dallas School of Management, and in 2012, he was appointed an Ashbel Smith Professor. This spring, he was appointed the Mike Redeker Distinguished Professor in Manage-Appointments, page 10).

Along the way, Dawande has served as an associate editor in top journals (including Manufacturing & Service Operations Management and Production & Operations Management) and has published research on topics as varied as robotic cells and mobile-ad blockers.

responsible operations. His research has delved into the most efficient distribution of food grains, the fairest distribution of scarce water among farmers, and the best schemes for making sure milk farmers supply their highest-quality milk to a distributor.

In the future, he wants to research new ways to design business contracts that will incentivize companies to use sustainable practices. are using ethical practices and not creating environmental harm," Dawande says.

Whenever he needs a break from research and teaching, Dawande loves to watch televised cricket, a sport he played as a youth. He is also a Bollywood film fanatic who can bend your ear on the genre's finer points, like which movies are realistic and which actors are right or wrong for a role.

teaching and researching, he has served as coordinator for the Opera-

"It becomes more and more challenging, but at the same time, it's extremely pleasing to see us grow into one of the strongest research groups in the world," he says. "Equally satisfying is the growth of our undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs in supply

chain management. Most of our doctoral graduates schools worldwide."

"He's had significant impact on JSOM in every possible way," says Ganesh Janakiraman, an Ashbel Smith Professor of Operations with his time and energy in furthering the research careers of doctoral students and colleagues who seek his help."

"Milind is one of the best faculty I recruited while building the OM group at JSOM," says Suresh Sethi, the Eugene McDermott Chair of Operations Management. "He is an outstanding researcher on a variety of topics, including problems affecting developing countries. He has contributed enormously to JSOM."

other members of the JSOM leadership team for strongly supporting operations management over the years.

"I am grateful to them for their strong commitment to continuously improving our programs and increasing the size of our programs," Dawande says.

More growth is inevitable, he says, partly because the world finally understands how important operations management and supply chain management really are.

finance or accounting or marketing. And that was a challenge," he says. "But today, with the ease of information, students understand it. They want to become supply chain managers and solve the new problems that are arising in this dynamic world."

teachers and students alike. "I see program," he says.

Dawande receiving an OWLIE Award from JSOM Dean Hasan Pirkul

