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April 16, 2008

**SIM in the Suburbs Event**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 6, 2008

**Speaker:** **Mary Beth Watson-Manheim**,  
 Associate Professor  
 Information & Decision Sciences  
 University of Illinois, Chicago

**Topic:** **Global Virtual Teams**  
 The prevalence of global alliances, offshore outsourcing and international trade has changed how work is done in organizations today. Increasingly, people work in multiple virtual teams distributed over different geographical locations, major time zone differences, internal business units, and national cultures. As a 21st Century IT professional, you will likely work on virtual teams as well as provide technology to support the performance of these teams across your organization. She will discuss barriers to effective performance of the teams and the role of technology, which can be both an enabler and a constraint.

**Location:** **The Clubhouse**  
**298 Oakbrook Center**  
**Oak Brook, IL**  
**(630) 472-3079**

**Time:** Networking at 6:00 p.m.,  
 Dinner 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
 Presentation from 7:30 – 8:30 pm.

**Cost:** \$35 Members; \$45 Non-members  
**CASH BAR!**

**Three Ways To Register:**

- 1 Online at [www.sim-chicago.org](http://www.sim-chicago.org)
- 2 Call Cindy Wiertel at (312) 372-6540
- 3 E-mail [simchicago@ameritech.net](mailto:simchicago@ameritech.net)

**Guests who are vendors or represent IT service providers are allowed only when accompanied by another guest who is an IT practitioner.**

If you make a reservation and need to cancel before the 48 hours cancellation period, you will receive a refund less a \$10 processing fee, or if you wish, you can use your payment for another upcoming meeting.

If you made reservations and are unable to attend the meeting, please cancel within 48 hours of the meeting. Otherwise you are responsible for the registration fee and will be billed. Cancellations will only be accepted by FAX or email.

**Speaker Biography:**

**Mary Beth Watson-Manheim** is an Associate Professor in the Information Decision Sciences Department at the University of Illinois, Chicago. She obtained her Ph.D. in Information Technology Management from Georgia Institute of Technology. She is actively involved in research on issues related to the use of information and communication technologies (ICT) in virtual teams. Her research has been funded by Intel Corporation, IBM Corporation, Lotus Development Corporation, and various university centers. Prior to obtaining her PhD, she worked in the telecommunications industry.