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Professor Thomas Y. Choi is an international leader in the study of the upstream side of supply chains where a buying company interfaces many suppliers organized in various forms of networks. His articles have appeared in Decision Sciences, the Harvard Business Review, the Journal of Operations Management, Production and Operations Management and others. He has co-authored two trade books on purchasing and supply management, both for the Institute for Supply Management.

He has consulted with or conducted executive workshops for Accenture PLC, Avnet Inc., Caterpillar Inc., Chrysler, Honda Motor Co. Ltd., Honeywell International Inc., Intel Corp., LG Corp., Motorola Solutions Inc., Samsung, SAP SE, Toyota Motor Corp., Volvo Car Corp. and others. He most recently consulted with the U.S. Department of Energy on the role of supply chains in bringing sustainable energy technologies to the market.

Choi is executive director of CAPS Research, a joint venture between Arizona State University and the Institute for Supply Management. CAPS Research is known throughout the industry as the source for supply chain management research and benchmarking, examining the current issues that affect industry. He also directs the Center for Supply Networks, a research group focused on complex adaptive supply networks.

He recently finished his term as co-editor-in-chief for the Journal of Operations Management. In 2012, he was recognized as the Distinguished Operations Management Scholar by the OM Division at the Academy of Management.

Choi teaches operations and supply management in W. P. Carey’s undergraduate and MBA programs, and a sourcing/purchasing seminar in the doctoral program. He earned a Ph.D. in Industrial and Operations Engineering at the University of Michigan. He did his undergraduate studies at the University of California, Berkeley.

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