

LEADERS *of* TOMORROW

ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

The Engineering Entrepreneurship Series Presents:

Adventures with a Fabless Semi Start-up, and Then Some -- 1995-2006

Speaker: Ken Schultz

After Ken Schultz completed his PhD in 1995, he returned to Nortel in Ottawa to settle into “lifetime employment”, Canadian style. But of course, it was not to be. Along came SiberCore Technologies, a very interesting diversion for 5 years. (SiberCore stats: \$75M VC raised, approx \$50M cumulative revenues, 82 employees at the peak.)

In his talk, Ken describes his experiences as co-founder and CEO of SiberCore: getting it off the ground, raising funding, growing operations, and that all-important topic that gets more meaty with the passage of time: lessons learned.

SPEAKER BIO: Dr. Ken Schultz was born in Winnipeg in 1965, and seemingly shortly thereafter (1987) received his B.Sc.(EE) from the University of Manitoba. He then headed east to the centre of the universe, and did his Masters at UofT, which was followed by two years in industry at BNR in Ottawa. He then defied reason and returned to grad school, completing his PhD work in 1995, and then bounced back to Ottawa again. After 2.5 years at Nortel, he and two other guys got the start-up itch and founded SiberCore Technologies, a somewhat successful fabless semiconductor company with the modest goal of making the Internet faster with Content Addressable Memories. After 4 years as CEO and 1 year as CTO, Ken was laid off. Now, after two more start-up attempts and some time as a consultant, he finds himself once again at Canada's high tech behemoth – at RIM in Waterloo, where he is a Chipset Architect.

Wednesday, November 29, 2007, 5 p.m. in
SF1105

