

Revolutionizing Education

Thursday, November 6th, 2009; 12:00pm – 1:00pm; Room S171

Join us for a lively discussion with One Laptop per Child's President Charles Kane. We will be discussing the social venture's mission and growth strategy going forward, and the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Background:

One Laptop per Child (OLPC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating educational opportunities for the world's poorest children by providing each child with a low-cost, low-power, connected laptop, loaded with content and software designed for collaborative, joyful, self-empowered learning. Founded in January 2005 and funded exclusively by private and corporate donations, OLPC has distributed more than **1 million** low-cost laptops to impoverished children throughout the Americas, Africa, and the world, purchased almost entirely by the governments themselves.



Charles Kane

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Charles Kane brings a wealth of experience to OLPC including as CFO at RSA Security (recently acquired by EMC), and CFO at Aspen Technology. Prior to joining Aspen Technology, Kane served as president and chief executive officer at Corechange, Inc., an enterprise software company purchased by Open Text, Inc. Kane previously served in executive management roles at Informix Software and Ardent Software; and he held senior financial management positions at Stratus Computer Inc., Prime Computer Inc. and Deloitte and Touche. Mr. Kane holds a Master of Business Administration in International Finance from Babson College, and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accountancy from the University of Notre Dame. Mr. Kane is a certified public accountant, and serves on the boards of directors at Progress Software (PRGS), Borland Software (BORL), Netezza Corporation (NZ), and Applix Software (APLX). He is a Senior Lecturer of International Finance at the MIT Sloan School.