

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION



Clement Lam

Acting Director,
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Clement has been involved with managing, mentoring, and building start-up companies for the past 30 years in Silicon Valley. He brings to City University of Hong Kong (CityU) many years of high tech start-up experience in the area of engineering and sales/marketing from Silicon Valley, Canada and Greater China. Clement was the co-founder of Ambient Technologies, a broadband semiconductor company that was acquired by Intel in year 2000. He was GM of the Intel's Broadband Business Unit from 2000 to 2004 after the acquisition. Before Intel, he led the management buyout of Cirrus Logic's Modem Business Unit in 1998 to form Ambient. Clement was the CEO of Quintic from 2006 to 2007. Quintic, based in Beijing and Silicon Valley, pioneered low power mix-signal silicon in the Bluetooth space. It was subsequently acquired by NXP. Since 2004, Clement has been an active angel investor in startups, providing both funding and coaching.

Clement joined CityU in 2015. At CityU, Clement is responsible for managing CityU's IP prosecution and licensing, creating research cooperation projects using CityU's knowhow/IP with companies/government bodies especially in Mainland China. He is also overseeing CityU's Innovation and Entrepreneurship programs/funding.

Clement is the inventor and patent holder of the roller on the mouse that is being used virtually on every mouse today.

He holds B. Eng and M. Eng degrees in Engineering Physics from McMaster University in Canada.



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Dr. Rodney S. Ridley, Sr. is the Executive Director & Distinguished Professor of the Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship at Wilkes University. The Center is dedicated to teaching and implementing the principles of free enterprise and entrepreneurship. Under his leadership, it has expanded its mission to include creating and running the businesses of the future. He is the founding Director of the Wilkes Business Incubator, the Technology Transfer Office, the Industry & Community Outreach Office, and a Micro-Grant Fund. He also teaches courses in both Business and Engineering.

Prior to his current position, he was Chair/Director & Associate Professor in the ABET accredited Engineering & Physics Division at Wilkes University. Prior to joining Wilkes, he was the Engineering Director at Velox Semiconductor, Vice-President of Technology at Data Friendly Inc, and Principal Engineer & Key Technologist at Fairchild Semiconductor.

He actively consults in intellectual property management, semiconductors, nanotechnology, and entrepreneurship. He holds 27 US patents as well as authoring more than 35 journal and conference articles. He holds a Ph.D. in Engineering Science and a M.S. degree in Electrical Engineering, both from Penn State University. He also received a B.S. degree in Physics from Lincoln University (PA).