January 16, 2014

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Happy New Year!

I hope that you all had an enjoyable – and re-invigorating – holiday break and are looking forward to a fabulous 2014. We had a great (and record breaking) 2013, punctuated by our Merriment Party in December (thanks to Cheryl for coordinating). We had a great showing at TRB – USF appears on the formal program 59 times, and I know we have others serving as panelists/respondents in workshops that bring our total to at least 62. TRB always serves as a nice way to reflect upon our success and build for our future.

I’m excited to see where 2014 takes us. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our cause. — Jason

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CUTR GRADUATES

Navid Farahbakhsh graduated with a M.S. in Civil Engineering focused on Transportation as well as a M.S. in Engineering Management. He will be working at Kisinger Campo Associates (KCA) in Tampa as a Transportation Engineer focusing on traffic signal and roadway design. Good Luck, Navid!

Sherrell Lall graduated with a M.S. in Engineering Management and a M.S. in Civil Engineering with a focus in Transportation. She will be working at Metric Engineering in Jacksonville with an emphasis on ITS and Safety. She will be monitoring the road rangers along with the safe routes to school program in Duval County. Good Luck, Sherrell!

Lyn Smith graduated with a M.S. in Engineering Management and she will continue to work at CUTR while she searches for a civil engineering position preferably in transportation. Good Luck, Lyn!

Vijay Sivaraman will be moving to Atlanta to work with AirSage as a Senior Data Scientist/Transportation Engineer. He will continue to work on his dissertation towards a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering. Good Luck, Vijay!

GOOD LUCK AND FAREWELL

Yolanda Moore has resigned from her position at CUTR - her last day was on January 9th. Yoli has accepted an outstanding position with Hillsborough County as Executive Assistant to the Deputy County Administrator for Public Works and Community Services. Since her time with CUTR, Yoli has completed her Bachelor's degree in Communication and recently completed the Leadership in Human Resource Development Graduate Certificate program. In Fall 2014, Yoli will begin the Masters in Adult Education program here at USF. She will be missed - she has been a part of the USF community for over 25 years and a tremendous asset to CUTR in her 15 years here. Good Luck, Yoli!

January Birthdays

02 — Pei-Sung Lin
07 — Nevine Georggi
08 — Todd Parsons
09 — Jason Bittner
10 — Rob Gregg
10 — Kelly Douglass
15 — Melissa De Leon
28 — Karen Seggerman
30 — Kristin Larsson

January Anniversaries

Gary Brosch — 26 yrs
Dennis Hinebaugh — 21 yrs
Phil Winters — 21 yrs
Joel Volinski — 20 yrs
Martin Catala — 20 yrs
Ed Bart — 11 yrs
Sean Barbeau — 10 yrs
Jennifer Iley — 6 yrs
Kristin Larsson — 4 yrs
Lyndonia Smith — 4 yrs

AEGIS Timesheets

Pay period 1/17/14 to 1/30/14
AEGIS submission date is Tuesday, 1/28@ 10am

Pay period 1/31/14 to 2/13/14
AEGIS submission date is Tuesday, 2/11 @ 10am
Welcome New CUTR Employees

Please welcome **Dr. Siwon Jang**!

Dr. Siwon Jang has joined CUTR as a post-doctoral researcher. She has received her Ph.D. from the College of Public Health at USF. She has a strong commitment to empirical research and practice in injury prevention including traffic injury prevention. She is interested in preventing injuries among children and adolescents. Dr. Jang also has a wide variety of experiences in developing and implementing injury prevention programs in academic, community, national, and international settings. She has been involved in designing safety education materials for children, parents, and school teachers.

Dr. Jang came to Tampa to start her Ph.D. program in 2005 and had two boys during her doctoral program. She also taught several public health core courses for over seven years at USF. Dr. Jang enjoys spending time with her husband and kids traveling, discovering new restaurants, and participating in church events. Her long-term goal is to become an exemplary scholar, dedicating her professional life to excellence in research and practice to prevent unintentional injuries. She will be primarily working on motorcycle safety projects. **Welcome, Dr. Jang!**

Please welcome **Tameika Fraser**!

Tameika has been hired as the Training Support Specialist for the TDM group. She graduated in 2006 with her B.A. in Mass Communications. Presently, she is pursuing a degree on-line from UCF in Instructional Design & Technology eLearning. Her love for technology has led her into furthering her education. She expects to graduate in in the Fall of 2014. **Welcome, Tameika!**

Please welcome **Christen Miller**!

Christen is pursuing her B.A. in Advertising and Public Relations with a minor in Communication from the University of Tampa to graduate the Spring of 2014. She will be involved with the MPOAC Weekend Institutes, contributing to the design of the promotional materials, handling registrations, assisting in making improvements to presentation materials, and any necessary administrative support for the Planning and Corridor Management group. **Welcome, Christen!**

Please welcome **Noureddine El Mehraz**

Noureddine is working on his Ph.D in Computer Science & Engineering. He has received his M.S. in Computer Science and Engineering at USF. He will be working with CUTR and the COE on the Parking Guidance System Project (Designing and developing embedded hardware and software system) and the Motorcycle Naturalistic Study (Design a Highly Portable Data Logging Embedded System for Naturalistic Motorcycle Study). **Welcome, Nour!**
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Please welcome, **Omkar Dokur**!

Omkar is pursuing his M.S. in Electrical Engineering and completed his B.S. in Electronics and Communications Engineering at G. Pulla Reddy Engineering College, Kurnool in the spring of 2013. He will research and prototype a real-time hardware/software system for a feasibility project on camera based parking tag classification. He enjoys basketball and handball along with reading technical books and cooking. Welcome, Omkar!

Please welcome, **Srisri Pendem**!

Srisri is a currently pursuing his M.S. in Civil Engineering/Transportation. He completed his Bachelors degree from Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University in May 2013. He is assisting Dr. Pei Sung Lin in his work for the Parking Guidance System project. Research work is related to creating and analyzing online and manual public opinion surveys. He is interested in modeling and traffic signaling systems engineering. His hobbies are watching movies and reading books. Welcome, Srisri!

Please welcome, **Austin Davis**!

Austin attended Florida Southern College and received a B.A. in History with Minors in Philosophy and Political Science. He is currently a student of the Masters of Public Administration program with a target graduation date of Spring/Summer 2015. He is looking at pursuing a career path in local management/government in the area of community and economic development.

He is married to Stephanie Davis (PH.D student in the School of Medical Sciences). He was born and raised in Tampa, Florida. He enjoys reading, running, kayaking, cooking, and brewing his own beer. He has an unnatural interest in all things urban and urban planning; he would love to live in either Seattle, DC, San Francisco, or NYC. Welcome, Austin!

Please welcome, **Tetyana Anisimova**

Tetyana is a senior undergraduate studying structural and transportation engineering. She is working on one of Jason Bittner’s projects: Logistics Led Economic Development. Welcome, Tetyana!

Please welcome, **Raj Ekambaram**

Raj is a Ph.D. Computer Science and Engineering candidate. He received his M.S. in Electrical Engineering at the National University of Singapore in May 2009. He enjoys cycling and swimming. Please welcome, Raj!

Please welcome, **Maximilian Mantius**

Max is an undergraduate student studying Environment Science & Policy & Economics and is doing an internship with Vicky Perk overseeing him. His main area of interest deals with the friction that exists between environmental regulation and the economic impacts. Welcome Max!
UPCOMING EVENTS

January 20  USF Holiday—Martin Luther King
January 21  Manager’s Meeting 10:00 am, CUT207
All Fridays  Graduate Transportation Seminars, 11:00 am, CUT202

HEALTHY FAMILIES PASCO — BE A SANTA

CUTR adopted 20 children this year! For the 14th year, CUTR played Santa to a group of deserving children and hardworking families. This voluntary program helps moms/dads in need, learn, and improve upon skills in parenting, homemaking, health, etc. The families are from East Pasco County, many of them are migrant workers. The gifts CUTR provided are the only gifts these children receive, and their requests are small.

Many thanks to all who participated:

USF FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Lin has been chosen as the USF Faculty spotlight for January, which will be shown on the TV screen on the Innovation Spotlight wall in the Galleria in the Interdisciplinary Research Building, 3802 Spectrum Boulevard.

USF Faculty Spotlight

Pei-Sung Lin, Ph.D., P.E., PTOE, FITE

- Director of ITS, Traffic Operations, & Safety Program at Center for Urban Transportation Research
- President of International Chinese Transportation Professionals Association
- PI/Co-PI on more than 73 grants and contracts totaling more than $21.8 million
- More than 110 publications

Research Interests: Intelligent transportation system, traffic engineering & operations, traffic signal systems, traffic safety, pedestrian and bicycle safety, motorcycle safety, transit safety, incident management, performance measures, and traffic impact studies.
**NEW AWARDS/CONTRACTS**

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**CUTR WEBCASTS AT 12:00 PM**

**January 23, 2014**
Introduction to Commuter Tax Benefits

*Phil Winters*

**February 6, 2014**
Universal Access Program

*Tom Phillips (LAMTD)*

**February 20, 2014**
Long Range Transportation Plan Review

*Karen Seggerman*

Please e-mail *Stephanie Lewis*, if you would be interested in presenting on: March 6, 2014.
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PROPOSALS SUBMITTED/UNDERWAY
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**Project:** Demonstration of Innovative Cost-effective Technologies to Reduce Transit Bus Front-end and Sideswipe Crashes  
**Sponsor:** Federal Transit Administration  
**PIs:** Lin/Kourtellis/Wang  
**Value:** $708,079

**Project:** Trends and Conditions Research 2014  
**Sponsor:** Fla Dept. of Transportation  
**PIs:** Polzin  
**Value:** $215,747

**Project:** Surdna LOI  
**Sponsor:** Surdna Foundation  
**PIs:** Williams/Seggerman  
**Value:** $300,000

**Project:** Florida Commuter Choice Training Program  
**Sponsor:** Fla Dept. of Transportation  
**PIs:** Winters  
**Value:** $121,958

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**Decorated Door Contest Winners!**

**Congratulations to**  
**SEAN BARBEAU**  
who won  
the Most Creative Award

**Congratulations to**  
**DEBBIE SCHULTZ**  
who won  
the Best Individual Award
Congratulations to the TRANSIT SAFETY & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TEAM who won the BEST TEAM Award!
INFORMATION

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Check out our FB page.

Also, if you know anyone that worked at CUTR, please share the CUTR Alumni link to gather information for a CUTR Alumni book here.

NEED TO SUBMIT TO CUTR CONNECTIONS?

If you have information that you would like to share and include in the monthly issue of the CUTRConnections—CUTR Employee Newsletter, please send an email with the information to Grace Hunt.