July 5, 2016

WELCOME NEW CUTR EMPLOYEES

**Savannah Bennett** is pursuing an undergraduate degree in Communication with a minor in Public Administration. She will be working with Richard Hartman on the WalkWise Florida and Manasota programs as well as with Dr. Victoria Perk on the NDT Training in July. Savannah is a member of Tau Beta Sigma, National Honorary Band Sorority and has played tuba in USF’s concert band. She is interested in all types of Urban Planning and is looking forward to exploring pedestrian safety as well as public transportation.

**Mark Yo** is a student in the College of Engineering currently pursuing a Bachelor’s degree in Computer Engineering and he is expected to graduate Spring 2019. He is working in the Motorcycle Injury Prevent Institute (MIPI) on the Mentorship Program for Every Rider (MEPER) under Dr. Si Won Jang. He interacts with the various mentors and mentees to collect research information on motorcycle safety and ensure their program runs smoothly.

**Zhao Zhang** is pursuing his Master’s degree in Industrial Engineering and will graduate in the fall of 2017. He was hired as a student research assistant with Dr. Lin’s group on The Application of Demographic Analysis to Pedestrian Safety Program. He is mainly responsible for data analysis literature reviews.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **July 8 & 18** TRB’s Task Force on Transit Safety & Security, Boardroom
- **July 11-15** TSI Instructor Excellence course, CUT102
- **July 12** CUTR Manager’s Meeting, 1:30 pm, CUT207
- **July 19** CUTR Staff Meeting, CUT102
- **July 20-22** FDOT NTD Training, CUT202

**CUTR WEBCASTS AT 12:00 PM**

- **July 7** Closing the Loop—Improving Transit Through Crowd-sourced Information, Sean J. Barbeau, PHD, CUTR

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**July Birthdays**

- Roberta Yegidis
- Qiong Chen
- Vicky Perk
- Katrina Corcoran
- Alexandria Carroll

**July CUTR Anniversaries**

- Patricia Ball — 27 yrs
- Vergil Stover — 22 yrs
- Grace Hunt — 16 yrs
- Melissa De Leon — 14 yrs
- Scott Paine — 13 yrs
- Chanyoung Lee — 9 yrs
- Christine Epps — 1 yr
- Eaman Iranmanesh — 1 yr
- Erin Scheffels — 1 yr
KUDOS
Our very own ITE Student Chapter Traffic Bowl team, composed of Ibrahim Hinds (Captain), Trang Luong, Jorge Guerra, and Rupender Dahiya, have won the ITE Florida Section Traffic Bowl competition held during the FSITE Summer Meeting in Daytona, FL. Dr. Seckin Ozkul, CUTR Research Faculty, is their advisor and coach. They will be representing us at the national level in Anaheim, CA during the ITE Annual Meeting to be held in August 14-17, 2016. Congratulations to all for this accomplishment! Good luck in Anaheim!

NOTEWORTHY ACCOLADES
CUTR Planning Program Director Kristine Williams participated in the Hillsborough County Planning Commission’s Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) program designed to introduce area high school students in grades 9-11 to the planning profession. Kristine used the animated video Saga City to engage the students in a discussion of multimodal transportation planning issues and strategies, while members of the USF Urban and Regional Planning Program discussed local projects and the USF Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree. “The kids loved your session!” said Lynn Merenda, Hillsborough Planning Commission Community Relations Coordinator, regarding the CUTR visit. The students also rode Metro Rapid to USF, rode the TECOline Streetcar for a walking tour of Ybor City, participated in a WalkWise pedestrian safety activity, toured the Tampa International Airport and Port of Tampa, and learned about public and private job opportunities in planning.

AEGIS Timesheets
Pay period 7/29/16 to 8/11/16
AEGIS submission date is Tuesday, August 9 by 10 am.

Pay period 8/12/16 to 8/25/16
AEGIS submission date is Tuesday, August 23 by 10 am.

Alma Mater Days
SHOW YOUR ALMA MATER PRIDE: Wear your favorite college t-shirt, sweatshirt, and the like (must display the College’s logo or name) the first Friday of every month. Friendly banter on performance of affiliated sports teams or alumni news is also highly encouraged. If you want to add a banner or anything to your door, that’s great too. Dress code restrictions on sleeveless shirts, shorts or sandals will remain enforced. Jeans can, of course, be worn (with a reminder that a contribution ($1) is appreciated).

GO BULLS!!!
Alma Mater Days:
- August 5
- September 2
- October 7
- November 4
- December 2
NOTEWORTHY ACCOLADES

TBCCC coordinator **Steve Reich** and co-coordinator **Alex Kolpakov** attended the Clean Cities Southeast Regional Meeting in Jacksonville, which included a tour of the Florida East Coast Railway Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility and Jacksonville Transit Authority’s public compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling station.

**Steve Reich** presented *Autonomous and Connected Vehicles: Tampa’s Pilot Program and Partnership with US DOT* at the 2016 Advanced Clean Transportation (ACT) Expo in Long Beach, California. The ACT Expo is an opportunity for clean transportation stakeholders to network and learn from real-world AFV projects.

On June 28, the **Tampa Bay Clean Cities Coalition (TBCCC)** hosted an Alternative Fuel Vehicle (AFV) Safety Training Workshop at Hillsborough Community College’s Ybor City Campus Training Center. Firefighter training officers from across the Tampa Bay region attended this workshop, which was led by a National Alternative Fuels Training Consortium instructor. The Train the Trainer course combines classroom training and hands-on experience with CNG, propane, and electric AFVs. The 17 course participants are now certified to teach others about first responder safety for incidents involving alternative fuel and advanced technology vehicles. TBCCC is partnering with Florida’s other Clean Cities coalitions to establish a statewide alternative fuel safety training network, which is being funded by a U.S. Department of Energy grant.

Congratulations to CUTRites — **Lucy Gonzalez, Ric Hartman, and Brentin Mosher**, who completed an intense 3-day seminar training over the weekend. They are now certified League Cycling Instructors (LCIs) and can teach the Smart Cycling classes to children as well as adults. Their goal is to help people feel more secure about getting on a bike, to create a mindset that bikes are treated as a vehicle, and to ensure that people on bikes know how to ride safely and legally. Congratulations to everyone who participated and are now certified!
NOTEWORTHY ACCOLADES

Richard Driscoll recently graduated with his Bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering. He was accepted into the Master’s Degree program in Transportation Engineering at USF. He will continue to work as a research assistant with Dr. Steve Polzin’s Mobility Policy Research team.

Alex Kolpakov presented “Idle Reduction Practices of the U.S. Transit Fleet” on June 6 at the 2nd Annual International Conference on Transportation held in Athens, Greece. Organized by the Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER), the conference attracts academic researchers and transportation professionals from around the world, and focuses on innovative approaches and engineering solutions to transportation challenges and environmental concerns.


Seckin Ozkul also presented, “Evaluation of Intermodal Logistics Center (ILC) Investments in Florida,” at the ASCE Transportation and Development Institute (T&DI) Technical Luncheon Invited Speaker Series on June 29 in Tampa.

Seckin Ozkul also presented, “Success Factors of Logistics Activity Center (LAC) Development,” at the Florida Section ITE Summer Meeting - June 22-24 in Daytona Beach.

Joel Volinski presided over the Summer meeting of CUTC held at the University of Southern California from June 6 – 8. This was his last official function as President of CUTC. During his one-year tenure they increased the number of sponsors for the Annual Awards Banquet from 14 to 24 and increased revenue from the banquet from $50,000 to $72,000. He managed to attract the US Secretary of Transportation to serve as Keynote Speaker of the banquet for the first time in CUTC’s history and increased attendance at the banquet from 290 attendees to 340. He also spearheaded the attraction of 10 more universities to join CUTC to bring the total number of members to 95. CUTC members agreed to a dues increase to help generate additional revenue and bring more equity to how CUTC is funded in the future. By-laws were also changed to streamline the process of accepting new members into CUTC. He will continue to serve on the CUTC Executive committee through June 2017 as immediate past president.

Joel Volinski also was asked to continue in his role as Chair of RETRC, the Research, Education, and Training Reauthorization Coalition. Membership of RETRC was grown from 21 members to 29 members representing universities from 22 different states. He presided over a meeting held immediately after the conclusion of the CUTC summer meeting.

Joel Volinski was asked to serve as a member of the APTA Revenue Task Force. This task force will explore and identify news ways for APTA to increase its revenue in the face of challenges it is facing from the loss of certain high profile members and increased expenses. The second meeting of the group was held in June and he agreed to seek a consultant to help the task force.

CUTR AWARDS/CONTRACTS

| Project | Clean Cities Coalition Programmatic Support- PGI |
| Sponsor | Leonardo Technologies Inc. |
| PI(s) | Reich |
| Value | $15,580 |

| Project | Florida Statewide Transit Technical Assistance & Train Program (STTAT) |
| Sponsor | Florida Department of Transportation |
| PI(s) | Gregg/Staes |
| Value | $160,614 |
CUTR AWARDS/CONTRACTS

Project: St. Johns City Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA)
Sponsor: St. Johns Co BOCC
PI(s): Gregg
Value: $15,483

Project: Evaluation of Florida Inbound & Outbound Freight Imbalance
Sponsor: Florida Department of Transportation
PI(s): Ozkul
Value: $199,660

CUTR PROPOSALS

Project: Providing Transit Riders with Real Time Trip Planning Information via Native Mobile Apps
Sponsor: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)
PI(s): Barbeau
Value: $72,000

Project: Safe Routes to School for Sumter, Lake and Marion Counties
Sponsor: University of Florida
PI(s): Bond
Value: $79,693

Project: Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety for Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Pasco
Sponsor: FDOT/District 7
PI(s): Bond
Value: $185,625

Project: Palm Tran System Performance Measures and Standards Technical
Sponsor: Palm Tran
PI(s): Gregg/Pessaro
Value: $37,414

Project: Commuter Assistance Program for the New North Transportation
Sponsor: FDOT/District 7
PI(s): Hendricks/Bond
Value: $137,000

Project: Mobility on Demand (MOD) Sandbox Products
Sponsor: Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority
PI(s): Salzer
Value: $25,121
**CUTR PROPOSALS**

**Project:** Florida Rural Transit Safety Technical Assistance and Support Program  
**Sponsor:** FDOT  
**PI(s):** Staes  
**Value:** $150,000  

**Project:** Guide to Equity Analysis in Regional Transportation Planning Processes  
**Sponsor:** Transportation Research Board  
**PI(s):** Williams  
**Value:** $300,000

**INFORMATION**

*General information on CUTR procedures:*

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