September 3, 2013

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hope that you all had a pleasant Labor Day weekend. In my old “Northern” life Labor Day represented Summer’s last hurrah. It was a weekend to say goodbye to summer, get ready for the new school year, and transition to autumn. The transition sometimes was easy and quick, sometimes it was a lot harder to say goodbye to Summer. I’m starting my own transitions here – I’m starting a revised schedule that will take me out of the office more and demand more creativity in fulfilling my obligations to all of you. I am making the necessary preparations to lead us to higher levels of success and growth. I am accessible to all of you — my cell is 608-770-0394 and you can always e-mail me or Skype, if wanted.

September is going to be good for us. We should find out about our UTCs, we have a great campus presence with the Bulls Bike and Walk Week, and we’re going to get some high profile coverage of our THEA related Automated Vehicles work. Happy returns for the football season too! — Jason

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 5  USF ITE Transportation Research Seminar: WalkWise TampaBay, Presenter: Jason Jackman, Program Planner Analyst with CUTR, 11:00 am, CUT202
September 6  Lunch and Learn, All Roads Lead to Rome: Why studying the Classics still matters, Brian Pessaro, 12:00 pm, Boardroom
September 10 Managers Meeting, 10:00am-11:30pm, CUT207
September 11  NNTA, 8:00 am, Boardroom
Sept 24-25  Advanced Mobility Device Securement, 8:00 am, CUT102

INFORMATION — FACEBOOK — CUTR ALUMNI BOOK

If you have any information for CUTR’s Facebook, please forward to Grace Hunt at hunt@cutr.usf.edu.

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.

September Birthdays

3—Mark Mistretta
4—Eric Born
5—Julie Bond
9—Lizette Charriez
10—Chanyoung Lee
12—Benjamin Young
12—Jacob Zolkower
13—Cindy Wooten
15—Patrick Buddenbrock
16—Craig Bosco
18—Akshay Kancharla
21—Navid Farahbakhsh
22—Mathew Johnson
28—Ed Bart

September Anniversaries

Kristine Williams — 21 yrs
Ken Short — 13 yrs
Jay Goodwill — 11 yrs
Rishikesh Limaye — 2 yrs
Shayada Milani — 2 yrs
Achilleas Kourtellis — 9 yrs
Stephen Poteet — 1 yr

AEGIS Timesheets

Pay period 8/30/13 to 9/12/13
AEGIS submission date is Tuesday 9/10@ 10am

Pay period 9/13/13 to 9/26/13
AEGIS submission date is Tuesday 9/24 @ 10am
Holly Carapella was recently hired as a Senior Research Associate with the Transit Management and Innovation team headed by Rob Gregg. We are happy to welcome her back! She has a Master’s degree in Public Administration and Policy and fifteen years in the planning industry. She comes to us from the Law Office of Lauralee G. Westine, PA working there since 2008 as a planner and researcher. She has a diverse background in the area of transportation planning, research, and land use issues. She also has worked with many jurisdictions in the State of Florida on transportation and land development projects and has experience in conducting public meetings, creating informational packets for projects, and speaking with the public about project implications regarding transportation planning and land use issues. She is looking forward to working with everyone.

Casey Jarrell, NCTR Graduate Research Assistant, is pursuing a Masters degree in Transportation Engineering. She received her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in May 2013 at USF. She is interested in public transportation and airport management. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends. Xuehao Chu is her Supervisor.

Patrick Buddenbrock, NCTR Graduate Research Assistant, is pursuing a Masters degree in Transportation Engineering. He received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in May 2013 at USF. He is a member of the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society, ASCE, and ITE. He was former Vice President of Chi Epsilon Civil Engineering Honor Society. He is a US Navy veteran and has a strong construction background. Brian Pessaro is his Supervisor.

Singeh Saliki, Graduate Research Assistant, who is an Urban Futures Fellow, is pursuing a Masters degree in Urban and Regional Planning. She received a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Oklahoma State University and her areas of interest include multimodal transportation planning, transportation networks, and placemaking. She is a member of the American Planning Association and also serves as President of the USF Student Planning Association. Kristine Williams is her Supervisor.

Travis Baker, student assistant, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering. He will be working on the Naturalistic Driving Study. Dr. Achilleas Kourtellis is his Supervisor.

**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 voluntary contribution ($1) is appreciated).

**GO BULLS!!!**
Alma Mater Days:
- September 6, 2013
- October 4, 2013
- November 1, 2013
- December 6, 2013

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**CUTR Webcast**
September 5
A Tool for Assessing the Economic Impacts of Spending on Public Transit
Xuehao Chu

Please email Jennifer Iley, if you would be interested in presenting on: September 19, October 3, October 17, and October 31.
WELCOME NEW CUTR EMPLOYEES

Eric Born, student assistant, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering; he received an Associates of Arts in liberal studies from Saddleback College in Mission Viejo, CA. He will be working on the Naturalistic Driving Study. Dr. Achilleas Kourtellis is his Supervisor.

David Murchison, student assistant, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering. He will be working on the Naturalistic Driving Study project. Dr. Achilleas Kourtellis is his Supervisor.

Lisa Beyer, Graduate Assistant, is pursuing a Master's degree in Geography and has completed the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) certificate this past spring. She will be working on the Student Green Energy Fund project at USF Parking and Transportation. Sara Hendricks is her Supervisor.

Corbin Bercume, Graduate Assistant, is pursuing a Master's degree in Business. He also works as a part-time Graduate Assistant in the College of Business. He will be working on the Student Green Energy Fund project at USF Parking and Transportation. Sara Hendricks is his Supervisor.

Tracy Wolf, Graduate Assistant, is pursuing a Master’s degree in Computer Science. She will be working on the Student Green Energy Fund project at CUTR. Sara Hendricks is her Supervisor.

Mona Ghezelghieh, Graduate Assistant, is pursuing a Master’s degree in Computer Science. She will be working on the Student Green Energy Fund project at CUTR. Sara Hendricks is her Supervisor.
The Florida Department of Transportation received the 2013 GHSA Peter K. O'Rourke Special Achievement Award for the statewide Bicycle/Pedestrian Focused Initiative, the first statewide, data-driven program that targeted enforcement and educational resources to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety in 10 priority counties. The CUTR ITS group, led by Dr. Pei-Sung Lin, acted as a partner to FDOT on this initiative. At left is photo of Trenda McPherson, who is the Project Manager at FDOT in charge of the program.

Sean Barbeau spearheaded the local effort of the OneBusAway app, a service to HART bus riders. The free OneBusAway application will show the arrival time for the next bus at all Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority stops. The University of South Florida’s Center for Urban Transportation Research secured $150,000 from the National Center for Transit Research to make the apps available in other cities, including Tampa. He was interviewed by Tampa Bay Times.

An article was in the *Florida Trend, The Issues, People and Ideas that define Florida Business* in regards to the Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority contract with USF’s CUTR for a $125,000 study on the impact of autonomous vehicles on the region. Jason Bittner, Director says the center will come out with a series of white papers and host workshops with decision-makers looking at everything from how real the technology is to the affect on toll lanes. “They want to understand the impact on their business model and planning.”

KUDOS

An article can be found in the July/August 2013 *Busline* for Jay Goodwill’s and Amber Reep’s Computer Based Training (CBT) program titled, “Disability Etiquette for Transit Operators.” Jay Goodwill presented the program during the APTA 2013 Bus and Paratransit Conference in May.

Joel Volinski was elected Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Council of University Transportation Centers and serves as a mentor in APTA’s Early Career Program Mentor program for Marco Sandusky of HART. Also, he served as a member of the Research Proposal Screening Panel for the Transit Cooperative Research Program.

Joel Volinski was quoted extensively in Folha de Sao Paulo, Brazil’s largest newspaper on issues dealing with protests against rising bus fares based on being the author of the TCRP report “Implementation and Outcomes of Fare-Free Transit Systems.

Joel Volinski made a presentation to a special workshop of CEOs at the COMTO Annual Meeting held in Jacksonville, Florida on how technology is benefitting public transportation.

Kristine Williams was appointed to the Transportation Research Board’s Committee on Eminent Domain and Land Use, AL060.
DENIM DAY

Mark your calendars! In October, CUTR will once again be participating in Lee National Denim Day. Just as we did last year, by donating only $5.00, you may wear jeans to work on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, September 30 – October 2, 2013. Our collective donations will go towards the fight against breast cancer. To keep the momentum going for the week, please continue to participate in the CUTR Jeans Fund on Thursday and Friday, October 3 - 4, 2013, with your normal contribution of $1.00 a day.

If you are not familiar with Lee National Denim Day, the concept is simple. A group of people working at Lee Jeans realized how every one of them knew someone who was touched in one way or another by breast cancer; whether it was a sister, mom, aunt, friend, co-worker, etc. That led to the inception of Lee National Denim Day in 1996. After Lee Jeans realized the impact breast cancer had on its employees, the company went straight to its consumers and asked what cause was most important to them. Many worthy causes were discussed, but breast cancer consistently rose to the top. Lee Jeans is very aware of the devastating impact breast cancer has on the men and women diagnosed, as well as their families and friends, and wanted to find a way to support them. To date, they have raised over $89 million for the cause. Net proceeds from your donation will help the American Cancer Society support life saving screenings in communities nationwide, hope and care to those traveling away from home for cancer treatment, and investments in groundbreaking cancer research.

If you would like to participate, you may donate via cash, check (made payable to Lee National Denim Day), or through the online team page at:

http://www.denimday.com/Team/TeamPageByTeamName?teamName=cutr

The online team page is the quickest and easiest way to donate, and provides you with an immediate printable receipt; but cash and checks are fine as well (receipts will also be provided). LaToya will collect all cash and check donations, give you your pink ribbon pin, and be responsible for sending our collective cash contribution to Lee. LaToya is located at the Front Desk, Floor 1 of CUTR. (Thanks LaToya!)

NEW AWARDS/CONTRACTS

Project: Florida MPOAC Transportation Planning and Research Services
Sponsor: MPO Advisory Council
PI/CO-PI: Kramer
Value: $44,000

Project: TBEST Technical Support Services Upgrading Training FY 2014
Sponsor: Fla Dept of Transportation
PI/CO-PI: Polzin/Mistretta
Value: $112,563

Project: NCTR Yr 14 Guidebooks for Estimating Total Transit Use #17
Sponsor: US Dept of Transportation
PI/CO-PI: Chu/Hinebaugh
Value: $175,000
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**Georgia Brosch Memorial Transportation Scholarship**

Training Florida’s brightest students for careers in transportation is vital to enhancing the quality of life for our state and the nation. To assist in that training, and to help attract the best and brightest to careers in transportation, CUTR established the Georgia Brosch Memorial Transportation Scholarship, named in memory of the infant daughter of former CUTR Director Gary and Barbara Brosch.

**Eligibility Requirements**
- The Georgia Brosch Memorial Transportation Scholarship competition is open to any current USF student with the intention to pursue a career in transportation, as evidenced by substantial coursework in transportation.
- Students must have completed at least one semester at USF.
- No student may be awarded the scholarship more than once.

**2013 Application Process**

Applicants should submit a complete application package to the CUTR reception desk no later than 5:00 pm on Thursday, September 26th. E-mailed applications cannot be accepted. Application can be found on the CUTR website: [http://www.cutr.usf.edu/workforce/students/brosch-scholarship/](http://www.cutr.usf.edu/workforce/students/brosch-scholarship/)

For further information, contact Steve Polzin at CUTR, 813-974-3120, polzin@cutr.usf.edu

**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.**

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