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.

2015 Application Process

Applicants should submit a complete application package to the CUTR reception desk no later than 5:00 pm on Thursday, September 24th. E-mailed applications cannot be accepted. Application can be found on the CUTR website: http://www.cutr.usf.edu/workforce/students/brosch-scholarship/

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

WELCOME NEW CUTR EMPLOYEES

Alexandria Carroll was recently hired as a visiting faculty as a research associate for the Planning and Corridor Management Program! She just graduated from USF with her Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree. As a CUTR research associate, she will continue to work on a national study on integrating freight into livable communities, which is sponsored by the National Institute for Transportation and Communities (NITC). She will also assist the PCM team with the development of a multimodal transportation planning curriculum. Welcome, Alex!
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Megan Cott joins CUTR as an Administrative Specialist for the Motorcycle Injury Prevention Institute (MIPI) Program. Most recently she was a part of the Student Support Services team and the David C. Anchin Center at USF. Her experience is in grant management and implementation. One of her goals is to earn her CRA-USF certification to further her career in research administration. Megan received her Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from USF. She enjoys good food and drink as well as spending time with her three cats! **Welcome, Megan!**

Austin Gibble, Graduate Research Assistant and National Institute of Transportation and Communities Livability Scholar/National Center for Transit Research Scholar, is pursuing a Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree. Austin graduated from Ball State University in 2014 with a Bachelor of Arts in Industry and Technology. He previously worked with the Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority on their ride-sharing database and part-time with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization assisting in the advancement of the Indy Connect regional mass transit plan. His interests include multi-modal transportation systems, active transportation, the advancement of high quality bus rapid transit, and land use. He will be working with Phil Winters TDM team and Kristine Williams’ Planning and Corridor Management team. **Welcome, Austin!**

Ibrahim Hinds is a Graduate Assistant and a NCTR Research Scholar pursuing a MS in Civil Engineering with a concentration in Transportation. He graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BS in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Jackson State University (JSU). While an undergrad he demonstrated leadership in the ASCE and ITE student chapters, and has been a key member of the Traffic Bowl team. Ibrahim was a member of the JSU track and field team and had been a medalist in the regional championship. He completed a summer internship at Purdue where he worked on a team conducting water quality analysis using a GIS based method. His primary research interests are in Public Infrastructure and Sustainability. He will be working with Steve Polzin’s Mobility Policy Research team. **Welcome, Ibrahim!**

Eaman Iranmanesh is an undergraduate student pursuing degrees in both Computer Science and Business. He is currently working as a student assistant at the Motorcycle Injury Prevention Institute. He is working on the 2015 Rider Training Program Survey and the 2015 Florida Motorcyclist Survey. **Welcome, Eaman!**

AEGIS Timesheets

Pay period 8/28/15 to 9/10/15
AEGIS submission date is Tuesday, September 8th at 10 am.

Pay period 9/11/15 to 9/24/15
AEGIS submission date is Tuesday, September 22 at 10 am.

Pay period 9/25/15 to 10/08/15
AEGIS submission date is Tuesday, October 6th at 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:

- October 2
- November 6
- December 4
WELCOME NEW CUTR EMPLOYEES

Robyn Kibler received her M.A. from the USF Department of Economics in 2011. Currently a doctoral candidate, she is completing dissertation research involving applied work in spatial econometrics with an expected graduation date of May 2016. Her research skills include econometric modeling and spatial statistics. She will be working with Dr. Sisinnio Concas on economic impact studies for the Central Florida Expressway Authority and the Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority. Robyn also holds an appointment in the Department of Economics as a graduate teaching assistant.  Welcome, Robyn!

Monica Martin, Graduate Research Assistant and National Institute of Transportation and Communities Livability Scholar, is pursuing a Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of Central Florida with a concentration in Environmental Studies and a focus on Environmental Policy. Monica interned with the City of Lakeland’s Community Development Department and she is currently a climate adaptation planning intern for the FL Sea Grant UF/IFAS extension. She is also President of USF’s Student Planning Organization and USF’s LiveMove Student Group—a group dedicated to advancing active transportation and livability in the Tampa Bay area. Monica will be working with Kristine Williams’ Planning and Corridor Management team on the project titled, “Evaluating the Distributional Effects of Regional Transportation Plans and Projects” and tasks related to the new USF Community Sustainability Partnership.  Welcome, Monica!

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 9  CUTR Managers’ Meeting, CUT207, 1:30 pm

September 9  NNTA, Boardroom, 8:00 am

September 15  CUTR Staff meeting, CUT102, 9:00 am

CUTR WEBCASTS AT NOON TIME

September 17  The Social Justice (of) Movement: How Transit Administrators Define Social Justice, Presenter: Gerard C. Wellman, Ph.D., Cal State

October 1  Impacts of Transportation Network Company (TNC) and Autonomous Vehicles, Presenter: Steve Polzin, Ph.D., CUTR

GRADUATE TRANSPORTATION SEMINAR ON FRIDAYS AT 11 AM IN CUT202

September 11  Managed Lane Design in I-4 Ultimate Improvement Project presented by Bijan Behzadi, Traffic Engineering Manager, HDR, Inc.

September 18  I-275 Expansion presented by Conrad Campbell, FDOT District 7 Oak Park Resident Engineer

September 25  Future Changes to the Interstate System in Tampa presented by Amy Neidringhaus, FDOT District 7 Project Manager

October 2  Burgeoning Fields of Study in Transportation or Deployment of ITS in the Middle East presented by Kris Milster, ITS Engineer, Ross & Baruzzini
KUDOS

**Austin Sipiora** graduated from the Patel College of Global Sustainability with an M.A. in Global Sustainability, Water Concentration - Graduate Certificate in Environmental Policy and Management. She will continue her internship with the Tampa Bay Clean Cities team through the spring semester.

**Matthew Kessler**, Graduate Research Student at CUTR, was re-elected to another 2 year term as 1st Vice-Chairman of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority’s Permanent Citizen Advisory Committee.

**Steve Polzin** presented to various groups during the month of August: How New Technologies and Autonomous Vehicles May Change Public Transportation at a brownbag lunch with APTA staff; The Changing World of Demand for and Supply of Data for Travel Analysis at the Florida Data Symposium in Orlando; and From Millennials to Uber to Autonomous Vehicles: How Demographics, Economics and Technologies are Changing Transportation at the Florida League of Cities, CMRI Summer Research Symposium in Orlando.

**Joel Volinski** participated as a member of the Florida Public Transportation Board of Directors at their meeting in Vero Beach, Florida and presented a proposal to help fund an exhibit at the MOSI and successfully nominated a new member to the FPTA Hall of Fame as co-chair of the Hall of Fame Committee. He also met with the staff of the MOSI to move the idea of a bus exhibit geared to introduce youngsters to the concept of riding a public transit bus.

The WalkWise program, along with the USF Bicycle Club, adopted the stretch of Fletcher Avenue between Bruce B. Downs and Nebraska Avenue for the Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful campaign. The USF Bicycle Club, with Faculty Advisor (and CUTRite **Jason Jackman**), will have quarterly cleanups of the street, and WalkWise will provide pedestrian safety education including how to navigate the new Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons (RRFBs).

**Congratulations to Jodi Godfrey** on being awarded the 2015 Daniel B. Fambro Student Paper Award! She recently was hired as a visiting faculty at CUTR and this past May, she graduated from USF with her MS in Civil Engineering with a focus in Transportation Engineering. The 2015 Daniel B. Fambro Student Paper Award was presented to Jodi Godfrey for an abridged version of her Master’s Thesis titled “Risk Taking Characteristics as Explanatory Variables in Variations of Fatality Rates in the Southeastern United States”. The paper explored unconventional characteristics tied to risky behaviors such as credit score, educational attainment, overall health, and seat belt use to correlate aggregate risk taking variables with fatality rates by state, focusing on the Southeastern region of the US.

**Julie Bond**, Senior Research Associate for CUTR’s TDM team, was inducted into Pi Alpha Alpha on Friday, August 21st along with former CUTR Graduate Research Assistant, **Lakshmi Devi Arumugam**, who works as a Unit Research Administrator at the Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Global Sustainability at USF.

Pi Alpha Alpha is the honor society for graduates of a Masters of Public Administration program who have a GPA of 3.7 or higher and are unanimously approved by the program’s faculty.

**Congrats —Julie and Lakshmi!**
Mark your calendar! In September/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 28 – September 30, 2015. 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 1-2, 2015, with your normal contribution of $1.00.

Since 1996, Lee National Denim Day® has helped raise more than $93 million for the fight against cancer. This year, the hope is to add millions more to that total.

Your donations help millions

- There are currently more than 3.1 million breast cancer survivors in the United States today.
- One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer during her lifetime.
- In the United States, an estimated 231,840 women are expected to be newly diagnosed with breast cancer and 40,290 women are expected to die from the disease this year.

Where the money goes

- Your contributions help the American Cancer Society save lives from breast cancer by:
  - Investing in groundbreaking breast cancer research to better understand, prevent, find, and treat the disease.
  - Providing free, comprehensive information and support to those touched by breast cancer when and where they need it.
  - Helping people take steps to reduce their breast cancer risk or find it early when it's most treatable.

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/teams/974136

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). LaToyia Fipps has graciously agreed once again to collect all cash and check donations, and will send our collective cash contribution to Lee. Thanks LaToyia!

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**INFORMATION**

**General information on CUTR procedures:**

Have a question, check out the wiki site to find your answer: [https://sites.google.com/site/cutrwikisite/](https://sites.google.com/site/cutrwikisite/)

Hiring a new employee? The wiki site is the place to find the form and submit it electronically:
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