Welcome, Dr. Bertini!
WELCOME

Please welcome Austin Sipiora as visiting faculty! She graduated from USF’s Patel College of Global Sustainability with an MA in Global Sustainability, Water Concentration – Graduate Certificate in Environmental Policy and Management last summer. During her internship with Tampa Bay Clean Cities Coalition (TBCCC), Austin established the coalition’s social media presence and expanded its community outreach. As a full-time member of the Transportation Program Evaluation and Economic Analysis team, she will continue her work on TBCCC and apply her communications and sustainability expertise to the alternative fuels and advanced propulsion work that the team performs. She will also bring an enhanced and refreshed outreach effort to the Automated Vehicle Institute. Welcome Austin!

Joshua Brandon Barber is pursuing a Master’s degree in Urban and Regional Planning and is expected to graduate in the Fall of 2017. He received his Bachelor’s degree from USF in Economics in 2015. Joshua is the 2016/2017 NITC Scholar and he will be working with Kristine Williams on a variety of projects relating to transportation and livability in communities. His personal research interests include transportation planning, water management, and urban economic growth and equity. Welcome, Joshua!

Janaki Ram Budigi is pursuing a Master’s degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering and is expected to graduate in the Spring of 2017. He received his Bachelor’s degree from Veltech Highotech Engineering College in Chennai, India in 2014. He will be working under Dr. Lin in the Alert Today Florida project. Welcome Ram!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Timesheets Due

Pay period 9/09/16 to 9/22/16
AEGIS submission date is
Tuesday, September 20 by 10 am.

Pay period 9/23/16 to 10/06/16
AEGIS submission date is
Tuesday, October 4 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:
- October 7
- November 4
- December 2
CUTR WEBCASTS AT 12:00 PM

Sept 15  Robert Bertini, Ph.D., P.E., Director, CUTR and tenured Professor Civil and Environmental Engineering, Topic: TBD

Sept 29  Bulls Walk and Bike Week, Jason Jackman, CUTR Research Associate

KUDOS

Maximillian (Max) Mantius, who worked as a Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Perk and who graduated this past May with his Master’s degree in Economics, has moved on. He is now working for Revenue Management Solutions. They deal with pricing and revenue management for the restaurant and retail industry. His position will be as an “Analyst” where he will be able to employ his statistical and economic skills from his education and also his data-oriented skills gained from his work at CUTR.

Congratulations and good luck on your newest endeavor!

The USF ITE student chapter team performed admirably at the National ITE Traffic Bowl Event in Anaheim, California held during this year’s Annual ITE International Meeting. The USF ITE student chapter faculty advisers are Dr. Pei-Sung Lin and Dr. Seckin Ozkul. Dr. Ozkul also served as the coach for the USF ITE Traffic Bowl Team during their months long preparation for the event. After a nail-biting competition, the team unfortunately succumbed after a double tie breaker to eventual Grand Champions, Purdue University. This was the 2nd time that USF had made it to the national competition. This upcoming year the USF ITE chapter is eager to return to the national competition with many lessons learned. Please join in congratulating the members of the team comprising Ibrahim Hinds (Captain), Trang Luong, Jorge Guerra and Rupender Dahiya and the USF ITE student chapter as a whole. The progress this year has been made largely in part to the knowledge/study material foundation prepared by the previous year’s USF ITE Traffic Bowl Team. USF ITE student chapter will continue to build and maintain a tradition of success.

Click for more competition details.

(Left to Right: Dr. Lin, Rupender Dahiya, Trang Luong, Ibrahim Hinds, Jorge Guerra, Dr. Ozkul)
NOTEWORTHY ACCOLADES
As Chair of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Public Transportation Group, Dennis Hinebaugh attended a research coordination meeting with members of the Federal Transit Administration, American Public Transportation Association, Federal Highways Administration, Community Transportation Association, and TRB staff. This is the start of quarterly coordination meetings between these and other organizations to help in the coordination of public transportation planning and research.

On August 9th, Joel Volinski served on the Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP) Proposal Screening Panel which meets once a year to rate all research proposals that have been submitted to the TCRP program. Recommendations of the panel are submitted to the TOPS committee for final selection of projects to be funded. He has been a member of the panel since 2001.

Kristine Williams, AICP collaborated with a research team on a report for the Mineta Transportation Institute entitled Improving Pathways to Transit for Persons with Disabilities. The study explores, through case study research, efforts that have been effective in improving pathways to transit.

At the April 20, 2016 CUTR Advisory Board meeting, the Nomination Committee unanimously approved Thornton Williams of Williams Law Group, P.A. to preside as Chair and Kim DeBosier of Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. to be Vice Chair for one year in a transitional stage in that CUTR would also have a new Director this fall. This recommendation was brought to the Board and it was unanimously accepted. Thornton acknowledged the phenomenal job that Kim has done in the last 10 years as Chair and he welcomes her as Vice Chair. CUTR is grateful for all the years that she has been Chair and looks forward to working with both of them in their new roles. Thornton officially presided as Chair at the August 31, 2016 CUTR Advisory Board meeting.

CUTR TRANSPORTATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS EVENT
CUTR will recognize Buddy Dyer, Mayor, City of Orlando at CUTR’s annual Transportation Achievement Awards event on November 15, 2016 at the USF Embassy Suites, Tampa Campus. This award is presented annually to an individual who has made significant contributions to the transportation field. This year’s keynote speaker is Jim Boxold, Secretary of FDOT and Dean Robert Bishop, USF College of Engineering is the guest speaker.

The following are sponsors of the event. The Gold Sponsorships ($2,500): Florida Transportation Builder’s Association, Holtzman Group, Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority (THEA), Williams Law Group, P.A.


The deadline for early sponsorship to be recognized in the invitation has been extended to Friday, September 16. Please contact Grace Hunt if you would like a company to receive sponsorship information. She can be reached at 813-974-3120 or hunt@cutr.usf.edu.

Looking forward to a great event!
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.

2016 Application Process

Applicants should submit a complete application package to the CUTR reception desk no later than 5:00 pm on Thursday, September 29th. 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

NATIONAL DENIM DAY

Mark your calendar! In October, CUTR will once again be participating in the American Cancer Society Denim Day. Just as we did last year, by donating only $5.00, you may wear jeans to work on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 3-5. 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 6—7, with your normal contribution of $1.00.

Since 1996, American Cancer Society Denim Day has helped raise more than $95 million for the fight against breast cancer. This year, the hope is to add millions more to that total.

Where does the money go?

Your contributions help the American Cancer Society save lives from breast cancer by:

- Helping people take steps to reduce their breast cancer risk or find it early when it’s most treatable.
- 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.

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

https://www.crowdrise.com/team-cutr-denim-day-2016/fundraiser/teamcutr

The online team page is the quickest and easiest way to donate, and provides you with an immediate electronic receipt. This year, donations are being coordinated through CrowdRise. There is a small service fee added to the total, however, you have the choice to opt out of this fee if you choose. Derthalie Joseph has graciously agreed to collect all cash and check donations (receipts will be provided). Please see her at the front desk if you would like to donate this way.

Thank you for your support of this worthwhile cause!
On August 23, the *Tampa Bay Clean Cities Coalition (TBCCC)* partnered with the National Biodiesel Board (NBB) and Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority (THEA) to host *Benefits of Biodiesel*, a half-day workshop that featured presentations from the region's leading industry and research experts. The event was held at THEA's downtown office.

Over 30 local stakeholders, including city and county governments, environmental organizations, and industry representatives, attended the workshop to learn how biodiesel can help fleets reduce operating costs and greenhouse gas emissions.

The event featured displays from Targray, Florida Power & Light (FPL), and THEA. Presenters from Clean Fuels Consulting, FPL, and the USF's College of Engineering and Patel College of Global Sustainability spoke on biodiesel basics, user and fleet applications, and advanced and sustainable biofuel production.

Following the presentations, attendees were treated to a behind-the-scenes tour of the Transportation Management Center (TMC), a joint venture between THEA and the City of Tampa. **Steve Reich** concluded the program by introducing the Tampa Connected Vehicle Pilot project, which involves the deployment and evaluation of safety and mobile applications on and in proximity to the reversible freeway lanes in Tampa.
## CUTR CONTRACTS

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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/cutwikisite/](https://sites.google.com/site/cutwikisite/)

Hiring a new employee? The wiki site is the place to find the form and submit it electronically: [https://sites.google.com/site/cutwikisite/admin-group-page/ken-short/hr-tasks/hiring-new-people](https://sites.google.com/site/cutwikisite/admin-group-page/ken-short/hr-tasks/hiring-new-people)

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### 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 at hunt@cutr.usf.edu.