

GEORGIA HOUSE SPEAKER DAVID RALSTON PROPOSES NEW STATE TRANSIT COMMISSION

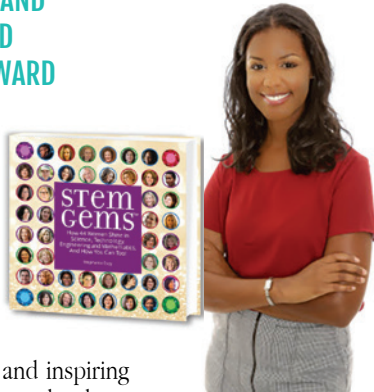
During the Georgia Chamber of Commerce's annual Eggs and Issues event, House Speaker David Ralston (R – Blue Ridge) said he plans to introduce legislation during the session to create the Georgia Commission on Transit Governance and Funding. The state commission would study whether Georgia should devote taxpayer dollars to improving mass transit and the needs for bus systems, commuter trains and freight trains statewide, ultimately delivering recommendations to lawmakers. The Republican Speaker also announced the creation of a new panel charged with studying transportation and ways to pay for it, including transit, before the start of the 2017 legislative session in early January.

ASCE-SPONSORED ENGINEERING IMAX FILM TO SHOW AT FERNBANK

Dream Big: Engineering our World, a movie produced in partnership with the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), premiered at the ASCE Annual Conference in October 2016 and is making its public release during Engineers Week 2017. The film, produced by the Academy Award-nominated Producers of *Everest* and *Living Sea*, is set to run at the IMAX Theater at Fernbank Science Center beginning in February.

ATLANTA BUSINESS OWNER AND STEM PROMOTER PRESENTED PORSCHE DRIVING FORCE AWARD

Stephanie Espy was awarded the 2016 Porsche Driving Force award on December 6, 2016 at the Center for Civil and Human Rights. Espy is the Founder of Math Strategies and Problem-solving (MathSP) and author of the book *STEM Gems*, which spotlights 44 innovative and inspiring women who work in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields. The awards ceremony was part of Women's Empowerment Day and highlighted women who apply their innovation in the fields of STEM.



GDOT AWARDS 18 CONTRACTS TOTALING MORE THAN \$44.5 MILLION

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) awarded 18 project contracts across the state in early December for transportation projects. Since the 2017 fiscal year began on July 1, GDOT has invested \$175.8 million in resurfacing interstate and state roads. The Department continues to focus on the preservation of existing infrastructure. Of the \$44.5 million awarded, 62 percent will go towards resurfacing and maintenance and 26 percent will address bridge conditions.

HNTB RELOCATES ATLANTA OPERATION

HNTB has moved to a new office space, now located in the heart of downtown's business district at 191 Peachtree Tower. Continued growth, both with the city's infrastructure needs and within the firm itself, demanded a larger location. "This location will better connect HNTB with our clients and the Atlanta business community," Jeff Parker, HNTB Atlanta Office Leader and Vice President said in a press release. 191 Peachtree Tower also houses the Metro Atlanta Chamber, who relocated in late 2016, and The Commerce Club.

POND SELECTED IN JOINT PROJECT FOR AIR FORCE ONE AIRPORT HANGAR

Pond, a full-service architecture, engineering, planning and construction firm based in Peachtree Corners, Ga., has been selected in a joint-venture with Frankfurt Short Bruza to design the new hangar planned to house the future aircraft intended for use by the President of the United States. The project will be the first new hangar to be designed in more than 30 years configured to accommodate the Air Force One aircraft and will be designed for Joint Base Andrews in Prince George's County, Md.

THREE GEORGIA EMPLOYEES ANNOUNCED AS ENR SOUTHEAST'S "TOP YOUNG PROFESSIONALS" FOR 2017

Annie Blissit, Water Resources Engineer-in-Training at Gresham, Smith and Partners, Angela Fannéy, Project Manager at Kimley-Horn and Tommy Linstroth, CEO of Green Badger, LLC, were all selected by *ENR Southeast* as part of the 2017 Top 20 Under 40. The 20 selected class members come from across the southeast region, which includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Puerto Rico. The emerging leaders represent "the 'Best-of-the-Best' in their construction and design careers by giving back to their industry and communities," according to *ENR Southeast*.



HUSSEY GAY BELL ANNOUNCES PROMINENT HONORS

Hussey Gay Bell recently announced two honors: CEO G. Holmes Bell, IV, P.E. has been named a 2017 Notable Georgian by Georgia Trend for the second year in a row. Bell is one of 50 named Notables in the state being recognized for their impact and influence across the state. Additionally, Principal and Vice President, Jennifer Oetgen, P.E., has been named to the Leadership Georgia Class of 2017, a training program designed for young business, civic and community leaders with the desire and potential to work together for a better Georgia. Oetgen is one of 63 selected participants.



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CDH PARTNERS hired Georgia Tech graduate, **Vince Lord**, as Electrical Engineer for the firm.

EBERLY & ASSOCIATES promoted **Jeremiah Phillips, P.E.**, an employee of the firm for 12 years, to Associate. The company also celebrated the 20-year work anniversary of **Mike Wright**, an Associate who is currently the Technical Operations Manager and Civil Engineering Project Manager for the K-12 education projects.

GRESHAM, SMITH AND PARTNERS (GS&P) welcomed **Kimberly Harden** to the firm's transportation market as Project Manager. GS&P also hired **Angela Atehortua** as Administrative Assistant, **Gabrielle Salazar** as Database Administrator and Project Management Assistant, and **Premiah Gwinn** and **Andrew Bryant** as Project Management Assistants.

HNTB CORPORATION announced the hire of **Leslie Wade** as Communications Director. Wade will serve as HNTB's contact with the Georgia Department of Transportation Office of Innovative Delivery and will support HNTB's work with Georgia Commute Options.



Richard Mielke

HUSSEY GAY BELL welcomed two new engineers to the team: Senior Transportation Engineer, **Richard Mielke, P.E.**, in Atlanta and Project Engineer, **Haydon Rollins**, in Savannah. Mielke has 20 years of experience in both the public and private sectors, specializing in road improvement projects, traffic signal designs, traffic impact studies, signal warrant studies and traffic calming projects. He holds a Master's degree and a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Georgia Tech and is a licensed P.E. in the State of Georgia. A native of Statesboro, Ga. Rollins is a graduate of Georgia Southern University and holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degree. Prior to his graduation, Rollins completed three internships with local civil engineering firms.



Haydon Rollins



Bert Brantley

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT welcomed a new Chief Operating Officer in January. Governor Nathan Deal announced the appointment of **Bert Brantley**, who has served as Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Driver Services since 2016, to one of the leading positions at the state's economic development

agency. Brantley is no stranger to state government: he served as Director of Communications and Press Secretary for Governor Sonny Perdue, as well in leadership and communication roles for the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA) and GDOT.

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT) announced the promotion of **Floyd Williams** to Acquisition Support Manager. Williams graduated from Georgia State University in 2003 and has been with GDOT in its Chamblee office since 2004. In this new role, he will manage the Funding and Certification Unit, Plans and Engineering Unit, Condemnation Preparation Unit and the ROW Accounting Unit.



Larry Gregory



Erick J. Fry

KCI TECHNOLOGIES INC., a multi-disciplined engineering firm with offices throughout the U.S., announced the promotion of Georgia Construction Engineering and Inspection Practice Leader, **Larry K. Gregory**, to Vice President. Additionally, the firm welcomed **Erick J. Fry, P.E.** as Transportation Practice Leader.

NEWCOMB & BOYD announced the promotions of two of its employees: **Adam Bare** to Partner and **Shane Lawlor** to Associate Partner. Bare has 20 years of experience in mechanical engineering design and project management on more than 150 projects, with an emphasis on healthcare and academic campuses. Lawlor has 13 years of mechanical engineering design and project management experience. Since joining the firm, he has held mechanical engineering responsibilities on more than 50 projects in the academic, healthcare, museum and laboratory spaces.



Steven Schultz

NOVA ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL hired **Steven Schultz** as Construction Materials Testing Business Unit Manager. Schultz has four years of materials testing, construction inspection, project management and operations management experience spanning a broad range of market sectors.



John O'Brien



Chad Boyea

PES STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS announced the promotion of several employees: **Chad Forester, P.E.** and **Erik Swerdlow, P.E.** were promoted to Senior Associates and new Owners of the firm, while **John O'Brien, P.E.** and **Chad Boyea, P.E.** have been promoted to Associates.

POND recently welcomed **Stephanie Hannum** as Communications Manager and **John Lathram** as Program Manager. Pond also promoted **Gary Arnold, Bill Carpenter, Todd Eldridge, Chris Patterson, Theron Stancil, Mark Susa** and **Dave Yensan** to Senior Associate; **Marcus Anderson, Jim Davis, Will Haynes, Ron Hipp, Jorge Mendez, Aimeé Miners, Sam Smith, Andrew Swift, Kenn Ussery** and **Kate Woods** to Associate; and **Bryan Evans, Mark Levine** and **Kevin Skinner** to Principal. In addition, **Roseana Richards, P.E.**, a Senior Vice President with the firm, has announced her retirement from Georgia's engineering industry.

ROSSER INTERNATIONAL, INC., headquartered in Atlanta, promoted three architects within the firm to Associates: **Amanda Hodgins, AIA; Steven Jackson, AIA;** and **Michael Kahn, AIA.** Additionally, the firm appointed three new Board members at its December Board of Directors meeting: **Floyd Keels**, Director of Engineering; **Larry Latimer**, Director of Systems Engineering; and **Mark Van Allen**, Vice President. **James E. Curry, IV** was also appointed to Director of Sports Architecture.



Janice Wittschiebe

STEVENS & WILKINSON Principal **Janice Wittschiebe** was appointed to the firm's Board of Directors in late 2016. Wittschiebe, the second woman to be appointed to the board since its inception in 1969, is an active member of the firm's management team, and a registered architect, interior designer and LEED-accredited professional, and is principal-in-charge of numerous Education, Corporate and Recreation

sector projects. Wittschiebe's new board role will involve contributing to leadership decisions regarding strategic planning, finances and personnel for both of the firm's offices.



Alyssa Davis

SUGARLOAF COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (CID), which was established in May 2016, hired its first-ever Executive Director: **Alyssa Davis.** Prior to accepting the role, she worked with the nearby Gwinnett Village CID as an urban planner for seven years.

TRANSYSTEMS CORPORATION announced the promotion of **Richard Markwith, Jr., P.E.** of the firm's Atlanta office to Principal. Markwith has held a number of leadership positions since first joining TranSystems in 2013.

VANDERWEIL ENGINEERS recently brought on **Scott Bull** as Senior Account Executive at its Atlanta office. With more than 20 years of experience in the industry, Bull has been involved in the design and construction of multiple projects throughout the United States.

VHB welcomed four new members to the company's growing team: **Fin Bonset** as Manager of Airport Planning; **Genesis Rios** as Stormwater Specialist; **Rachel Meiser** as Civil Designer and **Michael Wielenga** as Environmental Scientist.

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2017 ACEC GEORGIA PAC LEADERSHIP CIRCLE RECEPTION: John Heath of Heath & Lineback Engineers, Joe Macrina of Wolverton & Associates, Tommy Crochet of McGee Partners, Georgia Representative Ed Setzler and Charles Ezelle of Thomas & Hutton.



2017 ACEC GEORGIA PAC LEADERSHIP CIRCLE RECEPTION: Georgia House Representative Kevin Tanner with Jay Wolverton of Wolverton & Associates.



2017 ACEC GEORGIA PAC LEADERSHIP CIRCLE RECEPTION: Michael Planer of PES Structural Engineers, Georgia Senator Frank Ginn, Jim Willmer of Willmer Engineering, Darrell Rochester of Rochester & Associates and Rick Toole of W.R. Toole Engineers.



2016 BEST OF ITS AWARDS: Mark Demidovich (center), presents the 2016 Outstanding Public Member Agency Award to Alan Davis (left) and Matt Glasser (right) of the Georgia Department of Transportation Office of Traffic Operations.



2016 BEST OF ITS AWARDS: Mark Demidovich presents Mike Clance of Intelight, Inc. with the 2016 Outstanding Private Member Award.



2016 BEST OF ITS AWARDS: Winter Horbel of Temple, Inc., Tom Sever of Gwinnett County Department of Transportation and Bryan Mulligan of Applied Information accept the 2016 ITS Georgia Best of ITS Innovation Award.



GEORGIA ENGINEERING FOUNDATION AWARDS BANQUET: Volunteers Patricia Seibert and Carlen Remich aided in checking in all 45 scholarship recipients, family members and event guests.



2017 ACEC GEORGIA PAC LEADERSHIP CIRCLE RECEPTION: Georgia Representative Mandi Ballinger with ACEC Georgia President and CEO, Michael Sullivan.



GEORGIA SECTION ITE/ITS GEORGIA SOCIAL: Members of ITE Georgia and ITS Georgia came together in late 2016 to network and encourage camaraderie within the engineering community at a joint social event.



GEORGIA SECTION ITE NOVEMBER MEETING: ITE Georgia President Marco Friend, Angie Laurie of the Atlanta Downtown Improvement District/Central Atlanta Progress, ITE Georgia Past-President Sean Coleman, Meredith Emory of Kimley-Horn and Kyle Huffman of Jacobs.



2016 GEORGIA SECTION ITE AWARDS: Outstanding Young Member Award recipient, Kate D'Ambrosio, P.E. of the Georgia Department of Transportation, with Marsha Anderson Bomar of the Gwinnett Village Community Improvement District.



GEORGIA SECTION ITE OCTOBER MEETING: Sean Coleman of Kimley-Horn along with Faye DiMassimo of the City of Atlanta and Marco Friend of Jacobs.



GEORGIA ENGINEERING FOUNDATION AWARDS BANQUET: University of Georgia student, Ciara Chesser (right), with her parents, Shirley and Michael Chesser, prior to the program's start. Chesser received IEEE's Atlanta Section scholarship.



GEORGIA ENGINEERING FOUNDATION AWARDS BANQUET: GEF's outgoing President, Raymond Wilke with the City of Atlanta's Department of Watershed Management, along with Thong Nguyen, scholarship recipient Tu Nguyen, and Georgia Wilke of GeoRay, Inc.

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2016 GEORGIA TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT



GDOT Commissioner Russell McMurry delivers a special award to Daveitta Jenkins Knight with CH2M and Treasury Young with GDOT for their outstanding work as Co-Chairs of the GPTO Procurement subcommittee.



Rudolph Frampton with Marietta-based Heath & Lineback Engineers and Matt Bennett with Georgia Department of Transportation.



Scott Jordan with Southeastern Engineering and Tracy Rathbone with Town Center Community Improvement District at the 22nd annual Georgia Transportation Summit.



Presenting sponsor Vinay Uchil with Jacobs alongside Matthew McDow with Arcadis.



Kimberly Hudgins of HNTB and Kevin Perry of Georgia Beverage Association network during a break in the program.



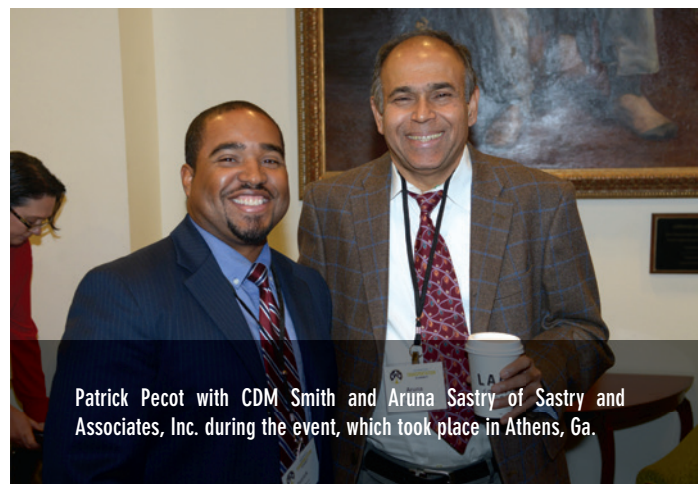
Shelley Lamar with JAT Consulting Services and Bobby Hilliard with Georgia Department of Transportation.



John Heath (center) of Heath & Lineback Engineers receives an award from ACEC Georgia President and CEO, Michael Sullivan (left) and GDOT Commissioner Russell McMurry (right), honoring him for his long-time service as a volunteer with the Georgia Partnership for Transportation Quality (GPTQ).



Beth Ann Schwartz of Michael Baker International and John Funny of Grice Consulting Group. Both Michael Baker International and Grice Consulting Group were among the sponsors for this year's event.



Patrick Pecot with CDM Smith and Aruna Sastry of Sastry and Associates, Inc. during the event, which took place in Athens, Ga.



Laura Boyette with Willmer Engineering networks at the company's exhibit booth during an afternoon break.

2017 EVENTS

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GEORGIA TECH "ALL MAJORS CAREER FAIR"

9:30a.m. – 4:00p.m.
McCamish Pavilion
965 Fowler Street, Atlanta, GA 30332

Registration is now open for the inaugural "All Majors Career Fair" at Georgia Tech. This event has replaced the former "Internship & Co-op" fair, and the Institute is expecting over 100 employers in attendance looking to recruit interns, full-time, and cooperative education jobs.

Learn more at www.career.gatech.edu/spring-all-majors-career-fair

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BUILDING GEORGIA LEGISLATIVE DAY

7:30a.m. – 11:00a.m.
James H. "Sloppy" Floyd Building
Floyd Room, 20th Floor, West Tower
200 Piedmont Avenue SE, Atlanta, GA 30334

Hosted by ACEC Georgia and the Associated General Contractors of Georgia, the event will feature Keynote Speaker Chris Carr, the newly appointed Georgia Attorney General. Following this breakfast program, head over to the State Capitol for a tour, legislative update and one-on-one meetings with legislators.

Cost: \$50 – ACEC Georgia Members; \$130 – Non-Members

Register at www.acecga.org

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SEAOG GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: BRICK SUPPORT, SHEAR DOWEL SYSTEMS, TENSION RODS

6:00p.m. – 7:45p.m.
Hudson Grille – Brookhaven
4046 Peachtree Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30319

The Structural Engineers Association of Georgia (SEAOG) will host its February General Membership Meeting, featuring a presentation by Glenn Gable of Halfen U.S.A, who will provide insight into engineered structural connections.

Cost: \$30 – SEAOG Members; \$40 – Non-Members;
\$20 – Full-time Students

Register at www.seaog.org

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2017 DAN R. BROWN ACI AWARDS

5:30p.m. – 7:15p.m.
Crowne Plaza Ravinia Hotel
4355 Ashford Dunwoody Road
Atlanta, GA 30346

The Dan R. Brown Awards Program is an opportunity for the Georgia Chapter of the American Concrete Institute (ACI) to recognize and encourage innovative design, construction, maintenance and repair of concrete structures. Join the Georgia Chapter of ACI for this event applauding the advances and achievements of Georgia industry professionals.

Cost: \$75 – Individual

Register at www.aci-ga.org

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2017 ASCE GEORGIA TOOTHPICK BRIDGE COMPETITION

1:00p.m.
Fernbank Science Center
156 Heaton Park Drive, Atlanta, GA 30307

Participants in the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Toothpick Bridge Competition build their bridges in advance to bring to this annual event where they are tested to failure to measure their load carrying ability. Entrants may build a bridge in either of two categories – the traditional Toothpick Category or the Open-Materials Category. Students also have an opportunity to tour the museum, as well as talk to practicing engineers about careers in engineering and educational opportunities.

Learn more at www.ascega.org/toothpick-bridge-event



2017 GWINNETT SCIENCE, ENGINEERING + INNOVATION FAIR

Infinite Energy Center
6400 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth, GA 30097

The Gwinnett County Regional Science, Engineering + Innovation Fair is an annual tradition that has been in place for nearly 40 years. This year's theme – "Ask WHY" – gives students an opportunity to explore their curiosities and encourages the next generation work force to continuously look for answers. Students who are awarded first place in their local school science fair are eligible to participate. Industry professionals are encouraged to participate in the event in a number of ways, including volunteering, judging and sponsoring.

Learn more at www.gwinnettsciencefair.com



2017 GEORGIA ENGINEERING AWARDS

6:00p.m.
Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre
2800 Cobb Galleria Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30339

Register today for this new black-tie event, which celebrates standard-setting project achievements and outstanding engineers in the industry! Brian Moote, Co-host of Q100's "The Bert Show" will act as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Winners of both the 2017 ACEC Georgia Engineering Excellence Awards and GSPE Engineer of the Year Awards will be honored during the evening's program.

Cost: \$125 – Individual; \$1,125 – Table (10 Tickets); \$85 – Government/Retired Engineer

Register at www.acecga.org



2017 ITE/ASHE TRANSPORTATION WINTER WORKSHOP

Columbus Convention and Trade Center
801 Front Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901



The Transportation Winter Workshop is a day-and-a-half-long event packed full of opportunities to gain technical knowledge and to network with other transportation professionals. The event, now in its seventh year, is hosted by ITE Georgia and ASHE Georgia.

Cost: \$195 – ITE/ASHE Members (Private Sector); \$135 – ITE/ASHE Members (Public Sector); \$230 – Non-Member

Register at www.gaite.org/winter-workshop



GEORGIA TSA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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Cost: \$85 – Student/Advisor; \$35 – Chaperone/Guest

Learn more at www.gatsa.org



ASCE GEORGIA CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

11:30a.m. Shotgun Start
TheGolf Club at Bradshaw Farms
3030 Bradshaw Club Drive
Woodstock, GA 30188

This annual golf tournament raises funds to help support the ASCE Georgia Nicaragua missions. ASCE Georgia's 2016 Charity Golf Tournament helped fund a team of ASCE Georgia members in designing and constructing a 90-foot pedestrian bridge that provides safe crossing for children and other villagers to their local school and church in Kansas City, Nicaragua. This year's fundraising dollars will go toward improving access to decontaminated drinking water. ASCE Georgia is looking to partner with Rotary as part of its Global Grant program to raise money to provide a solar-powered advanced filtration unit for the villages.

Learn more at www.ascega.org/golf-tournament



ACEC GEORGIA PAC GOLF TOURNAMENT

7:30a.m. – 2:30p.m.
Bear's Best Golf Club
5342 Aldenburgh Drive, Suwanee, GA 30024

Join ACEC Georgia for its second annual PAC Golf tournament, an event to raise money for the association's Political Action Committee (PAC). The day begins with a grab-and-go breakfast followed by a shotgun start and golfing alongside invited Georgia Representatives and Senators, as well as industry leaders from across the state. The day concludes with lunch, prizes and networking after the tournament.

Learn more at www.acecga.org