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WiFi Password: LexusClub

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2. Enter through the double doors into the HARBORCENTER
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WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2017 CUTC Annual Summer Meeting and to Buffalo, New York.

Buffalo will surprise you with its fascinating history, thriving art scene and recent renaissance of neighborhoods including the downtown area. You could spend days just touring the city’s many historic buildings, skyscrapers, churches and mansions. Once a prosperous city thanks to its strategic location on the Erie Canal, which made it a major transportation hub, Buffalo was able to afford prestigious architects of that era to create a model city to be followed by others. At the end of the 19th century, the Guaranty Building—constructed by Louis Sullivan—was a prominent example of an early high-rise skyscraper. The 20th century saw works such as the Art Deco-style Buffalo City Hall and Buffalo Central Terminal, Electric Tower, the Richardson Olmsted Complex, and the Rand Building. Five buildings in the area were built by Frank Lloyd Wright. Only Chicago has more Wright buildings than Buffalo! Overall, the city has 80 buildings that are registered in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Olmsted Park and Parkway System, with over 20 parks, is the hallmark of Buffalo’s many green spaces. Constructed in 1868 by Frederick Law Olmsted, who also designed Central Park and Prospect Park in New York, and his partner Calvert Vaux, the system was integrated into the city and marks the first attempt in America to lay out a coordinated system of public parks and parkways.

The city has been a pioneer in many other aspects as well. Thanks to its proximity to the powerful Niagara Falls, it was the first city to feature electric street lights in 1886. The Hotel Buffalo (originally known as the Statler Hotel) was the first hotel in the world to have a private bath in each room, and grain elevators were invented in Buffalo in 1842.

Thanks to the city’s location right at the confluence of the Buffalo River, the Niagara River and Lake Erie, Buffalo’s Erie Canal Harbor was an industrious port that bustled with people and goods from all over the world as part of the Erie Canal Corridor for much of the 19th century. The Erie Canal is recognized by the United States Congress as the most successful and influential human-built waterway and one of the most important works of civil engineering in North America.

Buffalo has a lot to offer in the way of arts, culture, and nightlife. Championship sports teams, famous art collections, and museum exhibits make it a place that is rich in culture. It has become a regional center for many different types of performing arts. The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra performs in the city regularly.
Transportation Informatics (TransINFO) University Transportation Center (UTC) leverages its partnership with top-tier transportation research universities to collaborate with government, industry, academia, and policy makers around the globe in search of transportation solutions by mining the wealth of big data available and employing a wide variety of methods, tools and models, including artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, statistics, and database systems.

TransINFO has funded research projects in five research domains:
- Transportation Operations
- Safety, Efficiency and Sustainability
- Public Transportation
- Performance Measurement
- Travel Behavior Modeling

TransINFO is a consortium of four member national universities, University at Buffalo (lead university), Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, George Mason University and the University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez, and one non-member research corporation, CUBRC, located in Buffalo, N.Y.

Headquartered at the University at Buffalo, TransINFO is led by Adel Sadek, Professor in the Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering, and includes faculty from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, in particular, Chunming Qiao, Lu Su, Wen Dong and Jing Gao. Other faculty within UB’s School of Engineering and Applied Sciences and the School of Management, as well as local transportation agencies, also participate as partners.

TransINFO is funded by the USDOT’s Office of the Assistant Secretary for Technology and Research (OST-R).
AGENDA

Monday, June 19

1:00 p.m.  Registration Opens (7th Floor Lobby)
            Marriott HarborCenter Hotel, 95 Main St., Buffalo

1:45 –
2:00 p.m.  Depart for University at Buffalo
            Marriott HarborCenter Hotel (Valet Area, Main Street)

2:30 –
5:00 p.m.  Technical Tours
            North Campus, University at Buffalo
            • Live Demo of Level 5 Autonomous Vehicles / Attendees will be able to ride in the AV
            • Tour of the Motion Simulation Laboratory (MSL)

6:00 –
8:00 p.m.  Welcome Reception
            Marriott HarborCenter Hotel, Pan-American Ballroom

       Welcoming Remarks
            • Liesl Folks, Dean, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, University at Buffalo
            • Adel Sadek, Director of Transportation Informatics Tier I University Transportation Center

Tuesday, June 20

All Meeting Sessions at the Lexus Club, Key Bank Arena
(1 Seymour H. Knox III Plaza, Buffalo)

7:30 a.m.  Registration and Continental Breakfast
            Lexus Club

8:30 –
9:00 a.m.  Host Welcome
            • Adel Sadek, Director of Transportation Informatics Tier I University Transportation Center
            • Charles F. Zukoski, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, University at Buffalo
            • Kathy Hochul, Lt. Governor of the State of New York
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2:45 - 3:45 p.m.  
TransINFO Research Poster Session

Presenters:
- Adel Sadek, University at Buffalo
- Shanjiang Zhu, George Mason University
- Ivette Cruzado University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez
- Kevin Majka, CUBRC

Posters:
- An Evaluation of Knowledge Discovery & Dissemination Tools for Big Data Transportation Research
  Kevin Majka, Eric Nagler, Alan Blatt, CUBRC
- Behavior-based Traveler Classification Using High-Resolution Connected Vehicles Trajectories and Land Use Data
  Yu Cui, Qing He, University at Buffalo
- Traffic Control at Freeway Work Zones Using Connected Vehicles Technology
  Salahelddeen Seliman, Qing He, Adel Sadek, University at Buffalo
- Development of iCAVE2: instrument for Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Evaluation and Experimentation
  Xin Liu, Chunming Qiao, University at Buffalo
- Impact of Bikeshare Pricing on Ridership and Revenue
  Shruthi Kaviti, Shanjiang Zhu, Mohan Venigalla, George Mason University
- Assessing Travel Behavior Responses to Washington Metro SafeTrack Project using Smartphone App Data
  Zhuo Yang, Shanjiang Zhu, George Mason University
  Lei Zhang, University of Maryland
- Improving Incident Response Strategies using Simulated Optimization Method
  Guanqi Liu, Shanjiang Zhu, George Mason University
TransINFO Research Poster Session, continued

- **CARS: Mobile Application for Vehicle Accident Report Submission**
  Jessica Cotrina, Manuel Rodriguez, Ivette Cruzado, University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez

- **Development of Transit Performance Measures using Big Data**
  Juan Martinez, Yindhira Taveras, Didier Valdes, Ivette Cruzado, University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez

- **Development of Collision Diagram for CARS Mobile Application**
  Alfredo Pomales, Manuel Rodriguez, Ivette Cruzado, University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez

- **VehSense: Slippery Road Detection Using Smartphones**
  Yunfei Hou, Abhishek Gupta, Lu Su, Chunming Qiao, Shaohan Hu, California State University, University at Buffalo, IBM Research

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**2:45 - 4:00 p.m. UTC Administrative Managers’ Session**
Marriott Hotel, Pan American Ballroom II
Moderator: Ines Aviles-Spadoni, Coordinator, Research Programs/Services, University of Florida

**Presenters:**

- **2:50 p.m.**
  - David Jared, Assistant State Engineer, Georgia DOT/Office of Research
  Topic: Ahead of the Curve: Transportation Research Manager’s Certification

- **3:00 p.m.**
  - Jacob Heiden, Research Support Coordinator, SAFER-SIM/University of Iowa
  Topic: Improving K-12 Activities through Innovative Collaborations

- **3:10 p.m.**
  - Victoria V. Deguzman, Associate Director, Administration, METRANS/University of Southern California
  Topic: Professional Development/Student Enrichment Programs

- **3:30 p.m.**
  - General Discussion Related to Various UTC Management Issues
Tuesday, June 20 - Continued

DINNER & TOUR TO NIAGARA FALLS (4:30 – 9:00 p.m.)

4:30 – 4:45 p.m. UB Buses Depart
Marriott HarborCenter Hotel

5:30 – Dinner at Top of the Falls Restaurant
8:30 p.m. Niagara Falls State Park

6:45 – Tour Option #1: Maid of the Mist boat ride
8:30 p.m.

6:45 – Tour Option #2: Niagara Falls Bridge Commission and
8:30 p.m. Operations Center

6:45 – Tour Option #3: Niagara Falls State Park
8:30 p.m.

8:30 – 9:00 p.m. UB Buses back to Marriott HarborCenter Hotel

Wednesday, June 21

All Meeting Sessions at the Lexus Club, Key Bank Arena
(1 Seymour H. Knox III Plaza, Buffalo)

7:30 – Registration and Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Lexus Club

8:30 – CUTC Welcome
9:00 a.m.
• Jill Hough, CUTC President, North Dakota State University

9:00 – CUTC/AASHTO RAC/State DOTs Coordination
10:00 a.m.
Moderator: Chandra Bhat, University of Texas at Austin

Panel Members:
• Gen Giuliano, METRANS Transportation Center Director
• Jim Appleton, Division Chief, Caltrans
• Michael Hunter, Associate Professor, Georgia Tech
• David Jared, Assistant State Engineer, Georgia DOT/Office of Research
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| 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. | **Data Analytics in Transportation**  
Moderator: Lily Elefteriadou, University of Florida  
Presenters:  
• Catherine Lawson, University at Albany  
  Topic: “Research “On Tap”: The Role of Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) in Web-based Transportation Data Analytics”  
• Natalia Ruiz Juri, University of Texas, Austin  
  Topic: “A Framework to Support Data-centric Transportation Research: The Data Rodeo Concept” |
| 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Lunch  
Lexus Club |
| 1:00 - 2:15 p.m. | **Panel on UTC Operations**  
Moderator: Lily Elefteriadou, University of Florida  
Panel Members:  
• Atorod Azizinamini, Professor and Chair, Florida International University  
• Jennifer Dill, Professor, Portland State University  
• Denver Tolliver, Director, UGPTI, North Dakota State University |
| 2:15 - 4:00 p.m. | **CUTC Business Meeting**  
Lexus Club |
| 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. | **RETRC Meeting (Members only)**  
Lexus Club |
| 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. | **CUTC Executive Committee and Dinner**  
Marriott HarborCenter Hotel (Olmsted Boardroom) |
Take a Glimpse into the Autonomous Future

Autonomous Vehicle Live Demonstration / UB’s Motion Simulation Laboratory (MSL) Tour

Experience automated vehicle technology in person and see potential transportation applications that could save lives.

June 19th at 2:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Tour #1: Autonomous Vehicle Live Demonstration – Center for Tomorrow, North Campus, University at Buffalo (UB)

Live demo of Carnegie Mellon University’s Autonomous Vehicle (AV) on UB’s campus service roads. Participants will be able to observe and ride in the AV.

The Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) team, led by Dr. Raj Rajkumar, is one of the partners on a large NSF-funded project led by UB researchers. The CMU team outfitted a Cadillac SRX with an array of sensors that allow it to manage highway traffic, congested roadways, and even merging on and off ramps. It can autonomously perform driving functions like steering, acceleration, and braking. Using the radar system, this vehicle also senses and avoids roadway hindrances, like pedestrians and cyclists.

The NSF-funded project, called Instrument for Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Evaluation and Experimentation (iCAVE2), develops a first-of-its-kind 5-in-1 integrated, augmented-reality simulator. It has unprecedented fidelity, capability, flexibilities and scalabilities not offered by any existing simulators and road tests, and is an ideal platform to bring together communities from academia, industry and government agencies to collaborate on the testing, validation and certification of both connected and autonomous vehicle technologies. For more information on the iCAVE2 project, including other partners, please visit icave2.cse.buffalo.edu.
The simRING is a full 6-degree-of-freedom motion-based driving simulator that features the front end of a car mounted on a moving platform that emulates the real-life motions of a car as it reacts to turns, changes in elevation, and other road conditions. simRING features a 360-degree, 16-foot diameter, 6’ high screen that fully surrounds the simulator vehicle, which provides the driver with a full-fidelity depiction of surrounding traffic, landmarks, and roadway conditions. The system also features high-fidelity on-board controls to navigate the simulator, as well as a stereo sound system that emulates noises heard inside and outside the vehicle during a driving excursion.

The state-of-the-art laboratory, the MSL is a School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS) shared research facility located on the North Campus of the University at Buffalo. The 800 square foot facility is implemented primarily for the custom design and development of ground vehicle simulations for applications in clinical research, education and training as well as next-generation transportation and human factors studies. Recent areas of focus include: standardization of simulators in teen driver safety, fidelity requirements in simulation system specification, multi-participant civilian driving simulators, and serious gaming and Edutainment in simulation-based training. For more information on the simulator, visit: https://www.buffalo.edu/shared-facilities-equip.
Niagara Falls is the collective name for three waterfalls—the Horseshoe Falls, the Bridal Veil Falls and the American Falls—that overlap the international borders of Canada and the United States. About 600,000 gallons of water travel down Niagara Falls every second. The water falls at 32 feet per second over the Falls, hitting the base of the Falls with 280 tons of force at the American and Bridal Veil Falls and 2,509 tons of force at the Horseshoe Falls.

Niagara Falls is capable of producing over 4 million kilowatts of electricity, which is shared by the United States and Canada. In November 1896, electrical power was transmitted from the Adams Power Plant in Niagara Falls, New York, to Buffalo, New York. This was the first time in the world that alternating current was transmitted over a long distance.

The first person to see and describe Niagara Falls in depth was Father Louis Hennepin, a French priest who accompanied LaSalle on his expedition to the Niagara region in 1678.

Tuesday, June 20, 2017 | 4:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Dinner at the Top of the Falls Restaurant / Niagara Falls State Park
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

As the only restaurant overlooking Niagara Falls, Top of the Falls Restaurant offers visitors to Niagara Falls State Park a one-of-a-kind dining experience accompanied by spectacular waterfall views. The venue, located on Goat Island, overlooks Terrapin Point, and panoramic views of Horseshoe Falls through floor-to-ceiling windows and outdoor dining decks.

Niagara Falls State Park
Situated along the U.S./Canadian border, Niagara Falls State Park is the oldest state park in the U.S. Established in 1885 as the Niagara Reservation, it was the first of several such reservations that eventually became the cornerstones to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The park stretches over 400 acres, with close to 140 acres of that under water. Frederick Law Olmsted, was a visionary for Niagara Falls State Park. He also designed Central Park in New York City.
ADDITIONAL TOUR OPTIONS

Instead of the Niagara Falls State Park, guests may choose one of the two following options:

**Maid of the Mist: America’s most amazing boat ride!**
6:45 – 8:30 p.m.
See the raging currents! Hear the deafening thunder! And feel the refreshing mist of 600,000 gallons of water falling before your eyes every second! Experience it all aboard the legendary Maid of the Mist.

It’s the one and only tour boat fleet whose captains have safely navigated the mighty waters of the Niagara Gorge for over 100 years, taking tens of millions of visitors directly into the center of the swirling mist.

The first Maid of the Mist, a side-wheel steamboat ferry with twin smokestacks, commands the mighty Niagara. Christened in 1846, it was large enough to carry a stagecoach and horses. In 1848, construction of a suspension bridge curtailed business and the Maid of the Mist was re-branded as a sightseeing adventure that still operates to this day.

**Niagara Falls Bridge Commission and Operations Center Tour**
6:45 – 8:30 p.m.

Approximately 3 million cars and 400,000 trucks pass over the Rainbow, Lewiston and Whirlpool Bridges per year. These three bridges are operated and maintained by the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission. As a major border crossing, Customs and Immigration functions are required on both sides of these bridges. Over the years, numerous Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) have been implemented by the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission. Join us for a presentation detailing ITS deployments including use of predictive analytics for wait time estimation leveraging Bluetooth/wireless data and video analytics to provide automatic alerts on objects/direction of objects for safety and incidence management and a tour of the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission Operations Center.

*CUTC guests need to sign up for this tour on or before Tues., June 20 at 1 p.m.*
Atorod Azizinamini, P.E., is Vasant Mistry Professor of Civil Engineering, Director, Accelerated Bridge Construction University Transportation Center and Chairperson Professor and Chair, Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, Florida International University

Jim Appleton began his career with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) as an entry level Land Surveyor in 1989. In his nearly 30 years with Caltrans, he has had a wide range of management assignments, culminating in his concurrent roles as the Division Chief for Research, Innovation, and System Information; and as Caltrans’ first Geospatial Information Officer. Appleton is a certified Project Management Professional, certified Photogrammist, and a licensed Land Surveyor. He is a member of the Advisory Council for the Geomatics Engineering Program at California State University Fresno; the TRB Conduct of Research Committee; the AASHTO Research Advisory Committee (RAC 4); and he is the California TRB State Representative.

Ines Aviles-Spadoni is the research program manager for the Southeastern Transportation Research, Innovation, Development, and Education Center (STRIDE), housed at the University of Florida Transportation Institute (UFTI). STRIDE is the USDOT 2012 and 2016 regional (Southeast) University Transportation Center (UTC). She has also served as the research program manager from 2007 to 2013 for the Center for Multimodal Solutions for Congestion Mitigation (CMS) – a grant-funded Tier-1 UTC at the University of Florida. Ms. Aviles-Spadoni was also instrumental in establishing the first WTS (Advancing Women in Transportation) student chapter at the University of Florida in 2010 and currently serves as its advisor. She also serves as the co-chair of ABG10(1), which is the TRB Joint Subcommittee on “Ahead of the Curve: Mastering the Management of Transportation Research”. Ms. Aviles-Spadoni holds a master’s degree from Michigan State University and a bachelor’s degree from the Inter American University of Puerto Rico. She has worked at the University of Florida since 1999 and has been involved with the transportation industry for almost a decade.

Atorod Azizinamini, P.E., is Vasant Mistry Professor of Civil Engineering, Director, Accelerated Bridge Construction University Transportation Center and Chairperson Professor and Chair, Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, Florida International University
Chandra R. Bhat is the Director of the Center for Transportation Research (CTR) and the Adnan Abou-Ayyash Centennial Professor in Transportation Engineering at The University of Texas at Austin, where he has a joint appointment between the Department of Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering (CAEE) and the Department of Economics. Bhat is a world-renowned expert in the area of transportation and urban policy design, with far reaching implications for public health, energy dependence, greenhouse gas emissions, and societal quality of life. Methodologically, he has been a pioneer in the formulation and use of statistical and econometric methods to analyze human choice behavior. His current research includes the social and environmental aspects of transportation, planning implications of connected and automated smart transportation systems (CASTS), and data science and predictive analytics.

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Director, Center for Transportation Research; University Distinguished Teaching Professor; Adnan Abou-Ayyash Centennial Professor in Transportation Engineering; Department of Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering, The University of Texas at Austin

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Ivette Cruzado
Associate Professor, Civil Engineering and Surveying Department, University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez

Ivette Cruzado is an associate professor in the Civil Engineering and Surveying Department of the University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez (UPRM). She has a PhD in civil engineering from Penn State University, a Master of Science in civil engineering from Michigan State University and a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from UPRM. Dr. Cruzado serves as a member of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Geometric Design Committee (AFB10) and as the advisor of the UPRM student chapter of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE).

Alasdair Cain
Director of Research, Development and Technology Coordination, USDOT

Alasdair Cain is the Director of Research, Development and Technology Coordination in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST-R) at the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Mr. Cain’s primary role is ensuring that the Department’s research portfolio, worth over $1B per year, is effectively coordinated across the nine DOT Operating Administrations that fund research. Mr. Cain also works to ensure that the Department’s research activities are coordinated with other Federal agencies and the transportation research community, both within the U.S. and abroad. Mr. Cain’s background is in transportation research. Prior to joining DOT, he spent his career working for academic institutions in the U.S. and the United Kingdom. He specialized in international research collaboration, public transportation research and system evaluation, bus rapid transit, traffic congestion mitigation, and market research/public consultation. A native of Scotland, Mr. Cain holds a Bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from the University of Glasgow and a Master’s degree in transportation engineering from the University of South Florida.

Janet Daly
Indexing Manager, Transportation Research Board

Janet Daly is the Indexing Manager at the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. Janet provides training for indexers and manages quality control for the Transportation Research Information Services databases, including TRID and RIP. In addition, she is the administrator of TRB’s Transportation Research Thesaurus. She has indexed material for the TRIS databases for over 15 years. Before joining TRB, Janet worked as a reference librarian and database indexer for several association, research, and government libraries. Janet holds a bachelor’s degree from the College of William and Mary and a master’s degree in library science from the University of Maryland.
Victoria Deguzman

Associate Director, Administration for METRANS Transportation Center

Victoria Deguzman is the Associate Director, Administration for METRANS Transportation Center, where she leads the administration and student programing of both the umbrella organization and its grant-based centers, including the Pacific Southwest Region 9 UTC. While at METRANS, Victoria has created, developed, launched, and managed numerous successful student enrichment programs including a professional mentor program; a weekly transportation news, events, opportunities, and employment newsletter for students; an employment database and referral program; industry engagement opportunities; a professional writing program; and student employment and supervisory positions within the Center. Victoria holds a Doctorate in policy, planning, and development; a Masters in real estate development; and a Bachelors in communications from USC.

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