

ITS Berkeley Director's Letter

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Faculty and staff from ITS Berkeley and its Centers review the ITS Berkeley Strategic Plan at an All Hands Meeting Dec. 4, 2018.

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As we near the end of 2018, we have so much to celebrate at ITS! Thank you all for your hard work this year, and I look forward to celebrating with you all Friday, Dec. 14, 2018 at noon at the International House for our Holiday Celebration and as we recognize our outstanding students, researchers and partners at the Awards Ceremony.

ITS faculty, staff and students have won several honors and awards throughout the year, most recently though I'd also like to congratulate our [eight graduate students](#) who were awarded opportunities in the Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program: Abigail Cochran, Xiao Yun "Jayne" Chang, Ryan Laws, Stephen Wong, Jeremy Halpern, Fangyu Wu, Jessica Lazarus, and Eugene Vinitsky. I am so impressed with the participation this year and the broad topics of research that will be represented through ITS Berkeley!

And congratulations to recent alum Cathy Wu for receiving the Council of University Transportation Center's (CUTC) [Milton Pikarsky Memorial Award](#). It is such an honor for her pioneering work and dedication to be recognized as the best Doctoral dissertation in the field of science and technology in transportation studies this year.

I would also like to thank all of you who attended and participated in our Strategic Plan rollout Dec. 3. We enjoyed a good discussion on the plan, which gave us all a lot to think about. I am excited to see where we are headed as an Institute, and we have a good framework set in place that will help us get there. We are highlighting our focus on creating leaders and leading-edge innovations in data science, artificial intelligence, the sharing economy, sustainability, economic health, and social good. I understand that priorities and goals will shift over the years, but this strategic plan gives us tangible actions that will set our course — as well as some moonshot goals that we will figure out how to achieve together as we set our goals in motion. It was also a nice opportunity to gather with colleagues from the different centers, and we hope to plan more opportunities to bring us all together and foster more collaboration!

Another recent opportunity for collaboration was the [UC Institute of Transportation Studies](#) kick-off event for a new research initiative focused on innovative mobility on Nov. 30. The day-long, interactive forum brought over 75 UC scholars together to identify research priorities for the state and connect researchers across campuses and disciplines in the pursuit of innovative mobility.

The event exceeded expectations, with participation from the four ITS centers, Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, and UCLA, and a strong turnout from UC campuses at Merced, Riverside, San Diego, and Santa Cruz. For those that were able to attend from UC Berkeley, thank you for spending the day with us and sharing your unique perspective. And for those that were unable to join us, I invite you to share your "innovative mobility" research ideas with UC ITS [via this online form](#), by Dec. 21, 2018 in preparation of a draft proposal the UC ITS is preparing for the State of California. I also invite you to sign up [\(via this form\)](#) to receive updates on the UC Innovative Mobility Initiative and ways to get involved.

Thank you again for all your hard work this year, it really has made an impact on ITS Berkeley! I hope you enjoy some time off between the semesters, and until next year and TRB!

Go Bears,

Alexandre Bayen
Director of Institute of Transportation Studies
Liao-Cho Professor of Engineering

EVENTS

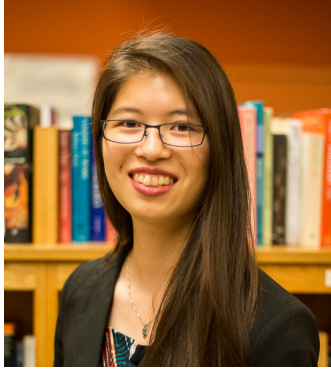
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December 14, 2018 noon-12:00 p.m.
ITS Holiday Lunch and Awards Ceremony
International House
ITS Faculty, staff and researchers gather for an end of the year celebration and award ceremony.

January 13, 2019 5:30-7:30 p.m.
ITS Berkeley TRB Reception
Washington DC
You are cordially invited to our 2019 Reception held in conjunction with the 98th Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board on Sunday, Jan. 13, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Marriott Marquis; Liberty - Salon L/M; Meeting Level 4 901 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington DC

February 25-27, 2019
2019 California Transportation Planning Conference: Partnering for Sustainable Transportation: Navigating California's Changing Landscape
San Diego
Caltrans, in partnership with the Institute of Transportation Studies (ITS) at University of California, Berkeley present this [three-day](#) conference to provide attendees the opportunity to interact with transportation practitioners and decision-makers, exchange ideas and learn about emerging trends, opportunities and advancements in transportation planning from national, state, and local experts.

NEWS



[Wu Receives Pikarsky Award](#)



[ITS Berkeley Earns 8 Eisenhower Fellowships](#)



[Lipman Weber Co-Edit 'Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Production'](#)



[Gonzalez Co-Authors PNAS Paper](#)





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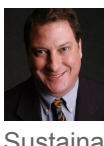



[Airport Design Class Final Presentations](#)


HEADLINES

 Susan Shaheen, co-director of the Transportation Sustainability Research Center is featured in [Scooters could improve mobility in low-income areas, but they have an image problem](#) at Marketplace.

 ITS Director Alexandre Bayen talks about [Can Anything Be Done About Bay Area Traffic?](#) to ABC 7 News.

 Timothy Lipman, co-director of the Transportation Sustainability Research Center talks about [Why Are We Still Waiting for Electric Buses?](#) at Streetsblog.

 Doctoral student Eugene Vinitsky talks about [Watch just a few self-driving cars stop traffic jams](#) to Science Magazine.

 ITS Director Alexandre Bayen talks about [Bay Area transportation experts say area may make traffic worse](#) to ABC 7 News.

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