

ITS Berkeley Director's Letter

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Congratulations to our Eno Fellows Jeremy Halpern, Jessica Lazarus, and Emma Lucken. They will join with 20 of the nation's top graduate students in transportation to receive a first-hand look at how national transportation policies are developed.



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As we enter the middle of the semester, and reflect on where we've been and where we are going, I know many of you are looking forward to Spring Break next week. I'd also like to mention that this is [Staff Appreciation Week](#), so please take a moment to thank a staff member or participate in the several events that are going on this week in campus. I would also like to thank all of you for the nominations you sent in for the ITS Morale Committee. We have collected a nice group of staff, and I am looking forward to supporting this committee and their important work to bring our diverse and spread out group of employees in all our centers together to celebrate what makes us so great!

In addition to our excellent staff, our students are also making an impact. I am pleased to announce we have three students chosen to attend the [Eno Future Leaders Development Conference](#) in Washington, DC, June 2 – 6, 2019. CEE Doctoral students Emma Lucken and Jessica Lazarus and concurrent MCPIMS student Jeremy Halpern will join with 20 of the nation's top graduate students in transportation to receive a first-hand look at how national transportation policies are developed. What makes this group so special is the university is limited to two nominations, however Emma Lucken earned the Maggie Walsh, WTS International Board Chair Scholarship!

As we celebrate our achievements, I am also excited to announce we are getting a new look! We are rolling out a new ITS Berkeley and ITS Library logo that not only look good, but brings us into the Berkeley brand and builds ITS identity at the same time! We will be working with Centers this Spring to bring all our logos into the Berkeley brand, which will also allow for the ITS spell-out under each research center name to give us a more cohesive identity and still allow for Center identity. This will help facilitate our move to Open Berkeley for the ITS Berkeley website, which will be easier to navigate, identify we are a part of Berkeley, and give us an interconnected look. [Tech Transfer](#), [PATH](#), [TSRC](#), and [SafeTREC](#) have already made the switch and are enjoying the Open Berkeley experience. In the meantime, if you would like a copy of the new logo, please download it from this link: <https://berkeley-box.com/sca/25m52v/0jck78yc2xxo0dhp/awd/>.

As we move forward with a new look, I also want to talk about the end of contract negotiations with Elsevier. UC decided to walk away from contract negotiations and end its subscription agreement over UC wanting to retain open access to a majority of its publications. As ITS Library Director Kendra Levine informed us earlier this month, UC still has access to most articles published before 2019 on ScienceDirect. At some point Elsevier may begin to turn off our access to articles with a 2019 publish date and the backfiles of some journals. If you want an article we no longer have access to, you can look for an open access copy (usually easily found via Google Scholar), request a copy from the author by email (or use the hashtag #canisazoff on Twitter), or you can get it from the library. If you email Kendra [klevine@berkeley.edu](mailto:klevine@berkeley.edu) with the citation you need, she will likely be able to get it for you fairly quickly. It is important to note that this is not a boycott of Elsevier, and UC is not asking you to withhold your labor, they just stopped negotiating a new system-wide subscription. The UC community is free to submit, review, and edit for Elsevier journals as they see fit.

On a much more positive note, I am excited for the upcoming [Civil and Environmental Engineering Open House on Critical Issues in Transportation](#) from 2:00-5:00 p.m. on the Banatao Auditorium (310 Sutardja Dai Hall) April 5 for all accepted Transportation Engineering graduate students. I hope you will take the time to meet these potential students as they come to campus to learn more about our program and campus. After a morning of informational sessions, we, along with UCONNECT, TSRC, CITRIS and TRANSOC, are hosting a panel on [What's Driving the Research Agenda of the 21st Century?](#) with moderator Susan Shaheen, TSRC Co-Director and professor, and panelists Neil Pedersen, Executive Director of the Transportation Research Board, alum Therese McMillan, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and alum YuYu Zhang, associate professor at University of South Florida. This panel will be followed by a reception from 3:15- 4:00 p.m. in the Banatao Atrium and our Transportation Seminar at 4:00 p.m. in the Banatao Auditorium, featuring Rutgers University-Camden's Associate Provost Benedetto Piccoli, who will present [Lagrangian and Sparse Control for Multi-agents Dynamics and Traffic](#).

I look forward to seeing many of you at the open house! Go Bears.

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

## EVENTS

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**March 22, 2019 - 4:00 pm**  
[Balancing Bidders and Drivers in Real-time around the World at Uber](#)

Eric Mai, Former Uber Engineer, will present Balancing Riders and Drivers in Real-time around the World at Uber, at the ITS Transportation Seminar March 22 at 4 p.m. in 290 Hearst Memorial Mining Building. Join us for beverages and cookies at 3:30 p.m.

**April 5, 2019 - 2:00 pm**  
[Panel: What's Driving the Research Agenda of the 21st Century?](#)

ITS Berkeley, UCONNECT, TSRC, CITRIS and TRANSOC, are hosting a panel on What's Driving the Research Agenda of the 21st Century? with moderator Susan Shaheen, TSRC Co-Director and professor, and panelists Neil Pedersen, Executive Director of the Transportation Research Board, alum Therese McMillan, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and alum YuYu Zhang, associate professor at University of South Florida in the Banatao Auditorium. This panel will be followed by a reception from 3:15- 4:00 p.m. in the Banatao Atrium.

**April 5, 2019 - 4:00 pm**  
[Lagrangian and Sparse Control for Multi-agents Dynamics and Traffic](#)

Benedetto Piccoli, of Rutgers University - Camden, will present Lagrangian and Sparse Control for Multi-agents Dynamics and Traffic at the ITS Berkeley Transportation Seminar April 5 at 4 p.m. in Banatao Auditorium, 310 Sutardja Dai Hall.

**April 12, 2019 - 4:00 pm**  
[Transforming Transportation: The AV Opportunity](#)

Mark Rosekind, of Zoox, will present Transforming Transportation: The AV Opportunity at the ITS Transportation Seminar on April 12, 2019 in 290 Hearst Memorial Mining Building at 4 p.m. Join us for beverages and cookies at 3:30 p.m.

**April 19, 2019 - 4:00 pm**  
[Open Traffic Models: A Platform for Large-scale Hybrid Traffic Simulation](#)

Gabriel Comes, of UC Berkeley PATH, will present Open Traffic Models: A Platform for Large-scale Hybrid Traffic Simulation at the ITS Seminar April 19, 2019 at 4 p.m. in 290 Hearst Memorial Mining Building. Join us for beverages and cookies at 3:30 p.m.

**April 26, 2019 - 4:00 pm**  
[Is That Hoverboard Whizzing By Supposed to be on the Sidewalk? Regulating All Types of Personal Transportation Devices to Balance Transportation and Safety Concerns](#)

Asha Weinstein Agrawal, of San Jose State University, will present Is That Hoverboard Whizzing By Supposed to be on the Sidewalk? Regulating All Types of Personal Transportation Devices to Balance Transportation and Safety Concerns at the ITS Transportation Seminar April 26, 2019 at 4 p.m. in 290 Hearst Memorial Mining Building. Join us for beverages and cookies at 3:30 p.m.

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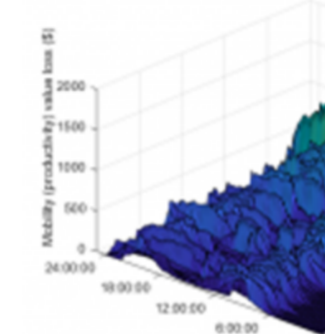
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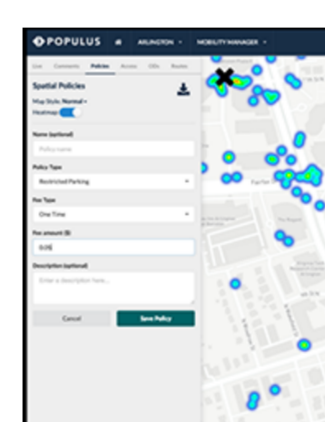
[Mobility: A Game Changer for Analyzing Traffic Congestion](#)



[Moura Receives NSF Career Award](#)



[Alumna Schewel Talks Transportation Analytics in ITS International](#)



[Shared Mobility Data Platform Secures Further Funding](#)

## HEADLINES

Susan Shaheen, co-director of the Transportation Research Center talks about [Now you can get all your Amazon Prime packages delivered on the same day](#) in USA Today.

PATH's Steven Shladover is featured in [Experts from around the world call for standardization of advanced self-driving](#) in the The Korea Herald.

ITS Director Alexandre Bayen is quoted in [MapLab: Invisible Trespassers](#) at City Lab.

TSRC's Mark Delucchi talks about [The Green New Deal: The Good, the Bad, and the Eco-Friendly](#) at California Magazine.

ITS graduate student Steven Wong and [Researcher s from UC Berkeley asking for Car-Free evacuation stories for new study](#) at KRCCR News.

TSRC's Susan Shaheen talks about [Electric scooters battle to prove 'green' worth](#) to the Financial Times.



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