

ITS Berkeley Director's Letter

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

With the end of the spring semester at hand, I would like to contemplate all the milestones we have collectively achieved this academic year. It is so exciting to see all of the successes we have accomplished together, including [Berkeley Best Drive](#) (BBD), the launch of the SMART Mobility team of LBNL-ITS, many successful grants, numerous awards, our first College of Engineering organized transportation retreat, and prestigious events organized at Berkeley (ZEV symposium, SMART Mobility day at LBNL, and many others). The 2015-2016 academic year was definitely a year of tremendous acceleration at ITS, in which numerous and exciting projects took off. Our Friday seminar attracted large crowds throughout the year, and included engaging and exciting speakers, and many of our faculty made it on TV, radio and in the popular media. We are definitely climbing to higher flight altitudes together, and we will keep steering ITS this way.

This month, I am particularly excited to recognize many individuals who have contributed to this rise (and to the rise of ITS throughout the decades). Next week, we will hold our [ITS Awards ceremony](#) to acknowledge several of those contributors from the last months, years and decades. I look forward to seeing all of you at the ceremony on May 11, at 4 p.m. in the Banatao Auditorium, to collectively acknowledge our ITS heroes. You will see in the list below that they span from undergraduate, master and PhD students, research and management staff to faculty and emeriti faculty to civil servants in our ecosystem who have worked collaboratively with ITS. Our ecosystem is wonderful, and our community is growing through the seminar series, social events, symposia, larger and larger research projects, and new faces who joined us in recent years. I am very excited to honor these individuals who have helped our Institute continue achieving academic excellence, and who have continuously pushed the boundary of ITS further and further. I hope you will all join me in celebrating the awardees later on next week.

Recognizing Professor [Carl Monismith](#)
Distinguished Legacy Award: John T. West
Faculty of the Year Award: [Adib Kanafani](#)
Distinguished Award for Advancement of Research and Innovation: [Randell H. Iwasaki](#)
Gordon F. Newell Award for Excellence in Transportation Science: [Lewis Lehe](#)
Team Leadership Award: [Anand Gopal](#)
Culture of Excellence Award: [Francois Dion](#)
Culture of Excellence Award: [Kun Zhou](#)
Distinguished Service Award: [Michelle Baner Moskowitz](#)
Service to Community Award: [Jill Cooper](#)
Graduate Student Service Award: Nathalie Saade
Graduate Student Initiative Award: Madeleine Sheehan
Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award: Siyu Chen
Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award: [Jessica Lazarus](#)
[Seminar Organizer Heroes](#): Lei Kang, Lewis Lehe, Feras El Zarwi, Teddy Forscher

In the ceremony, I am particularly excited that ITS will recognize [Carl Monismith's](#) extraordinary contributions to transportation research and service to the University of California, Berkeley, from 1951 to 2016.

I also look forward to seeing all of you at commencement ceremonies to celebrate our graduates later this month. As we are embarking on the summer and some of our academic responsibilities slow down, I look forward to accelerating our research activities in a time of the year that is usually the most productive.

Go Bears!
Alexandre Bayen
Professor and Director of ITS Berkeley

News



ITS, LBNL Talk Big Ideas at Summit

ITS and LBNL increased their national footprint in April when several delegates attended the Department of Energy's (DOE) Big Ideas Summit April 21-22, 2016 in Washington, DC to discuss important future problems in the field of energy. [Read more.](#)



Shaheen Featured in Time's Genius Series

Transportation Sustainability Research Center Co-Director Susan Shaheen is featured in Time Magazine's American Genius series in an article focusing on how carpooling research could shape the commute of the future. [Read more.](#)



Save the Date: ITS Awards

ITS is launching a new way to thank people who go above and beyond for ITS and its Centers! ITS will hold its first awards ceremony Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 4-5 p.m. in Banatao Auditorium, third floor Sutardja Dai Hall, reception to follow, Kvanme Atrium. [Read more.](#)



Grembek Appointment to TRB Committee

Safe Transportation Research and Education Center Co-director Offer Grembek has been appointed to a three-year term on the Transportation Research Board's (TRB) Standing Committee on Transportation Safety Management. [Read more.](#)

Headlines



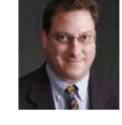
Transportation Sustainability Research Center Co-Director Susan Shaheen talks to the [Globe and Mail](#) about the speed bumps on the road to the self-driving car future.



PATH's Steven Shaldiver talks how truck platooning can save fuel, improve safety and decongest traffic with [KTVU](#).



Transportation Sustainability Research Center's Susan Shaheen talks to the [Wall Street Journal](#) about How the Daily Commute is Going to Change.



AltCar Expo at Oakland City Hall on May 20-21 viewed with Transportation Sustainability Research Center's Tim Lipman in the [East Bay Express](#).

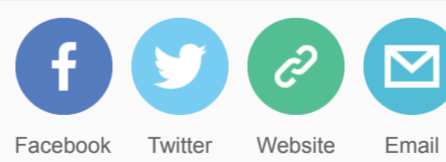


Transportation Sustainability Research Center's Susan Shaheen talks to [Huffington Post](#) as driverless cars hit streets, states weigh new rules at [Huffington Post](#).

Events

ITS Berkeley features a weekly [Friday Transportation Seminar Series](#) with leading researchers and practitioners in the transportation field.

- UC Berkeley's Frank Proulx will present "[Leveraging Bicycle Demand Data for Risk Evaluation](#)" on May 6 at 4 p.m. in 240 Bechtel for the Transportation Seminar. Join us for beverages and cookies at 3:30 p.m.
- ITS will hold its first [awards ceremony](#) Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 4-5 p.m. in Banatao Auditorium, third floor Sutardja Dai Hall, reception to follow, Kvanme Atrium.
- UC Berkeley's Han Cheng will present "[Hierarchical Urban Transit System Design for Optimizing Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Costs](#)" and UC Berkeley's Allan Ogwang will present "[Optimal Cracking-Threshold Resurfacing Policies in Asphalt Pavement Management to Minimize Costs and Emissions](#)" for the Transportation Seminar on May 13 at 3 p.m. in 290 Hearst Memorial Mining Building. The TE Graduation Reception will follow at 5:30 p.m.
- Join us for the [Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Student Symposium](#) May 17, 2016 1 – 5 pm David Brower Center, Berkeley.



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