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May 2012 - Week 2

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Calendar

MAY 9, Wed – Faculty Meeting, 311 Kearney Hall, 3-4pm.

Seminars

MAY 7, Mon - "Enhancing Soil Performance using Man-made and Natural Reinforcement," presented by Ben Leshchinsky, faculty candidate for the Geotechnical Engineering position in Forest Engineering and Resource Management, College of Forestry. 313 Richardson Hall, 3:30; reception follows at 4:30.


In the News

Congratulations to Prof. Solomon Yim named as the inaugural Glenn Willis Holcomb Professor in Structural Engineering. This Professorship was made possible by Col. Roy Edgerton, a 1948 alumnus of civil engineering at Oregon State College, and his wife Shirley. Col. Edgerton wanted to recognize one of his professors, Glenn Holcomb, and named the professorship to acknowledge Prof. Holcomb’s excellence in educating and mentoring students at OSU. Prof. Yim exemplifies these characteristics and is a world renowned expert in fluid and structural mechanics, and wave, tsunami and storm surge modeling and simulation. The School of Civil and Construction Engineering is proud to honor Prof. Solomon Yim with this outstanding recognition.

Congratulations to Prof. Tom Miller who was honored with the 2012 Outstanding Faculty Advisor of the Year for Region 8, which includes all of AZ, UT, OR, WA, AK, HI, ID, MT, and NV!

ROTC Members of the Air Force, Army and Navy units conducted their annual OSU Joint Service Review in the MU Quad last week, including some of our CCE students. See photos here.

ASCE students sweep competition (OSU Barometer)
After years of watching their chances sink, OSU brings home several awards.

Earthquake shakes audience at quake briefing (Oregonian)
Thanks to Harry Yeh's Japanese, a UW earthquake colleague was able to photograph engineers attending a Tokyo earthquake briefing shake in their seats during a quake. Dr. Yeh is on sabbatical leave in Japan.

Opportunities

Soccer, Anyone? Some of our CCE students and faculty joined in a recent soccer game (see photos here). The group is trying to make a weekly game on Tuesdays at
5:30. Others interested in joining should contact Therese Pflaum for details. The sport or location may change on a weekly basis.

**Study Abroad** - Want to study abroad but don’t know where to go? This month International Engineering Programs will showcase three popular destinations for engineering students to explore. Students at different stages of the process (past, present, and future) will be at each session to answer questions about program choice and application, life in another country, and how to fit an international experience into your academic schedule. All sessions will be held at 5 pm in The HUB, Batcheller 144.

- May 10 – Denmark
- May 17 – Australia
- May 24 – England

The Faculty of Construction and Environment of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, invites outstanding postgraduate and senior undergraduate students from leading universities around the world in disciplines related to construction and environment to join our Summer School from 20 to 26 August 2012 in Hong Kong. Deadline to apply is May 15. [Details here.](#)

**PLSO Student Appreciation Night**. Students interested in geomatics, surveying and mapping are invited to attend this dinner speaker meeting (5/21/12) as a paid guest of the Willamette Branch of the Professional Land Surveyors of Oregon. Students must pre-register before May 14 to attend this free dinner event with door prizes. See Nancy in 111 Kearney to register.

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**Advising**

Don’t let Spring Fever get you! Get Coached!

- Do a test autopsy on your first midterms
- Set end of term goals and make a study plan
- Learn test prep and test taking strategies

There are multiple ways to set up an appointment:

1) Call 737-2272 – get an appointment right away!
2) Stop by the Academic Success Center 102 Waldo Hall
3) Email a coach at osu.success.coach@gmail.com and include your phone number for a call back.
4) Distance students can call 541-737-2272 to set up Skype or phone appointment

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**Student Groups**

MAY 9, Wed - **ASCE Officer Nominations**, 305 Kearney Hall, 6pm. Be part of an exciting year for ASCE by running for a position! We have plenty of positions available for all kinds of people, whatever class! Open positions for this year include: Publicity chair, activities director, social chair, fundraising chair, professional development chair, membership recruitment chair, all class representatives, and mentoring chair.

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**Jobs**

**Field Engineer** - Kerr Contractors, an Oregon heavy civil contractor has a current opening for a fulltime Field Engineer. Candidates must have, as a minimum, a B.S. in Construction Engineering Management. Kerr Contractors works throughout the Pacific Northwest on heavy civil construction including grading, paving and underground
utilities. Job duties for this position include project estimating, job cost analysis, scheduling and project administration. Candidates will work directly with project managers, estimators, field personnel and subcontractors. Activities will include quantity surveys, job cost tracking and change order requests, scheduling and project documentation. KCI is looking for aggressive and self-motivated individuals who come aboard to contribute and make a difference. For questions or to schedule an interview, please send resume via email to employment@kerrcontractors.com.

**Production Operators - Pacific Ethanol** (in Boardman, OR) has an operations and maintenance contract for the ZeaChem Demonstration Facility across the tracks from them. If all goes well, we are going to full commercial in the next couple of years (25MM Gallon/Year). They need in the neighborhood of 8 more Production Operators for the Demo Plant (see website above for position description). I've been there now for just over two months and they have opened up the ads for more positions. Job starts @ $17/hr and goes up to $18 after 6 months. Lyndon Jones (Pacific Ethanol) will probably interview most candidates, and he is a huge Beavers/Oregon State Fan! Check it out - a job is a job!

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**Academics for Student Athletes** is looking to hire interested undergraduate and graduate students from across all campus departments to work as study facilitators in our Evening Study Program. This year we will begin training in the last weeks of spring term, so applications are due Friday, May 18. Please see our job posting on our website or on Beaver JobNet for more details and to apply. If you have any questions regarding the position, please contact laura.smithers@oregonstate.edu.

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