



## August 2020

### Upcoming Events

#### August 2020

##### Book Club #5

Join us for a conversation on *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo at the next Book Club on August 20th. Get your copy now to join in the discussion!

Register [here](#).

##### Learn From a Leader

The NY Programs Committee has lined up a great set of speakers for our Learn From a Leader series. Look out for these invites for August and September!

- Porie Saikia-Eapen - August 26, 2020 (Director, Environmental Sustainability and Compliance at MTA)
- Gillian Blake - September 1, 2020 (Principal-Infrastructure at ARUP)
- Shanique Holmes - September 23, 2020 (Diversity and Inclusion Leader at Port Authority of New York and New Jersey)
- Doreen Taveras - September 30, 2020 (AVP/Director of Diversity Programs-Northeast Region at AECOM)

#### September 2020

##### Annual WTS/APA/YPT Trivia Event

Our annual trivia event is going virtual - and we're excited to bring you a joint trivia event co-sponsored by our WTS Young Professionals Committee with Young Professionals in Transportation (YPT) and the American Planning Association (APA). Get your thinking caps on and look out for an event announcement in our next newsletter for a mid-September event!

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-by Karina Vangani

On Wednesday, June 22, WTS GNY Communications Committee hosted a webinar on Social Media. The webinar was presented by Rachel Adler, Senior Account Manager, ASC. Attendees learned about current social media trends, different social media platforms, and their usage, and what significant changes have emerged after COVID-19. Rachel discussed new features on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter and how to utilize them most efficiently. The session was interactive and engaging and the attendees got to learn the tips and tricks they could utilize in their own company and profession to increase their visibility. Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in the webinar!

You can access the presentation [here](#).

### WTS-GNY 40th Anniversary Event

-by Sheriza Majid

On Wednesday, July 29th, the WTS-GNY 40th Anniversary Event took place. This event was a virtual event attended by over 90 people, where they got to hear from a panel of current and past WTS-GNY leaders. WTS-GNY President, Keri Cibelli welcomed the attendees and introduced the moderator Beth DeAngelo, Vice President of WSP. Then Beth led an interactive discussion with the panelists, which consisted of Maxine Finkelstein, Senior Transportation Associate at Interactive Elements, Portia Henry, Program Manager at PANYN, Anita L. Miller, Chief Employee Relations and Administrative Officer at the MTA, Mary K. Murphy, Director of the Planning & Regional Development Department at PANYNJ, and Marcia S. Shapiro, President of Marine Tiger Technologies. The panelists discussed various topics ranging from the founding and history of the chapter, the impacts and challenges of COVID-19 which women face and how the industry can help support women during this time and ways on how we all can work towards racial equality by making an impact where we live and work. The panelists also shared personal stories which resonated with the attendees. The event ended with our attendees expressing their appreciation for all the speakers and their stories.

### 2020 Volunteers Needed

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## WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SUPPORT THE BUSINESS DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

OUR COMMITTEE  
GOALS ARE TO EMPOWER, PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SMALL  
BUSINESSES IN OUR REGION.

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### Glass Ceiling Survey Notice

Coming this Fall -- WTS GNY will release our second Glass Ceiling Survey! This effort will inform the second edition of our Glass Ceiling Report as we continue to track what our region's transportation industry is doing to support women's advancement and identify leading practices for continued improvement. For this second iteration, we will look at trends from both the employer and employee viewpoint, releasing parallel employer and WTS GNY member surveys. To learn more about the effort or to ensure your firm is included on our survey distribution list, please contact Erin Hyland at [erin.hyland@gmail.com](mailto:erin.hyland@gmail.com). The Glass Ceiling committee is hard at work on a number of initiatives, and always welcomes new members.

### Woman of the Year and Save the Date for the 2020 Gala!

We are pleased to announce that Clarelle DeGraffe, Director of Rail Transit and General Manager of PATH at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ), has been selected as the 2020 WTS-GNY Woman of the Year. This award honors a leader in

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transportation, who has distinguished herself through her professional achievements and support of women in the industry. We hope you will join us on October 22 for a virtual gala celebrating Ms. DeGraffe's career successes! Aside from honoring Ms. DeGraffe, the event will provide an opportunity to commemorate the creation of the WTS-GNY chapter 40 years ago, its recent accomplishments, and its vision for the future. WTS-GNY also will present the 2020 Scholarship awards to remarkable students, who demonstrate the potential to excel in the transportation field. The online Gala will be run by Shelby Blashford of WTS International and will be followed by virtual networking sessions. More information about registering for the event and making a donation to help the WTS Scholarship Fund to come!



Congratulations to Ms. DeGraffe!

**\*\*Attention all WTS-GNY members\*\***

Did you know 2020 marks the 40th Anniversary of the WTS-GNY Chapter?? The Special Events Committee is collecting information and photos from the last 40 years to incorporate in our Gala program and journal, as well as an historical document the committee will be creating. We have information and photographs from the last 20 years, so are mainly looking for resources from 1980 to 2000. Also, we would love to hear from people who attended the first meeting in 1979 and/or the founding in 1980. Please send any information, stories and photographs to Sarah.Colker@parsons.com. Thanks!

**Transportation Job Opportunities**

WTS-GNY would like to be a resource for women seeking positions in transportation and firms looking for candidates.

If your firm would like to post a position, fill out our [job form](#). We will share your job opportunity on our LinkedIn Page and in our next Chapter News as well as our website.

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