



*Advancing Women in Transportation*  
Greater New York Chapter



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**August 2019**

**Upcoming Events**

**August 2019**

**2019 Learn from a Leader:**

The program features leaders from both the public and private sectors sharing their experiences and insights in an informal small group setting. The event is full currently but you can join the waitlist.

Petra Todorovich Messick, Director of Planning, Gateway Program, Amtrack  
*Aug 15, 5:30-7:30 PM*

Maxine Hill, New York Area Manager, WSP  
*Aug 27, 5:30-7:30 PM*  
Register [here!](#)

**2019 WTS GNY Membership Appreciation Event**  
*Aug 19, 2019, 6:00 PM-9:00 PM*

Join your friends and colleagues of the WTS Greater New York chapter for our Annual WTS-GNY Member Appreciation Event! This year we will be taking in the beautiful New York summer skyline from the Monarch Rooftop Bar and Lounge. Drinks and appetizers will be served. Register [here](#).

**Emerging Women Leaders On-Site Training Series- The**

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## Leadership Pipeline

Aug 20, 2019, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM

In this webinar, hear from speakers who are fired up about cultivating upcoming generations of diverse leaders. Be inspired by how they're creatively deepening their talent bench and learn the factors to consider as you construct a pipeline to your ultimate role. You'll find out what behaviors get "high-potentials" noticed - and see how the succession planning process unfolds behind the scenes. Guest Speakers: Shachella James, PMP, Vice President Technology Operations at Center Point Energy. Register [here](#).

## October 2019

WTS GNY 2019 Annual Gala

Oct 7, 2019, 05:30 PM - 08:30 PM

Save the Date for our Annual Gala and look out for additional details [here](#)!

## WTS GNY in Partnership with ENR & Port Authority of NY and NJ



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REACHING NEW HEIGHTS REGISTER NOW!

The Greater New York Chapter (GNY) of the Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) is excited to partner with the Engineering News-Record for the 6th Annual Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Conference: Reaching New Heights. The Conference is taking place on **September 10th, 2019** at Pier Sixty in New York City. Participants will hear about exciting opportunity on new and existing construction projects throughout our area, updates to the current plan, what the 2019 budget will cover, how MWSDBE firms can work on major projects and more.

With over 700 members in New York and New Jersey, GNY chapter has secured a \$50 discount for members who register as an Association Member using promo code "WTSPA19". Don't miss this

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opportunity to network and learn about opportunities in the region!

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## WTS-GNY Young Professionals Open House

*By Heather Jones*

Based on the results of the 2019 WTS-GNY Young Professionals survey, WTS heard YOU loud and clear about opportunities for greater involvement in the WTS committees. As a result, the WTS-GNY Young Professionals (WTS-GNY YP) committee held an open house at HNTB's office in the Empire State Building on June 25th to showcase all the committee engagement opportunities to a crowd of over 20 people.

The WTS-GNY YP committee warmly welcomed everyone. Not only were snacks and games arranged to cultivate one-on-one networking but the WTS-GNY YP committee chairs provided an overview of the monthly meetings, expectations of committee members, as well as highlights of personal and corporation benefits of serving on a committee.

The open house was an extremely successful evening featuring the WTS committees, providing opportunities for involvement, supporting career growth through access to shared professional resources, opportunities to build lateral relationships within the transportation industry as well as networking with our young professional colleagues. In fact, several attendees have committed to serving on the WTS-GNY YP committee.



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## Member in the News: Sutapa Bandyopadhyay



In June 2019, Sutapa Bandyopadhyay joined the FHWA New Jersey Division Office in Trenton as the Planning and Program Development Manager. Prior to joining FHWA, she was a principal planner at the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority. She also spent a few years as an academician at multiple colleges and universities, including Temple University and University of Denver. She holds a doctorate in Transport Geography from University of Denver and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.



## WTS GNY Book Club Meeting with Catherine Rinaldi

*By Adrienne Zicklin Kanter, WTS GNY Editor*

On Thursday, July 11th, WTS-GNY inaugurated its new book club with a discussion of *The Confidence Code: The Science and Art of Self-Assurance - What Women Should Know* by Katty Kay, lead anchor of BBC World News America, and Claire Shipman, senior national correspondent for ABC's Good Morning America, at HNTB's offices in the Empire State Building. The choice of this first book was inspired by Ms. Kay's uplifting keynote presentation at this year's WTS annual conference in Boston.

After a warm welcome by WTS-GNY President Alexa Gangemi, Metro North President Catherine Rinaldi provided a thoughtful and engaging presentation to the crowd of over 30 women.

"Would a man have taken five months to decide to put their hat in the ring?" Ms. Rinaldi asked as she reflected on her own resolution to pursue her current position while acting in that role. She had described how she was not an engineer but did have many other qualifications as a lawyer and as a woman with many years of government experience that would make her an effective leader. She speculated that it would be unlikely. Ms. Rinaldi proceeded to describe "those doubts, fears and hesitations" women often encounter that Kay and Shipman investigate in *The Confidence Code*. Ms. Rinaldi then illustrated that tentativeness with an experience she had had at a meeting earlier that same day when she introduced a question about signals by saying "this may be a stupid question, but...".

The book club attendees then broke up into several groups to discuss the book, using questions that had been prepared in advance based on excerpts from the text, including:

As the formal event concluded, lively conversation continued, and participants expressed their great enthusiasm for this first book club meeting. Ms. Rinaldi was given the honor of choosing the book for our next gathering in October. The two that she proposed are *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover and *The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World* by Melinda Gates.

Stay tuned for the final title selection and next book club date.

Many thanks to Leticia Caviness, Karina Vangani, Carrem Gay, Sheriza Majid, Desiree Gazzo, and Alexa Gangemi for their work in organizing a great event and to HNTB for providing the venue.



The complete photo album can be viewed [here](#).

To read the full article, please click [here](#)!

## Job Opportunity: Court Appointed Monitor

New York City has one of the largest and most complex street networks in the world, including over 12,000 miles of sidewalks and pedestrian ramps at street crossings throughout the City. Pedestrian ramps are a critical component in providing for safe and accessible means of travel throughout New York City. Pedestrian ramps provide access on and off our streets and sidewalks and are an essential tool for all pedestrians, especially aging New Yorkers and persons with disabilities.

The City of New York (Defendants) and disability advocates (Plaintiffs) in the matter of Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association n/k/a United Spinal Association v. City of New York and Center for Independence of the Disabled, New York et al v. City of New York et al, which was recently settled and approved by the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, are in the process of searching for a mutually agreeable candidate(s) to work as a Court-appointed Monitor. The final selection of the Monitor will happen within 45 days of July 23rd, or shortly thereafter by the Court.

The Monitor will work as an independent entity and oversee compliance with the Settlement Agreement relating to the installation, upgrade, and maintenance of pedestrian ramps at street crossings city-wide. As part of this process, the City is gathering names of potential candidates. The Monitor must be a New York State licensed Professional Civil Engineer. The City prefers candidate(s) who possess a minimum of 10 years' experience working on either infrastructure projects involving public utilities with facilities located under or above ground in New York City or real estate development projects within New York City.

According to the terms of the settlement, the Monitor will be in place for at least 15 years, but there would be no obligation for the selected Monitor to remain for the entire period. For further information on the settlement and duties of the Monitor, follow this [link](#).

Section 22 of the settlement agreement contains the relevant provisions relating to the Monitor. Please consider any potential conflicts due to past, present and future work experience.

If you are interested in being appointed as the Monitor, please contact Timothy Cherry, NYC DOT Assistant General Counsel at [tcherry@dot.nyc.gov](mailto:tcherry@dot.nyc.gov) or 212-839-6510.

## Transportation Job Opportunities

WTS-GNY would like to be a resource for women seeking positions in transportation and firms looking for candidates. Visit our [Job Opportunities](#) page for latest updates!

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.

## April Opportunities (more on the [WTS-GNY Jobs Page](#))

Employer Arora and Associates  
Job Title Structural Engineer  
How to Apply Email resume and cover letter referencing job no. L-2018-05 to [NJjobs@arorapc.com](mailto:NJjobs@arorapc.com)  
Deadline 8/31/2019

Employer Dewberry  
Job Title Highway Department Manager  
How to Apply [Website](#)  
Deadline Open until vacancy filled

Employer Maersk  
Job Title Internal Audit Manager - Florham Park, N.J.  
How to Apply [Website](#)  
Deadline Open until vacancy filled

Employer The Port Authority of NY & NJ  
Job Title Project Manager, EWR/TEB  
How to Apply [Website](#)  
Deadline Open until vacancy filled

Employer AECOM  
Job Title Senior Project Manager- Aviation  
How to Apply [Website](#)  
Deadline Open until vacancy filled

Employer TTX Company  
Job Title Regional Standard & Practice Supervisor  
How to Apply [Website](#)  
Deadline Open until vacancy filled

## **Volunteers Wanted and Appreciated!**

**WTS-GNY** is always interested in volunteers to help the Chapter.

Don't see anything of interest below, but want to help? Email us at [wtsgny@gmail.com](mailto:wtsgny@gmail.com) to find a committee that's right for you!

The **TransportationYOU New Jersey Committee** is looking for volunteers to serve as mentors for high school students.

### ***Have exciting content for the next issue?***

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