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What's Happening at WTS-GNY

LAST CALL! Applications for the WTS Mid-Career and Executive Leaderships programs are due on Friday July 17!

For more information about these two great programs offered by WTS International in October/December 2015, [click here](#).

**APPLY NOW: EMERGING LEADERS IN TRANSPORTATION FELLOWSHIP
NYU Wagner | Rudin Center for Transportation Policy & Management**

In this competitive fellowship program, participants will learn from top transportation and management professionals how to enhance leadership skills; communication techniques; and policy work to bring innovative ideas into practice.

The program will take place over five half-days: October 21, 23, 28, 30 and November 4, subject to change slightly.

Session topics will include: leadership; innovation; communications; building support for innovation; and practical applications.

Applications are due July 31, 2015
[Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

Save the dates for these upcoming

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Wednesday, July 22: Membership Appreciation event, Orioles at Yankees, Yankee Stadium (sold out, wait list available)

Tuesday, August 11: Membership mixer at Pier A in Battery Park. Bring non-members and get raffle tickets for great prizes! [Register here](#)

October 7: Annual Gala at Battery Gardens

Learn from a Leader Series

In 2014, WTS-GNY launched a new program: Learn from a Leader Roundtable Series. Leaders from both the public and private sectors shared their experiences with small groups, providing insight into the exciting work they are doing and the lessons learned in getting to this point in their careers. We received great feedback during these sessions, and have developed a similar series for 2015. Please visit our [website](#) for a listing of speakers, dates and locations, as well as the registration link.

Scholarship recipient spotlight: Tra Vu

What scholarship did you receive and when?

I was awarded two scholarships from the WTS Greater NY chapter. They are: the Susan Miskowicz Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship in 2006 and Leonard Braun Memorial Graduate Scholarship in 2009.



What were you studying at the time you received your scholarship?

In 2006, I was pursuing B.S./M.S. dual degrees in Civil Engineering and Financial Engineering, respectively, at the Polytechnic University (now NYU-Poly). In 2009, I was in a dual M.S/ Ph.D. program in Transportation Planning and Engineering also at NYU-Poly.

Where has your journey taken you since receiving that scholarship?

After graduating in 2011, I joined Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI) as a transportation engineer/ simulation modeler and have been there since.

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What do you do in your current role?

In my current role as the leader of the Simulation Modelling team at GPI, I have the privilege of working alongside a group of intelligent, ambitious, and vibrant young engineers. Together we modeled the first wireless Transit Signal Priority (TSP) system in New York City. We assisted the New York City Department of Transportation in defining the parameters and algorithm of the TSP system. The first corridor was deployed in the summer of 2013 in Lower Manhattan with resounding success. We're currently working on ten other such corridors.

I also enjoy being an educator and am continuing my academic involvement as an adjunct professor at NYU-Poly in Brooklyn.

What is it about the transportation industry that keeps you excited?

Transportation is the catalyst of social and economic growth and progress. While the field is not very glamorous, it has to adapt to a continuously changing climate in response to increased demand and evolving technology. Constantly evolving old and new issues coupled with rigid constraints present a tough challenge. Finding creative and simple solutions to those problems excites and motivates me.

How did your WTS scholarship help get you to where you are today?

The scholarships were a gateway for me to participate in the WTS community, where I was encouraged to hone my social skills; form valuable friendships; and learn from mentors.

Do you feel that WTS is a worthwhile organization?

Yes, WTS is able to attract a wide range of members, from both the private and public sectors, men and women, veteran members, as well as younger professionals and students. It offers a platform where members support each other's growth and success. WTS is certainly a worthwhile organization of which to be a part.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

PANYNJ Seeks Principal Policy Analyst

The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey seeks to fill the position of Principal Policy Analyst in its Tunnels, Bridges and Terminals Department, Business Planning & Toll Revenue Forecasting Division. The position is based at the World Trade Center, New York City.


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