Alumni Spotlight:

Dewayne Hahn received his bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering at UT in 1973. He subsequently received his master’s degree from the CEPM program in 1974, working under the guidance of Dr. John Borcherding. Upon graduating, Dewayne began his career at Linbeck Group, LLC and continues to work for Linbeck some 39 years later. Over the course of his career, Dewayne has served as estimator, project engineer, superintendent, project manager, operations manager, project executive and general manager for two Linbeck sister companies that included masonry, stone and concrete structures. His current assignment is project executive for some of Linbeck’s most complex projects. His first project manager assignment was for a 55 story office tower and garage in downtown Houston at age 30. His other work has included hospitals, residential, airport terminal, religious, university, mixed use, manufacturing and museums. Some of the most notable projects are the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Houston Branch, the Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral in Houston, Baylor College of Medicine Hospital and Clinic, and most recently, the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville, Arkansas.

Over the years Dewayne has experienced and embraced incredible advances in the use of computers in construction, especially at the job sites, advances in the project management software, scheduling software, Lean construction techniques, BIM software, sustainable building methods and new contracting methods. Dewayne continued his learning at the Executive Program for Growing Companies at Stanford University. He is LEED accredited, member of the AGC and taught many superintendent and project management classes for them and is a certified Birkman Consultant. Dewayne has served on the Advisory Committee for Civil Engineering at UT.

During his time away from the job, Dewayne enjoys hunting and spending time caring for his property in Smithville, Texas. He and his family built a log home on the property and maintain a few head of cattle there. He is active in his church and is on the board of Angela House, a ministry that provides transitional housing for formally incarcerated women. Dewayne and his wife Peggy together have 5 children and currently 2 grandchildren.
CII Celebrates 30 Years of Leadership and Partnership with the CEPM Program

The Construction Industry Institute (CII) celebrated 30 years of industry leadership at its annual conference in July 2013, at Orlando’s JW Marriott Grande Lakes Resort. As it does every year, the Institute unveiled its newest research; this year’s topics addressed innovative methods for improving hazard recognition, productivity, knowledge transfer, global operational readiness, work packaging, and project forecasting. The conference also had a record attendance, with over 700 registrations.

At this year’s annual conference, CEPM Faculty led three Research Teams that reported out (productivity, knowledge transfer and work packaging), and currently are leading five active research teams (late deliverables, sustainability, engineering and procurement alignment with construction, commissioning and start-up, and mega projects). CEPM Faculty have also been active in several CII standing committees, Communities of Practice, as well as in collaborations with FIATECH projects, such as AutoCodes and Real Time Field Reporting. In recognition of our various contributions to CII, the CEPM program was honored at this year’s annual conference with two awards: the CII Curriculum Partner Program Award, and CII Distinguished Professor Award for Dr. John Borcherding.

Dr. Richard Tucker receives NAC Kennedy Award

Professor Emeritus Richard Tucker has been selected to receive the National Academy of Construction (NAC) Kennedy Award. The award is presented to leaders who demonstrate exemplary service to the industry.

Dr. Fernanda Leite receives FIATECH CETI Award

Assistant Professor Fernanda Leite received this year’s Celebration of Engineering & Technology Innovation (CETI) Award, for Outstanding Early Career Researcher. This FIATECH award honors an early career individual who has made significant strides in advancing innovation in research and development.

Graduate Student Organization (GSO) Update

The GSO recently welcomed 10 new Master’s students and 2 PhD candidates into the program with our annual Welcome Back BBQ (picture below). Rewinding to the end of last semester, GSO hosted the annual Farewell BBQ along with a graduation party at the Hangar Lounge following the Spring 2013 graduation ceremony as a send-off for all of the recent graduates.

The GSO has also be busy hosting various guest lectures and networking events with industry professionals including Bob Patterson, a Project Executive with Zachry Industrial, Rich Hoffer, a Manager with the Project Execution Center of Expertise at Chevron, and Jacob Skrobarczyk, a BIM expert with Austin Commercial. During the fall semester, the GSO looks forward to playing co-ed volleyball in the intramural sports league, hosting prospective students who visit during the semester, hosting various happy hours and social events for current students, and beginning to organize for Explore UT and the annual golf tournament in the spring semester.

Spring/Summer 2013 Graduates

Adam Burwinkle (M.S.) is a Course Director in the Department of Engineering Management at Air Force Institute of Technology | Prasad Dali (M.S.) | Richard Elkington (M.S.) | Oscar Fierro (M.S.) is a Project Engineer at ExxonMobil | Caroline Grant (M.S.) | Olfa Hamdi (M.S.) is a Project Analyst at IPA Global Inc., Haegon Kim (M.S.) is a Cost Engineer at SKEC USA | Sami Kohladoozan (M.S.) | Xiaowei Luo (Ph.D.) | Yoganand Mandal (M.S.) | William O’Connor (M.S.) | Junghye Son | Chris Stoppel (Ph.D.) | Jin Ho Sun | Francis Tay (M.S.) | Sungmin Yun

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