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ASCE Midlands September Newsletter 2022

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When

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Presentation: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Where

Michael Baker International Office

700 Huger Street

Columbia, SC 29201

Lunch Provider

Chick-Fil-A

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In-Person Presentation and Luncheon

Speakers

Emily Thomas

with

**South Carolina Department of
Transportation (SCDOT)**

and

Rick Reiff

Register Here!

Members: \$15

Non-Members: \$20

**Will accept payment at the door,
but lunch will not be guaranteed if
you do not sign up in advance*

with

Kimley-Horn

presenting on

South Carolina Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Action Plan

***Please note the change in location described in more
detail with an accompanying street view and map below!***

Speaker Bios



Emily Thomas works as the Traffic Collision Data and Research Manager for the SCDOT Traffic Safety Office. A 2003 graduate from North Carolina State University, Emily moved to South Carolina to attend graduate school at the University of South Carolina where she began her journey into data collection and analysis.

Emily has worked in the field of highway safety for nearly 14 years. Prior to her time at SCDOT, Emily worked for the South Carolina Department of Public Safety where her focus was on education and enforcement solutions to highway safety issues. Since joining the SCDOT family five years ago, Emily has enjoyed learning about the engineering side of highway safety.



Rick is a graduate of Clemson University and has nearly 20 years of traffic and safety engineering experience, nine of which have been with Kimley-Horn. His focus has been serving SCDOT and other public agencies on all aspects of traffic, mobility, and signals engineering, including developing the state's first Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Action Plan with SCDOT. He is a certified Professional Traffic Operations Engineer and Level 2 Road Safety Professional.

He lives near Charleston with his wife and five children, and outside of work, he has become a very skilled girls softball and basketball coach.

Presentation Abstract

Safety is SCDOT's number one priority, in both motorized and non-motorized transportation. Too many bicyclists and pedestrians are being killed or injured in our state, and SCDOT is committed to doing everything possible to improve those statistics. In 2022, SCDOT published the state's first Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Action Plan (PBSAP) The PBSAP is a result of extensive data analysis and review of best practices to develop a plan to reverse the increasing number of pedestrian and bicyclists deaths and serious injuries in the state.



President's Pen

September 2022 - Welcome Back

Theo Deligiannidis, ASCE Midlands Branch President



It was great to see many of you at the ASCE Conference in August. Congrats and thanks to our colleagues at SC Section for putting on a successful event. Here's to more of these in the future. See below for photo of a few of the Midlands Branch Board members who attended.



ASCE Midlands Branch at the SC Section Conference in August 2022

Midlands Branch is ready to kick off our 2022-23 general branch meetings this coming

Wednesday, September 21. Thank you to our presenters from SCDOT and Kimley-Horn and thank you to Kimley-Horn for sponsoring our first meeting. As I mentioned in the August newsletter, we are looking forward to holding our branch meetings at a new site – Michael Baker International (700 Huger St. in downtown). Thanks to MBI for agreeing to host and offer us a meeting space and ample parking at a centralized location. We can't wait to see you there. Details are provided in this newsletter.

We are continuing to seek a chair on our Board for community involvement. If anyone enjoys this meaningful type of service, please let one of us on the Board know.

Finally, we'd like to announce the rollout of a mentorship program with students at the University of South Carolina. Thanks to the initiative of Dr. Juan Caicedo, Department Chair and UofSC Civil and Environmental Engineering Professor, and Joe Haas, our UofSC student chapter liaison, for spearheading this excellent opportunity for students and professionals alike. I encourage you all to consider getting involved; see below for link.

Remember to visit our website at www.ascemidlandsbranchsc.org, and note that our Branch documents, including financial reports and Board meeting minutes, are on our Branch's [ASCE Collaborate](#) page. Thank you, and we'll see you all next week.



Theo Deligiannidis, ASCE Midlands Branch President

ASCE Midlands Branch Announcements

NEW MONTHLY MEETING LOCATION

**Beginning on September 21, 2022, we will hold
our lunch and learns at**

Michael Baker International

700 Huger St.

(Downtown Columbia)



Google Maps Street view of Michael Baker Intl. office from Devine Street



UofSC Civil/Environmental Engineering Professional Mentors Needed!

Students have questions about the work we do as engineers in the workforce - Can you help answer those questions for the engineers of the future? Please consider donating some of your time.

[Click Here](#) to express interest in becoming a UofSC Civil/Environmental Engineering Professional Mentor or ask any questions you may have about the program

Seeking Community Involvement Chair

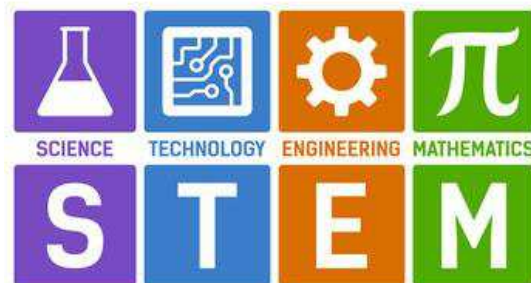
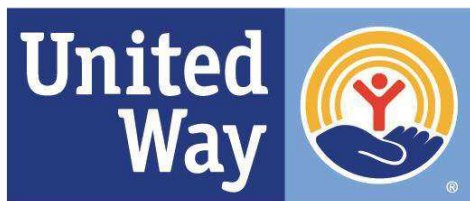
Are you interested in taking on a meaningful, community involvement and service-oriented position on our

ASCE Midlands Branch Board?

We would like to **grow our ASCE branch's connection to the community** through more focused involvement in expanding our work with **United Way** as well as **STEM** programs in schools.

The Midlands Branch Board also envisions this role as a great opportunity to organize other community service activities with local SC midlands organizations.

Get involved in this year's ASCE Midlands Branch decision-making, and join our board as we make some helpful changes and revamp our branch's brand!



United Way of the Midlands

Questions? Please contact Lydia Mignogna, ASCE Midlands Branch Newsletter Editor:

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Society of American Military Engineers (SAME)

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, October 21st, 2022



If you are not able to play, **please consider a Sponsorship or donation** to help support the scholarship program!

Please contact Richard Wargo, SAME Carolina Midlands Post Secretary, with any questions you may have at rwargo@schnabel-eng.com.



Are you or someone you know interested in presenting a project, technology, or other topic at our monthly meetings?

If so, let us know!

Please contact Lydia Mignogna, ASCE Midlands Branch Newsletter Editor,
to express interest or for more information:

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September's Poll

What is the best thing about Autumn? Stay tuned for next month's newsletter for poll results!

The leaves

The weather

Pumpkin spice!

Apple picking

Oktoberfest

Halloween

Something else

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