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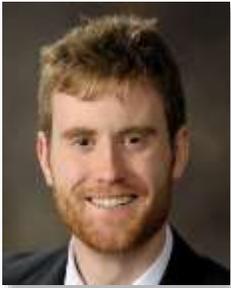
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During the academic year 2017-2018, Stephanie won an Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP) Graduate Research Award on Public-Sector Aviation Issues, preparing research on "An Assessment of Contributing Factors to Air Service Loss in Small Communities." In 2018, she won the Helen Overly Memorial Scholarship from the Women's Transportation Seminar Central Virginia Chapters.



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Currently, Jacob is applying discrete choice modeling approaches to develop objective functions that describe the runway configuration selection process for air traffic control personnel. These objective functions are then used to predict the runway configuration over a specified planning horizon, which is a key component for airport capacity predictions.



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Benjamin Bacon, M.S., E.I.T., is currently enrolled in Auburn University's Department of Civil Engineering. For the past two years, his primary research has been in support of developing a long range transportation model for the Federal Highway Administration. During this time he has also conducted a multitude of other research endeavors including studies into paratransit behavior, the role of geographic scale on travel decisions, and the impact of bike boxes on intersection level of service. Achievements and awards include the Box Fellowship, the Eisenhower Fellowship, and he is currently the Vice-President of the Auburn University Chapter of the Institute of Transportation Engineers.

Prior to beginning his studies at Auburn, Benjamin served in the 82<sup>ND</sup> Airborne Division and deployed to Afghanistan, Iraq, and mobilized in support of Hurricane Katrina recovery operations. He is currently serving as Company Commander for a horizontal engineer unit located at Fort Benning, Georgia.



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Sarah-Blythe Ballard is a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Public Health Service, currently serving as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia. Since 2011, she has been conducting aviation safety research with the Hopkins Center for Injury Research and Policy, where she has published multiple first-authored articles about the public health risks associated with air tour crashes of helicopters, airplanes, and hot-air balloons.

While a graduate student at the Johns Hopkins University, she won an award as part of the ACRP Graduate Award Program on Public Sector Aviation Issues for academic year 2013-2014, preparing research on "Epidemiology and Public Health Risks Associated With Air Show-Related Morbidity and Mortality."

Previously, Sarah-Blythe served as the Command Flight Surgeon for Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362 in Camp Bastion, Afghanistan, and the Senior Medical Officer in charge of the Third Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) Flight Line Aid Station. In addition, she has led humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions in the Pacific Region as an American Red Cross physician, acted as military liaison to the Dhi Qar Provincial Reconstruction Team in Iraq, and completed civic action projects in Venezuela, Peru, and Djibouti. Sarah-Blythe holds an M.D. from Emory University and an M.P.H. and Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins. She completed her Preventive Medicine Residency at Johns Hopkins and is board certified in Aerospace and General Preventive Medicine. Her aviation-related awards include two Individual Strike/Flight Air Medals, the Richard E. Luehrs Navy-Marine Corps Flight Surgeon of the Year Award, the Chief of Naval Operations Safety Award, and the John Stapp Prize in Transportation Policy.



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Dan Boedigheimer is the CEO and a founding partner in Advanced Aircrew Academy. Dan has held positions as an FAA Aircraft Program Designee, Pilot Proficiency Examiner, Check Airman, Instructor Pilot, Flight Standards Manager, and Training Manager for Part 135 Air Carriers. He is also a Human Factors Lead Facilitator and consultant for Convergent Performance. Dan holds a Bachelor's degree in aviation management from Minnesota State University, a Master's degree in aviation safety from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, and a Ph.D. in aerospace science from North Central University. He is a member of the Delta Mu Delta Academic Honor Society and holds an Airline Transport Pilot certificate with over 5,000 hours of flight experience in business jets. He also holds a Gold Seal Certified Flight Instructor certificate. Dan is the safety leadership working group lead in the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) Safety Committee and an active participant FAA/Industry Transport Airplane Performance Planning (TAPP) Working Group. Dan is currently researching pilot's use of supplemental oxygen for the High Altitude Supplemental Oxygen working group.

In addition to speaking at Bombardier's Safety Standdown, Aviation Human Factors and SMS Conference, NBAA regional forums, Global Aerospace SM4 Aviation Safety Seminars, and Aviation Week's Fatigue Management Forum; Dan has authored two books, UC Systems and UE Systems, describing the complete systems components of the Beech 1900D Airliner.



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Yashovardhan has received the IIT Bombay Institute Gold Medal in 2012 for being the most outstanding graduating student, an ACRP Graduate Research Award in 2016, and a best paper award in the USA/Europe Air Traffic Management Research and Development Seminar 2017.



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Prior to starting his Ph.D., Kanthasamy obtained his Master degree in mechanical engineering from Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai, India. His Master's thesis dealt with the effect of vibrations on the characteristics of reacting flows. He graduated with his undergraduate degree in aerospace engineering from Anna University, India in 2008. He is currently a member of The Acoustical Society of America. He has published six papers in peer reviewed journals and 15 papers in the proceedings of various international conferences.



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Heng's honors and awards include the FAA-funded ACRP Graduate Research Award, the INFORMS Transportation Science & Logistics Society Outstanding Paper in Air Transportation, the INFORMS Aviation Applications Section Best Student Presentation Award and the Outstanding Doctoral Student Researcher Award from the Isenberg School of Management.



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Sophie Clachar is a doctoral candidate in Scientific Computing at the University of North Dakota (UND) under the tutelage of Dr. Travis Desell and Prof. James Higgins. Originally from St. Catherine, Jamaica, Sophie completed her M.S. in Computer Science from UND and her B.S. in Computing and Information Technology from the University of Technology, Jamaica. Sophie's current research interest focuses on the application of novelty detection to proactively identify anomalies in flight data. In her graduate studies she participated in two research endeavors that focused on aviation safety: 1) Large-scale data analysis and software development for the National General Aviation Flight Information Database and, 2) Verification and validation of an air truth system that governed the operation of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles in the US National Airspace.

Sophie is a recipient of an ACRP Graduate Research Award which fostered the development of analytical techniques, using artificial neural networks, to identify unstable approaches at the Grand Forks International Airport.



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Boris Claros is a Ph.D. Candidate in Civil Engineering at the University of Missouri. Boris completed his MSCE degree as a Fulbright Scholar also at the University of Missouri - Columbia. In his Master thesis, he worked on evaluating operations of signalized roundabouts. As part of his doctoral dissertation, he has studied safety of the Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI), J-turn intersection, automated enforcement (red-light camera). Boris presented the first comprehensive safety evaluation of the DDI in the United States showing the safety benefits of this new innovative interchange. To mention some, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) awarded this research the "Sweet Sixteen" award for high value research nationwide. Also, the Operational Effects of Geometrics Committee of the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies awarded this research "Best Paper Award" of 2015. The research on the J-turn intersection focused on safety evaluation and design guidance of U-turn spacing with observed crashes and simulation. The study of red light cameras focused on safety evaluation, crash cost benefit, and legal issues research in Missouri. Boris' dissertation also contributes with guidance on crash reports review and assignment. In Missouri, he found that crash data has several issues, especially at interchange facilities which require data correction. He reviewed over 15,000 crash reports and directed another 11,000 crash report reviews in different research projects. Although his dissertation offers significant a contribution in roadway transportation, Boris has pursued to apply this well established methodologies in a different mode of transportation such as airfield safety. There is not a specific prediction methodology for runway incursions which are a major concern for runway safety analysis.

Through the ACRP, Raunak prepared a research paper to develop runway safety models to predict runway incursions.



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Regina R. Clewlow, Ph.D. is the Director of Transportation Research and Policy for RideScout, Enterprise Solutions, and is also a Research Analyst with the UC Davis Institute of Transportation Studies. In addition, she is a Research Scholar at the Stanford University Precourt Energy Efficiency Center, working with the Future Mobility initiative. Prior to these current appointments, Dr. Clewlow was a Postdoctoral Scholar at UC Berkeley in the Institute of Urban and Regional Development, where her research focused on developing advanced behavioral models of transportation and household choices, in order to improve large-scale simulation models of land use, travel demand, and the environment. She received her Ph.D. from the Engineering Systems Division (ESD) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in September 2012. Her doctoral dissertation examined demand for high-speed rail and air transportation systems, the environmental impacts of these systems, and their performance under climate policies. Regina's broader research interests include building an improved understanding of the factors that shape transportation and energy demand, through interviews, surveys, and econometric techniques.

Prior to starting graduate school at MIT, Regina co-founded the nonprofit organization Engineers for a Sustainable World (ESW), where she served as Executive Director from 2002 to 2008. She received her B.S. in Computer Science and M.E. in Civil & Environmental Engineering from Cornell University. Regina is the recipient of an MIT Energy Fellowship (2008), MIT Martin Family Sustainability Fellowship (2010), Dwight D. Eisenhower Graduate Transportation Fellowship (2010) and EPA STAR Graduate Fellowship (2011).



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Tara received her B. S. degree with a dual major in Wildlife Biology and Biology and a secondary major in Natural Resources and Environmental Science from Kansas State University and her M.S. degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences from Texas A&M University. Her research interests include avian ecology, predator–prey dynamics, and human–wildlife conflicts.



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Elizabeth Connelly graduated from Furman University in 2011 with Bachelor's degrees in Mathematics and Economics. She received her M.S. (2013) from the department of Systems and Information Engineering at the University of Virginia. She is currently a research assistant in the Center for Risk Management of Engineering Systems at UVA and graduated with her Ph.D. in Systems Engineering in 2015. Her dissertation topic involves integrating risk analysis methods with environmental life cycle assessment (LCA) to produce a research and development roadmap for aviation biofuels. As a 2014-2015 recipient of the ACRP Graduate Research Award, her current research includes performing a systems analysis of the potential for aviation biofuel production in the Commonwealth of Virginia. More broadly, her research interests are on risk analysis to support economic and environmental sustainability of energy, transportation, and other complex systems.

Elizabeth has experience working on projects relating to risk assessment, decision analysis, and asset management for the Virginia Department of Transportation, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, the Port of Virginia, and Virginia Department of Aviation. She is a member of the Society for Risk Analysis (SRA), the Institute for Operations Research and Management Sciences (INFORMS), and the National Society of Professional Engineers. She was selected as a 2014-2015 Scholar of the Metropolitan Washington Chapter of Achievement for College Scientists (MWC/ARCS).





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From his research efforts, he was awarded the Secretary of Transportation's RAISE Award, the ACRP Graduate Research Award, and the Dwight D. Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship. Daniels is published in the International Journal for Pavement Engineering and has presented to the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport's leadership and operations team and at multiple conferences. He also presented his research at the 2016 TEDxKnoxville: Without Limits event hosted by the Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Educational Program Clearinghouse.

Joseph is a graduate of North Carolina A&T State University, where he received a B.S. degree in civil engineering. He is a native of Silver Spring, Maryland.



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She was a Transportation Research Board fellowship recipient on public sector aviation issues in 2009-2010 and a California Space Grant Fellowship Recipient in 2010. Gabriela conducts her multi-faceted research for the FAA Joint Center of Excellence for Advanced Materials and Structures which is sponsored by the FAA Office of Aviation Research at the FAA Wm. J. Hughes Technical Center. Her project involves interactions with various aspects of the aviation industry including the airframers, the airline operators and material suppliers, as well as FAA and EASA.

Gabriela's main research area is wide area, blunt impact on composite structures, similar to accidental contact between a ground service vehicle and a commercial aircraft. Her dissertation is entitled "High Energy, Wide Area, Blunt Impact on Composite Aircraft Structures" which has very strong implications related to safety and detection of damage in the new generation of composite airframes.



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Timothy's research focuses on the foraging ecology of endangered bats—how they select and use foraging habitat, how they interact with their prey, and how they respond to changes on the landscape—in human-modified habitats in central Indiana.

Timothy's current project funded by the ACRP Graduate Research Award investigates how a colony of Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*) responded to development of new runways, highway interchanges, commercial development, and creation of mitigation habitat near the Indianapolis International Airport over a 20-year period, 1997–2016. He has studied bat ecology since 2007 and has been involved in endangered bat presence/absence surveys for domestic gas and oil development in the eastern US since 2009.



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Derek's ACRP Graduate Research Award supported the development of analytic, realistic, and easy-to-use performance models of airport security checkpoints.

Derek received his Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut in 2014. is a National Science Foundation East-Asia and Pacific Summer Institutes Fellow, and prior to joining Wright State, was a twice Summer Alumni of Bell Labs, a visiting researcher at the Dependable Distributed Systems and Networks Lab at National Taiwan University, and an Interim Researcher in the (Big) Data Analytics team at ABB U.S. Corporate Research. More information is available at: <http://knoesis.wright.edu/doran>.



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Jeff Eloff is currently employed with Sonic Automotive, providing industry analysis, business forecasts and assistance in the development of new and used automotive vehicle pricing and inventory optimization models. He holds a Master's degree in Economics with a specialization in Applied Econometrics and received his Ph.D. in the Spatially Integrated Social Science program from the University of Toledo in December 2014. His dissertation addressed the interplay between publicly-funded transportation investments and the spatial economy.

While a graduate student at the University of Toledo, Jeff won an award as part of the ACRP Graduate Research Award Program for academic year 2013-2014, preparing research on "Airport Infrastructure Investments in Light of Network Effects."





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Alex Estes is an industrial postdoctoral at the Institute for Mathematics and its Applications at the University of Minnesota. His main research interests lie in the field of optimization, especially in stochastic combinatorial optimization problems and problems that lie at the intersection of machine learning and optimization. He is also interested in applications of these techniques in transportation and health care. He completed a Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics & Statistics and Scientific Computing at the University of Maryland College-Park in May of 2011. His advisor was Michael Ball, and his dissertation research applied stochastic optimization and machine learning techniques to the problem of planning ground delay programs.

Under the ACRP Graduate Research Award Program, Alex developed data-driven optimization techniques for choosing the parameters of ground delay programs.



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While a graduate student at the George Mason University, Dan won an award as part of the ACRP Graduate Award Program on Public Sector Aviation Issues for academic year 2008-2009, preparing research on, "Understanding Nonfiscal Barriers to Airport Development and Exploring Federal Policy Solutions."



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Douglas received his Ph.D. in operations research from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), where he won teaching awards from the MIT Sloan School of Management and the MIT Graduate Student Council. After earning his Bachelor's degree in computer science with honors at Carnegie Mellon University, he spent five years at Trilogy, a software company in Austin, Texas, working on engagements with Ford, British Airways, and Goodyear. Based on his sports management research, he has consulted for Titleist and currently serves as a Senior Advisor to Baseball Research and Development for the Tampa Bay Rays. Professor Fearing and his wife have two children.



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Mr. Feinberg is a Ph.D. candidate at Washington University in St. Louis in the Department of Energy, Environmental and Chemical Engineering. His expertise includes air quality field measurements, emissions estimation and air quality dispersion modeling, and receptor based modeling. His research primarily focuses on the refinement of methodologies to estimate near-field impacts from emission sources. This work includes transportation emission sources with activities that are difficult to spatially and temporally allocate such as rail yard and airport operations.



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While a graduate student at Villanova University, Maria won an award as part of the ACRP Graduate Award Program for academic year 2013-2014, preparing research on, "The Performance of Energy Conscious Materials in Flexible Airfield Pavements." In addition, she was involved in two key NCHRP projects: NCHRP Project 9-22B *Comparing HMA Dynamic Modulus Measured by Axial Compression and IDT Methods* and NCHRP Project 20-07 Task 317 *Update of "Mechanistic-Empirical Pavement Design Guide Manual of Practice"*. She has also assisted in the preparation of the National Highway Institute Course # 131023 *"Highway Materials Engineering, Module E – Pavement ME Design."*



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Osman's awards and accomplishments include the ACRP Graduate Research Award, European Union Erasmus Scholarship, Sabanci Holding Fellowship, and the best paper of the year by Turkish Road Association.



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Jaime has received various awards including the General Scholarship from the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, First Place Winner in the Younger Member Paper Contest from the ASCE Transportation and Development Institute – 2013 Airfield and Highway Pavement Conference, and Young Researcher from COLCIENCIAS (Colombian equivalent to National Science Foundation). Currently, Jaime is a postdoctoral research associate at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



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Evan began working at Texas State University on transportation research in 2012. Since then, she has written proposals for and been awarded grants to perform pavement research from the Federal Aviation Administration, the Texas Department of Transportation, and the ACRP Graduate Research Award (ACRP 11-04/1). Her TRB research is published in the *Transportation Research Record* No. 2471. She is also published in the *International Journal of Pavement Research and Technology* (Vol. 7, No. 3, May 2014). Recently, she co-authored a book chapter in "Smart Cities: Applications, Technologies, Standards, and Driving Factors" (Springer, 2017), and has been working on innovative new materials research.

Evan is currently assisting with the development of a proposed new program in civil engineering at Texas State University. The academic program is being developed around the concept of technology-enhanced infrastructure design and management, with complimentary research activities in a number of civil fields.



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Alexandre is the recipient of several research and leadership awards, including the George B. Dantzig Dissertation Award and the Transportation Science and Logistics Dissertation Prize from INFORMS, the Milton Pikarsky Memorial Award for Best Ph.D. Dissertation in transportation science and technology from the Council of University Transportation Centers (CUTC), the Dissertation Award competition from the Industry Studies Association (ISA), the Anna Valicek Award from AGIFORS, and the L.E. Rivot Medal from the French Academy of Science.



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Luisa started her research career as an undergraduate honors student. She has worked under the guidance of simulation expert Dr. Manuel Rossetti, on evaluating through discrete simulation modeling possible alternatives to ease the continuous passenger flow at security checkpoints. She has also worked on simulation modeling of inventory systems.

Luisa assisted in the development of a spreadsheet simulation model to evaluate the effectiveness of a vehicle routing tool designed to transform the routing and inventory methods at Helmerich and Payne. Luisa's research interests include simulation modeling, network optimization on transportation logistics, and development of material handling equipment for the aviation industry. Luisa is hopeful to find a position in industry where she can pursue a career in any of these areas.





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Dr. Hernando Jimenez passed away on Sunday, October 23, 2016, at the age of 36. Hernando was born on February 10th, 1980, in Bogota, Colombia. Even as a young child, he had dreams of flight. He harnessed that fascination when he came to the USA in 2001 to complete his studies in Aerospace Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology, receiving his Bachelor of Science (2003), Master of Science (2006), and Doctorate of Philosophy (2009). After earning the terminal degree for his field of study, he was appointed to be a member of the research faculty at the Aerospace Systems Design Laboratory (ASDL).

As a graduate student and member of the research faculty at the Georgia Institute of Technology, Dr. Jimenez participated in numerous research efforts sponsored by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Federal Aviation Administration in areas of aircraft design and analysis, aircraft technology modeling and selection, air transportation measures for environmental impact mitigation, and integration of unmanned aircraft systems into the national airspace. Dr. Jimenez was a recipient of a 2008-2009 Airport Cooperative Research Program Graduate Award, sponsored by the FAA and administered by the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies, for which he conducted research on characterization of operational and environmental performance of airports and terminal areas including NASA advanced vehicle concepts. He was also a graduate fellow of the 2007-2008 Sam Nunn Security Fellowship Program where he conducted research on critical infrastructure protection and airport security risk mitigation. He served as a member of the TRB Aviation Systems Planning Committee, vice-chair/chair-elect of the AIAA Aircraft Design Technical Committee, and co-chair of the AIAA Aerospace Systems Integration Working Group.

He is survived by his wife, Stephanie Dietrich and two children, Victoria Sophia and Daniel Ivan. He will be remembered for his passion, his love for family and friends, his stupendous eloquence, and his inimitable sense of humor. In addition to his wife and two children, Hernando is survived by his parents, Humberto Jimenez and Anna Susanna "Ansi" van Wageningen; his siblings, Daniel, Humberto Jr, Juan Manuel, and Sandra.

Information updated from <http://www.asturner.com/obituary/Hernando-Jimenez/Decatur-GA/1664804>.



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In 2010, Donald won a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, and in 2011, he won an ACRP Graduate Research Award. Also in 2011, he attended the Eno Leadership Development Conference. Donald served as President of the Georgia Tech chapter of the Institute of Transportation Engineers and led the chapter to win the Student Chapter of the Year Award for the Southern District of ITE.



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He received a Ph.D. in Organizational Behavior from the University of North Carolina, and an MBA from Florida Atlantic University. He previously worked in the sports marketing and event management industries.



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As a graduate student at MIT, Fabrice focused on the technical implementation of ADS-B in the National Airspace System and how the various stakeholders will benefit from its introduction. The title of his Master's thesis is "ADS-B Benefits to General Aviation and Barriers to Implementation." For his Ph.D. thesis, he was part of the team that developed the "Traffic Situation Awareness with Alerting" Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast Application (ADS-B) for the FAA. TSAA is the first conflict alerting application that allows for reliable alerting in the airport environment without unacceptably high rates of nuisance alerts. The algorithms developed for TSAA currently serve as the basis and a means of compliance with the international certification standard for TSAA published by standards-setting bodies RTCA and EUROCAE. Fabrice now works at Aurora Flight Sciences as the airspace integration and operations research lead.



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Paulos joined Unison's airport economics and finance practice in 2016. He specializes in developing forecasts of air traffic activity, rental car demand, parking demand and ground access mode choice. The forecasts he develops are key inputs to airport master plans and financial feasibility studies supporting the issuance of bonds to finance airport capital projects.

Prior to Unison, Paulos was a researcher and economist at the California Air Resources Board. He worked under the Board's Chief Economist to provide economic analysis on a wide range of air quality and climate regulations.



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Ben Lee is currently a NOAA Climate and Global Change Postdoctoral Fellow working with Professor Joel Thornton at the University of Washington. His research goal is to improve our understanding of the role that atmospheric volatile organic compounds play in affecting air quality and climate. Specifically, his project with the Thornton group aims to quantify the contribution that these VOCs have on the formation of secondary organic aerosols which are potentially significant climate altering species. The tool that he will employ is called the chemical ionization high-resolution time-of-flight mass spectrometer, which is well suited to accurately identify and quantify a whole suite of inorganic and organic acid species in both the gas and particle phases.

Ben's approach is two-fold. First, he plans to probe the cascade of chemical oxidation byproducts of alpha-pinene and isoprene, the two dominant biogenically emitted species, in a controlled laboratory chamber. Though such experiments studying their chemistry have been performed in the past, the pathways, the range of products, and the relative abundances of these aerosol precursors are still ill-defined. Second, he will deploy this instrument on an aircraft platform over the southeast region of the U.S. which is influenced by high levels of both biogenic and anthropogenic VOC emissions. From this campaign, he will gain insight into the distribution of the many VOC byproducts in the open atmosphere that will help to reconcile the measurements of secondary organic aerosol and their gaseous precursors.



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As a member of the 2017-2018 ACRP Graduate Award Program, Chris hopes the results of his work are used to promote safer battery pack design and transportation practices.



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