

## RESEARCH PARTNERS LUNCH SERIES

Coordinated by the Center for Advanced Public Safety of Hosted by the College of Engineering

## TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES – OPPORTUNITIES AND STRATEGIES TO ENGAGE

Tuesday, February 24, 2015 from 12:00pm to 1:30pm NERC (North Engineering Research Center), Room 1012

RSVP by Friday, February 20, 2015 via the following link: https://universityofalabama.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\_81cGMhF7JTSC6JT

You are invited to the February lunch in the Research Partners Lunch Series. The goal of the lunch series is to introduce research topics for the development of research partnerships across disciplines. These partnerships can serve as a foundation for interdisciplinary research endeavors, grant proposal writing, course development, and innovative research applications. Different researchers from across the University are invited to brief a research topic each month for potential research partners. The lunch will begin at noon and the presentation will begin at 12:15pm.

This month's speaker will be Steven Jones, Associate Professor, Department of Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering in the College of Engineering at The University of Alabama.

The Transportation Research Board, one of six divisions of the National Academy of Sciences, recently set out connected and automated vehicles as the primary focus of the national transportation research agenda. Doubtless, the unchartered territories of self-driving cars, smart infrastructure, and the morass of pending legal and privacy issues our society is careening towards are of great importance – to us in the developed world. Simultaneously, there is an increasing need (and opportunity) for the transformative power of transportation research to address issues of basic economic accessibility, educational and healthcare opportunity, social vulnerability, and, even, political stability in the developing world. Such research is funded and conducted by diverse set of organizations in the US and abroad. The opportunities for the University of Alabama to engage are real and the time is right.

Kindly RSVP your attendance by Friday, February 20th via the link below so we can reserve your lunch. https://universityofalabama.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\_81cGMhF7JTSC6JT

If you have any further questions about the lunch, please call Valerie Trull at 205-348-4054.

Thank you so much and we look forward to meeting you at the Research Partners Lunch Series.

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SAVE the DATES for these future 2015 series events!			
<del>January 20</del>	April 21	July 28	October 20
February 24	May 26	August 25	November 17
March 31	June 30	September 29	December 15