

## **College of Engineering Adds Nine New Faculty**

*Fred Mannering, highly regarded transportation expert, joins the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department.*

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Xiaopeng Li was an assistant professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Mississippi State University (MSU). Prior to joining MSU in 2012. He worked for Caterpillar Inc., as a logistics research analyst. He holds an MS in civil engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), an MS in applied mathematics from UIUC, and a PhD in civil engineering also from UIUC. He is a recipient of an NSF CAREER award and has published 18 research papers in peer-reviewed journals and served as the PI and co-PI for several research projects funded by multiple federal (e.g., NSF, FHWA) and local agencies.

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering added five new faculty. The department grants degrees in the highly sought after fields of computer science, information technology and computer engineering, which has record numbers of students enrolled over the past several years.

Two associate professors, **Xinming (Simon) Ou** and **Siriam Chellappan**; assistant professor, **Paul Rosen**; and two instructors, **William Hendrix** and **Isabela Moura-Hidalgo** have joined the department

Simon Ou held the Peggy and Gary Edwards Chair in Engineering at Kansas State University, where he received a National Science Foundation CAREER award in 2010. He earned his PhD from Princeton University.

Siriam Chellappan comes to USF from the Missouri University of S

Mingyang Li joins the department from The University of Arizona, where he was a research assistant. He received his PhD from The University of Arizona. His research interests are data analytics and system informatics with their applications in reliability, quality, energy, homeland security, and manufacturing.

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