

WILBUR S. SMITH DISTINGUISHED TRANSPORTATION EDUCATOR AWARD

Bryan J. Katz, PH.D., PE, PTOE, RSP2I, PMP, CVP (F)



Bryan J. Katz, Ph.D., P.E., PTOE, RSP2I, PMP, CVP (F) has been selected to receive one of ITE's top honors, the [Wilbur S. Smith Distinguished Transportation Educator Award](#). The purpose of this award is to recognize an educator who has made an outstanding contribution to the transportation profession by relating academic studies to the actual practice of transportation. ITE is pleased to honor the illustrious legacy of ITE's 11th President, [Wilbur S. Smith](#) by celebrating transportation educators who help their students advance their professional development, enhance their opportunities to network with practicing transportation professionals, and become active participants in the profession.

Dr. Bryan Katz is a Fellow Member of ITE and serves as a Professor of Practice in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department at Virginia Tech, where he has taught transportation engineering courses for 16 years. He is also the Faculty Advisor for the Virginia Tech ITE Student Chapter. Bryan strives to bring real-world experience to the classroom using case studies, inviting guest speakers, and creating assignments that reflect typical activities that transportation engineers would encounter on the job. He brings experience as the President of Toxcel, LLC, where he leads a team of engineers and scientists in the areas of engineering, life science, and behavioral science. Bryan also serves in leadership roles in other professional organizations. He currently is the Vice Chair of Research for the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and serves on the Board for the Virginia Section of ITE where he is a University Relations representative. For over 20 years, he has led projects in the areas of traffic operations and traffic safety, primarily in the technical areas of traffic control devices, speed management, and school bus safety.

"It's an honor to be selected for the Wilbur S. Smith Distinguished Transportation Educator Award. I initially learned about Mr. Smith's accomplishments in our industry when taking my very first transportation engineering course at Virginia Tech in the late 1990s, so to be selected for this prestigious award is very meaningful. I am very appreciative of my leadership and colleagues at Virginia Tech, the support of the Virginia Section of ITE, and all the students I've taught over the years for giving me the experiences and opportunities that led to this honor," said Katz upon receiving the award.

Congratulations to Bryan on this outstanding achievement. Thank you for your remarkable commitment to your students, your contributions to the ITE community, and for the impact you are making within the transportation industry!