Two from civil engineering earn honors at Transportation Research Board annual meeting

Steven Stapleton, a graduate student in civil engineering from Canton, received the Best Paper Award from the Transportation Research Board's (TRB) Standing Committee on Pedestrians at the 2017 TRB annual meeting. Stapleton was lead author on the paper that was selected from 109 papers for the annual meeting. The winning paper, “Factors Affecting Driver Yielding Compliance on College Campuses: An Evaluation of 31 Uncontrolled Midblock Crosswalks on Low Speed Roadways in Michigan,” was co-authored by his advisor, Timothy Gates, associate professor of civil and environmental engineering.

Gates also co-authored a paper that received the Best Paper Award on the operational effects of geometric design: “Raising Speed Limits on Rural Highways: A Process for Identification of Candidate Non-Freeway Segments.”

The 2017 TRB annual meeting was in Washington, D.C., from Jan. 8-12, 2017. The event attracted around 12,000 transportation professionals from around the world. Program topics covered all transportation modes, with more than 5,000 presentations in nearly 750 sessions and workshops for policy makers, administrators, practitioners, researchers, and representatives of government, industry, and academic institutions.