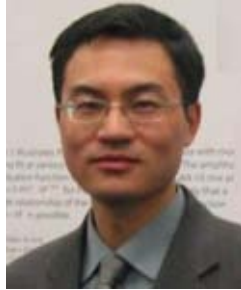


Professor Lu Joins Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering



Tampa, Fla. (March 4, 2010) – Dr. Qing Lu (pronounced ching) recently joined the department of Civil and Environmental Engineering as assistant professor. Lu received a doctorate in civil engineering with emphasis on transportation engineering from University of California, Berkeley. Prior to joining USF, Professor Lu was a project scientist and laboratory manager at the University of California, Davis.

His major areas of research focus on pavement design – analysis and preservation, asphalt and asphalt mixes; transportation infrastructure system management; and surface technologies for orthotropic steel deck bridges.

Lu's industry experience includes working with ChemCo Systems, Redwood City, CA, where he served as technical manager on several bridge projects, including the Hangzhou Bay Bridge, the longest overseas bridge in the world; and the Sutong Bridge, the longest cable-stayed bridge in the world.

Professor Lu, who is a licensed professional civil engineer in the State of California, also holds master's degrees in statistics and civil engineering from UC, Berkeley; and master's and bachelor degrees from Southeast University, Nanjing, China.

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