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Curriculum Vitae

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Forensic Consultant



Professional Profile

Dr. Alexandra (Ali) Boggs is a Transportation Safety Consultant at Focus Forensics with experience, education, and training in the fields of Civil Engineering, Transportation Safety, and Forensic Engineering. In particular, her breadth of knowledge focuses on the human, vehicular, and roadway factors that lead to traffic crashes. After completing a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Florida Institute of Technology, she earned a Master of Science in Statistics and a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering with a specialization in Transportation Engineering Safety from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Dr. Boggs has been an active researcher in the Transportation Safety Engineering field. Her master's thesis evaluated the effectiveness of an emerging pavement analysis tool to measure the in-situ strength of base and subgrade layers. Her doctoral dissertation examined the entire safety spectrum of automated vehicles including their interaction with the roadway environment, their interaction with human users, and future needs for developing effective vehicle-roadway-user systems. Other research activities included investigating the safety effects of commercial vehicle parking and driver hours of service issues.

Dr. Boggs is a published author in Civil Engineering literature in areas of Pavement Analysis and Transportation Safety Engineering. Her research focuses on emerging transportation-related technology, automated vehicles, transportation safety policies, and commercial vehicle safety issues, resulting in her works being published in peer-reviewed journals, such as Accident Analysis and Prevention, Transportation Research Record, and Innovations in Geotechnical Engineering. Her achievements were reflected in being awarded the "2018 Student of the Year" for the USDOT Collaborative Sciences Center for Road Safety, interning in the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Office of Highway and Safety. She remains actively involved in safety research, publications, and teaching. She is an experienced instructor at university engineering programs and has taught more than 300 undergraduate and graduate students.

At Focus Forensics, Dr. Boggs brings her knowledge of human, vehicular, and roadway factors to the analysis of collision events and Transportation Engineering systems. Her engineering consulting practice involves the investigation and analysis of incidents involving a wide scope of vehicle classifications— passenger vehicles, motorcycles pedestrians, commercial vehicles, buses, emergency vehicles, and other modes of travel. Her roadway evaluation includes roadway geometry, operations, maintenance, construction, signalization, signs and marking, and temporary traffic controls. Her application of comprehensive engineering methodology allows clients to comprehend all of the causes and potential countermeasures for a given incident or pattern of safety issues.

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Education

Ph.D. in Civil Engineering

(Transportation)

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Knoxville, Tennessee

Master of Science in Statistics

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Knoxville, Tennessee

Master of Science in Civil Engineering

Florida Institute of Technology

Melbourne, Florida

Bachelor of Science in Civil

Engineering

Florida Institute of Technology

Melbourne, Florida



Work Experience

Focus Forensics, LLC
Consultant: 2020 - Present

University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Graduate Teaching/Research Assistant: 2015 - 2019

National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Office of
Highway Safety
Engineering Student Trainee: 2018 & 2019

Center for Ultra-Wide Area Resilient Electric Energy
Transmission Networks (CURENT)
Mentor: 2016

Boggs Engineering, LLC
Transportation Engineering Intern: 2015

Lockheed Martin Corporation
Facilities Engineering Intern: 2013 - 2015

Global Intergy Corporation
Revit Consultant: 2014 – 2015

Florida Institute of Technology
Graduate Student Assistant: 2013 – 2015

Sam Schwartz Engineering
Transportation Engineering Intern: 2012

Licensure and Professional Certification

- Engineering Intern, State of Florida, #1100024722
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
 - 30-Hour Certification

Professional Memberships

- Transportation Research Board (TRB)
 - Standing Committee on Vehicle-Highway Automation (ACP30), Friend
 - Standing Committee on Traffic Control Devices (ACP55), Friend
 - Standing Committee on Transportation Safety Management Systems (ACS10), Friend

- Standing Committee on Truck and Bus Safety (ACS60), Friend
- Standing Committee on Trucking Industry Research (AT060), Friend
- Paper Review Committee Appointments
 - IATSS Research
 - Transportation Research Record
 - Transportation Research Board, Vehicle-Highway Automation (ACP30)
 - Transportation Research Board, Artificial Intelligence and Advanced Computing Applications (AED50)
 - Transportation Research Board, Transportation Safety Management Systems (ACS10)
 - Transportation Research Board, Trucking Industry Research (AT060)
- Women's Transportation Seminar
- Institute of Transportation Engineers
- Phi Kappa Phi, Top 10% of Class Honor Society, 2015
- Tau Beta Pi, Engineering Honor Society, 2015
- Chi Epsilon, Civil Engineering Honor Society, 2011

Professional Development

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

- Work Zone Design Course, 2021

National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)

- Highway Safety Investigations HS 101 Course, 2018

Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)

- Accident Reconstruction, The Autonomous Vehicle and ADAS, 2020
- Fundamentals of Vehicle Dynamics, 2021

Virtual Crash

- Collision Simulation and Reconstruction, 2021



Technical Reports and Publications

Boggs, A.M., Wali, B., Khattak, A.J., "Exploratory analysis of automated vehicle crashes in California: A text analytics & hierarchical Bayesian heterogeneity-based approach," *Accident Analysis & Prevention* 135 (2020): 105354

Boggs, A.M., Arvin, R., Khattak, A.J., "Exploring the who, what, when, where, and why of automated vehicle disengagements," *Accident Analysis & Prevention*, 136 (2020): 105406.

Boggs, A.M., Hezaveh, A.M., Cherry, C.R. "Shortage of commercial vehicle parking and truck related interstate ramp crashes in Tennessee," *Transportation Research Record*, 2673.10 (2019): 153-163.

Shay, E., Khattak, A.J., Boggs, A.M., "Safety in the Connected and Automated Vehicle Era: A US Perspective on Research Needs," Under-review.

Cherry, C., Boggs, A., Franceschetti, N., Ling, Z., & Nambisan, S. "Truck Parking Facilities and Ramp Parking: Role of Supply, Demand, and Ramp Characteristics," No. RES2016-07. 2018.

Cosentino, P. J., Shaban, A. M., Boggs, A. M. "Predicting Bearing Ratios of Granular Soils Using Dynamic Cone Penetrometer and Modified PENCCEL Pressuremeter Tests." *Innovations in Geotechnical Engineering* (2018): 68-86.

Denis, A., Boggs, A., Jensen, M. "Undecided Engineers: A First Year General Engineering Program." Proceedings of the ASEE Southeast Section Conference, Macon, GA. 2014.

Seminar and Course Presentations

"Analyzing On-Road Automated Vehicle Disengagements over Time and by Manufacturer" Transportation Research Board 99th Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 2020.

"Exploring the Who, What, When, Where, and Why of Automated Vehicle Disengagements" Transportation Research Board 99th Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 2020.

"Analyzing Automated Vehicle Crashes in California: Application of a Bayesian Binary Logit Model" Transportation Research Board 98th Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 2019.

"Safety in the Connected and Automated Vehicle Era: A US Perspective on Research Needs" Transportation Research Board 98th Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C., 2019.

"Shortage of Commercial Vehicle Parking and Truck-Related Interstate Ramp Crashes in Tennessee" Transportation Research Board 98th Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 2019.

"Commercial Vehicle Parking's Influence on Interstate Ramp Crashes" Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities, San Antonio, Texas, 2018.

"Shortage of Commercial Vehicle Parking Influence on Interstate Ramp Crashes in Tennessee" 5th Annual UTC Conference for the Southeastern Region, Gainesville, Florida, 2017.

"Shortage of Commercial Vehicle Parking Influence on Interstate Ramp Crashes in Tennessee" Tennessee Section Institute on Transportation Engineers Summer Meeting, Gatlinburg, Tennessee, 2017.

"Truck Parking Facilities and Ramp Parking: Role of Supply, Demand, and Ramp Characteristics" Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities, San Antonio, Texas, 2017.

"Truck Parking Facilities and Ramp Parking: Role of Supply, Demand, and Ramp Characteristics" Women in STEM Symposium, Knoxville, Tennessee, 2017.

"Truck Parking Facilities and Ramp Parking: Role of Supply, Demand, and Ramp Characteristics" Transportation Research Board 96th Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 2017.

"The Role of Headway Distribution and Capacity of Interstate 40 Lane Management" Southeastern Transportation Research Conference, Knoxville, Tennessee, 2016.

"Development and Testing of the Miniaturized Pavement Pressuremeter" Florida Department of Transportation Geotechnical Research in Progress Meeting. Gainesville, Florida, 2016.

"Undecided Engineers: A First Year General Engineering Program" American Society for Engineering Education Southeast Section Conference. Macon, Georgia, 2014.



Thesis/ Dissertation

“Harnessing Crash and Disengagement Data to Analyze the Safety Performances of Automated Vehicles,” Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2019.

“Correlating Miniaturized Pressuremeter and Dynamic Cone Penetrometer Data for Unbound Pavement Layers,” Master’s Thesis, Florida Institute of Technology, 2015.

Awards

University of Tennessee Chancellor’s Fellowship, 2015-2019

Tennessee Section Institute of Transportation Engineers John R. Harper Memorial Scholarship, 2016 & 2019

Eno Center for Transportation Leadership Development Conference Fellow – Lillian Borrone Alumni Award Winner, 2019

University of Tennessee Chancellor’s Extraordinary Professional Promise, 2019

University of Tennessee Graduate Student Senate Travel Award, 2017 & 2019

US Department of Transportation National University Transportation Center for Safety - Collaborative Sciences Center for Road Safety - Student of the Year, 2018

American Road and Transportation Builders Association Future Industry Leader Spotlight Award, 2018

Women’s Transportation Seminar Central Virginia Leadership Legacy Scholarship, 2018

Lifesavers National Conference Traffic Safety Scholarship, 2017-2018

Middle Tennessee Chapter of American Society of Highway Engineers John R. Harper Scholarship, 2018

Southern District Institute of Transportation Engineers Annual Best Student Paper Competition – First Place, 2018

Tennessee Section Institute of Transportation Engineers Annual Best Student Paper Competition – First Place, 2017-2018

Tennessee Section Institute of Transportation Engineers William (Bill) Moore Jr Scholarship, 2018

Southern District Institute of Transportation Engineers Annual Best Student Paper Competition – Second Place, 2017

Tennessee Section Institute of Transportation Engineers Traffic Bowl Competition Champions, 2016-2017

Great Lakes National Scholarship, 2015-2017

Florida Institute of Technology Dean’s List 2009-2010, 2012-2013

Florida Institute of Technology Most Outstanding Junior in Civil Engineering, 2010

Bailey Family Foundation Scholarship, 2009-2013

Florida Institute of Technology Intercollegiate Volleyball Team, 2009-2012

Sunshine State Conference Commissioner’s Honor Roll, 2009-2011

Florida Institute of Technology Athletic Director’s Honor Roll, 2009-2011

Leadership Roles

University of Tennessee Graduate Student Senate, Senator of Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, 2018-2019

University of Tennessee Institute of Transportation Engineers Student Chapter, President 2017-2018, Vice-President 2015-2017

University of Tennessee Women’s Transportation Seminar, President 2017-2018

Florida Institute of Technology Chi Epsilon, Marshall, 2012-2013