

Qi Yi, Ph.D.

Dr. Yi Qi is an assistant professor in the Department of Transportation Studies at Texas Southern University. She received her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in transportation planning and engineering from Polytechnic University of New York in 2002. She has a B.S. degree in mathematics and a M.S. degree in statistics from East China Normal University (ECNU) in China.



Dr. Yi Qi is a recognized scholar in the fields of traffic and transportation engineering. Her areas of expertise include intelligent transportation system (ITS), traffic safety analysis, transportation system modeling, etc. Currently, she is serving as the Principal Investigator (PI) for projects sponsored by Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Southwest Region University Transportation Center (SWUTC). She also served as the major investigator for the projects sponsored by New York Department of Transportation (NYDOT), Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and US Department of Transportation (USDOT) during the time when she worked at Polytechnic University and University of Virginia. Her research resulted in more than 20 research papers in prestigious transportation engineering journals. She has been invited to write a chapter for a book published by Elsevier, a well respected publisher, on the topic of the evaluation of incident management strategies.

Professionally, Dr. Yi Qi is an active member of the Transportation Research Board (TRB). She served as the secretary for the TRB Subcommittee on Training, Education, and Technology Transfer. She also holds memberships on committees, councils, and task forces in the regional, state, national and international organizations.

Statement

It will be a great honor and pleasure for me to serve as a board member in North American Chinese Overseas Transportation Association (NACOTA). As a Chinese scholar working in the Transportation area in USA, I am eager to make contributions to the transportation development in China, and the communication between the transportation societies in North America and in China.

If elected to the board member, I will commit to, but not limited to, the following specific responsibilities:

- Enhance the academic and technology exchanges in transportation area between China and North America. I will help organize international transportation conferences, workshops or other events in china. I will encourage the NACOTA members to participate in various transportation events in china to share their expertise with the transportation professionals in china. I will also make efforts to help the transportation scholars and students in china on their visiting and study in USA.
- Contribute knowledge and experience to the Chinese students to help them establish and develop their careers in transportation area. I will provide job search information and career development materials through NACOTA website, newsletter, or email distributions.
- Continue enhancing the NACOTA's public standing and recruiting new NACOTA members. I will actively introduce NACOTA's mission and purposes not only to the transportation students and professionals in North America but also to those in China to attract more new members. In addition, I will provide services in the newsletter publication and website maintenance.
- Help secure funding for NCOTA's activities through sponsorships, corporate and governmental sources, and other significant sources of funding.

Ming Zhang, Ph.D., AICP

Dr. Ming Zhang is Assistant Professor of Community and Regional Planning at the University of Texas at Austin. His research and teaching interests include land use-transportation integration, urban transportation planning, mobility/accessibility and urban form, and GIS applications in planning. Prior to joining UT Austin, Dr. Zhang worked as Assistant Professor at Texas A&M University, Research Scientist at the Rockefeller Institute of Government in Albany, New York, and Lecturer and Licensed Planner/Designer at the Huazhong University of Science & Technology.



Ming Zhang holds the degrees of Ph.D. in Urban and Regional Planning and Master of Science in Transportation (both from MIT), Master of Regional Planning & Graduate Certificate in GIS and Spatial Analysis (both from SUNY Albany), and Master of Engineering in Urban Planning & Design and Bachelor of Architecture (both from Tsinghua University, Beijing).

Statement

I have enjoyed NACOTA events for quite a number of years. It's time to serve. I am willing to devote my time to serve NACOTA members.

Xiaojin Ji, Ph.D.

Dr. Ji received his Ph.D. in Transportation Engineering from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in May 2006, M.S. in Transportation Engineering, as well as a B.S. in Bridge Engineering from Tongji University in China. Dr. Ji has worked on various projects during his M.S. and Ph.D. study including traffic simulation, transportation planning, interchange design, traffic management, etc. He has several papers published in *Transportation Research Record* and presented at transportation conferences.



Dr. Ji is currently working as a Transportation Analyst with Wilbur Smith Associates in Dallas, TX. His job primarily involves toll road revenue study, risk analysis, travel demand modeling, and toll road operation study. Dr. Ji's work and research interests also include capacity analysis, traffic simulation, ITS, and traffic safety. Dr. Ji is very interested in the transportation development in China.

Statement

With the extensive organization development experience from ITE and ASCE chapters, I think I will be able to contribute to the continued growth of NACOTA in the future. If elected, I will do my best on membership promotion, given there are still a lot of Chinese transportation professionals in the U.S. that are not members of NACOTA. I will also work with other board members to further improve the organization to meet its missions. I look forward to your support and trust. I hope I will have the opportunity and honor to serve you and NACOTA.

Yinghai Wang, Ph.D.

Dr. Wang is an Assistant Professor in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department at the University of Washington. Dr. Wang has a Ph.D. in transportation engineering from the University of Tokyo (1998), a master's degree in computer science from the University of Washington, and another master's degree in construction management and a bachelor degree in civil engineering from Tsinghua University. Dr. Wang is the founder of the Smart Transportation Applications and Research Laboratory (STAR Lab) and is currently the Thomas & Marilyn Nielson Endowed Professor in Engineering at the University of Washington. Dr. Wang has conducted extensive research in traffic detection systems, traffic accident modeling, transportation data management and analysis, traffic control, and traffic simulation. He has published twenty-six peer-reviewed journal articles. He is a member of the Freeway Operations Committee at the Transportation Research Board. He is also the winner of the ASCE Journal of Transportation Engineering Best Paper Award for 2003.



Statement

Dr. Wang has actively involved in social services since he was in college at Tsinghua University. He received a Social Service Contribution Award from Tsinghua University in 1988. He was the 15th President of the Chinese Students and Scholars Association at the University of Tokyo in the 1997/1998 academic year. He is currently the vice president of the Tsinghua Alumni Association in the Greater Seattle Area.