Structural Forensic Engineering and Ethics
Poughkeepsie, NY - Thursday, March 12, 2020

Understand the role of the forensic engineer
Explore the forensic engineering process and review forensic engineering reports
Learn the causes of structural failures
Examine the legal and economic impacts of failures
Review the use of forensic engineering during litigation

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Agenda

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Designing and Constructing to Prevent Failures
- Importance of standards and codes
- Design professional duties and the design process
- Understanding the standard of care
- Legal and economic impacts of failures
- Purpose of forensic engineering

Understanding Causes of Structural Failures
- Lessons learned from historic failures
- Design errors
- Defective construction
- Material deficiencies
- Excessive loadings
- Deterioration and degradation

Understanding the Forensic Engineering Process
- Documenting the failure
- Conducting investigation and research
- Test protocols and tests
- Determining causation and responsibility
- Learning from failure

Forensic Examination of Structures
- Investigation of steel structures
- Investigation of wood structures
- Investigation of concrete structures
- Investigation of masonry and building facades
- Load testing and instrumentation of existing structures

Using Forensic Engineering Information
- Examining the forensic engineering report
- Impact of forensic engineering information on post-failure disputes
- Use of forensic engineering information in mediation, arbitration and litigation
- The forensic engineer as consultant, expert and witness

Ethical Issues in Structural Engineering
- Design responsibilities that are exclusively duties for engineers
- Practicing only in areas of competence
- Adapting new materials/techniques: due diligence
- Duty to disclose potential problems

Learning Objectives

You’ll be able to:

Discuss the importance of good design and code compliance.
Describe the legal and economic consequences of structural failures.
Explore the forensic engineering process, from failure documentation, through investigation and testing, to determination of causation.
Review the contents of forensic engineering reports.
Identify common causes of structural failures, including material deficiencies, design errors, construction errors, excessive loadings, deterioration and degradation.
Discuss the forensic engineering examination of steel, wood, concrete and masonry structures.

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Faculty

James D’Aloisio, P.E., SECB, LEED AP
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Mr. D’Aloisio is a principal with Klepper, Hahn & Hyatt, a structural engineering, landscape architecture, and building envelope services firm in East Syracuse, New York. A graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Mr. D’Aloisio is a registered professional engineer in New York and Massachusetts, and he has been certified by the Structural Engineering Certification Board (SECB) since its inception in 2007. He is a member and past president (1997-1998) of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Syracuse Section, and a member of the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC), the American Concrete Institute (ACI), the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), and the Structural Engineers Association of New York State (SEANY). Mr. D’Aloisio is a member of ASCE/SEI’s Frost-Protected Shallow Foundations Committee, the Structural Condition Assessment of Existing Buildings Committee, and the Sustainability Committee, and he is a member of Committee ACI 318-N. He is a trained infrared thermographer. Mr. D’Aloisio received the Order of the Engineer at Syracuse University in 1997. His 30-plus years’ experience as a consulting structural engineer has primarily involved the design of new building structures, additions, and modifications, and analyses, assessments, and investigations of structures and facades. Specialties include detailing to minimize structural thermal bridging, the use of alternative structural systems and design approaches that can reduce the CO₂ emissions of structures and foundations. Mr. D’Aloisio has been involved in numerous special inspection projects, including developing statements of special inspections, performing inspections, and facilitating discrepancy resolutions. He has also performed over 150 structural forensic investigations, and he has presented over 500 times.

Seminar Information

Hyatt Place Poughkeepsie
2165 South Road
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
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Registration
8:00 - 8:30 am
Lunch (On your own)
12:15 - 1:15 pm
Morning Session
8:30 am - 12:15 pm
Afternoon Session
1:15 - 5:00 pm

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• Deep Foundation Design in Cold Regions
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  Fri., Feb. 21, 2020, 1:00 - 2:00 PM CST

Soil Mechanics and Slope Stability
• Soil Investigation and Classification
  Tues., Feb. 25, 2020, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM CST
• Reviewing Hydraulic and Mechanical Properties of Soils
  Tues., Feb. 25, 2020, 1:30 - 3:00 PM CST
• Determining and Increasing Bearing Capacity
  Wed., Feb. 26, 2020, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM CST
• Determining and Increasing Slope Stability
  Wed., Feb. 26, 2020, 1:30 - 3:00 PM CST

Environmental Sustainability
• Designing for Climate Resilience
  Thurs., Feb. 20, 2020, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM CST
  • Current and Anticipated Climate Effects on Structures and Communities
  • Assessing the Impact of Sea Level Rise, Changing Temperature and Changing Weather Patterns
  Thurs., Feb. 27, 2020, 1:00 - 3:00 PM CST
• Studying the Impact of Extreme Weather
  Fri., Feb. 28, 2020, 11:00 AM - 12:50 PM CST
• Adapting Sites, Outdoor Spaces, New Construction and Existing Buildings to Withstand Extreme Weather Events
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