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## **EDUCATION**

2000 Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida

## **EXPERIENCE**

December 2011 to Present

Engineering Design & Testing Corp. Overland Park, Kanas

Consultant and Forensic Engineer (December 2011 - March 2018)

District Engineering Manager (April 2018 - Present)

For commercial, industrial and residential structures: assessment of hail and/or wind damage to roof coverings; scope of structural damage due to wind, fire, snow, vibrations, vehicle impacts, tree impacts; cause of moisture intrusion through building envelope and foundations; scope of foundation damage due to involuntary discharges of water, soil pressure and ground movement; evaluation of construction defects and building code compliance; failure analysis involving concrete, masonry, steel and wood structures; cost estimates; value of loss; laboratory and field testing of construction materials; damage segregation; infrared thermography.

August 2005 to November 2011

Jones Edmunds & Associates *Titusville, Florida* 

Structural Engineer and Project Manager

Served as lead structural designer of new and renovated facilities at Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, MacDill Air Force Base, and Vandenberg Air Force Base. Managed government designs, studies and construction services projects to upgrade existing NASA and Army Corps of Engineering facilities. Projects included demolition of Launch Pad B fixed and rotating service structures, upgrades to Launch Pad B infrastructure, renovation of the Rotation Processing and Service Facility, repair of the solid rocket booster recovery landing wharf, an explosives ordnance disposal facility design, and roof replacement projects. Structural designs included new and rehabilitated concrete, masonry, and steel structures.

August 2002 to July 2005 **AECOM** (formerly URS Corporation) **Orlando, Florida** 

Bridge Engineer

Designed bridges and highway structures for the Florida Department of Transportation. Projects involved design of new bridge superstructure and substructure, retaining walls, culverts, overhead signs, and widening of existing bridges. Major design projects included the Interstate 4 and State Road 408 interchange, the Interstate 4 and State Road 192 interchange, and Interstate 4 widening over Bonnet Creek and through downtown Orlando.

June 2000 CDM Smith (formerly Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc.)

to Jul 2002 Maitland, Florida

Structural Engineer

Designed water and wastewater facilities for municipalities in Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. Facilities included concrete, steel, masonry, and aluminum structures designed to resist wind, seismic, and hydraulic loads in corrosive environments. Finite element software was used to analyze complex steel structures. Construction services, including shop drawing review and inspection, were provided.

December 1998 University of Central Florida

to August 1999 Orlando, Florida

Research Assistant

Assisted Dr. Haitham Al-Deek with research projects involving incident detection programs along the central corridor of Interstate 4 through Orlando, Florida.

May 1998 **Vecellio & Grogan, Inc.** to July 1998 **Beckley, West Virginia** 

Assistant Project Engineer

Performed roadway calculations, cost estimating, project accounting, and surveying

involving construction of the Smart Road in Blacksburg, Virginia.

# **EXPERIENCE**

## Field Experience and Industrial Consulting Activity (partial list)

#### **Description Construction Defects — Midwest**

Cause of moisture intrusion into commercial and residential structures.

## Multistory Apartment Complex — Midwest

Determine scope of wind and/or hail damage to roof coverings.

#### Foundation Damage — Fairway, Kansas

Determine the scope of structural damage related to an underground discharge of water.

#### Multiple Locations Loss — Topeka, Kansas

Coordinate and lead the examination of 130+ buildings in five cities in the evaluation of roofs for damage resulting from multiple hailstorms.

#### Exterior Insulation Finishing System (EIFS) — Bentonville, Arkansas

Evaluate EIFS veneer for moisture intrusion and construction defects.

#### Agricultural Facilities — *Midwest*

Cause of grain bin wall buckling, displacement or collapse; examination of grain transportation towers and auger displacement.

### Retaining Wall Failure — Kansas City, Missouri

Evaluation of storm related damage to a retaining wall, retention pond and site grading.

#### Handicap Ramp — San Antonio, Texas

Evaluate sidewalk ramp and curbs for code compliance in a personal injury case.

## Catastrophe Activities — Midwest and Florida

Determine scope of structural damage to commercial and residential properties due to hail, wind or tornado.

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### **Communication Tower Collapse** — *Midwest*

Examine communication tower for cause and scope of damage, and evaluate replacement cost data.

### Bridge Impact — Kansas City, Missouri

Evaluate scope of damage and cost of repair for bridge girders impacted by vehicles.

## Roof Collapse — Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Determine cause of roof collapse at a large manufacturing facility.

## Multistory Apartment Complex — Overland Park, Kansas

Determine scope of fire-related structural damage.

### Carport Damage — Dallas, Texas

Determine scope of ice damage to carports at 10+ apartment complexes.

## **REGISTRATIONS and CERTIFICATIONS**

Registered Professional Engineer in Arkansas (#15194)

Registered Professional Engineer in Colorado (#46238)

Registered Professional Engineer in Florida (#62511)

Registered Professional Engineer in Illinois (#06.065038)

Registered Professional Engineer in Iowa (#20937)

Registered Professional Engineer in Kansas (#22179)

Registered Professional Engineer in Minnesota (#53112)

Registered Professional Engineer in Missouri (#2012007667)

Registered Professional Engineer in Nebraska (#E-14091)

Registered Professional Engineer in North Dakota (#PE-10807)

Registered Professional Engineer in Oklahoma (#25624)

Registered Professional Engineer in South Dakota (#11981)

Registered Professional Engineer in Texas (#111848)

Registered Professional Engineer in Wisconsin (#44578)

National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) (Record #47944)

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Concrete Institute (ACI)

American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

"Metal Roofing: Composition and Damage Assessment", EDT Engineering Conference, Columbia, SC, February 2013

"Storm Damage to Roofs", Cincinnati Insurance Regional Meeting, Overland Park, KS, March 2018

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- "No Tears Veneers Keeping Water Our of Walls", EDT Engineering Conference, Charlotte, NC, February 2019
- "Residential Roof Adjustment Challenges", PLRB Central Regional Adjusters Conference, Minneapolis, MN, September 2019

# **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

- 2019 Interdisciplinary Investigations, EDT, February 9, 2019, Charlotte, NC
  No Tears Veneers Keeping Water Out of Walls, EDT, February 8, 2019, Charlotte, NC
  Toybox for Civils, EDT, February 8, 2019, Charlotte, NC
- 2018 *63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Structural Engineering Conference*, The University of Kansas, March 1, 2018, Lawrence, Kansas

Heat, Air and Moisture Components of Building Envelopes, EDT, February 17, 2018, Orlando, Florida

Introduction to Wood Connection Analysis, EDT, February 16, 2018, Orlando, Florida

Metallurgy for the Non-Metallurgist and Its Use in Root Cause/Damage, EDT, February 17, 2018, Orlando, Florida

The EDT Approach to Design/Construction Defect, EDT, February 16, 2018, Orlando, Florida

2017 49th Annual Geotechnical Engineering Conference, The University of Kansas, November 9, 2017, Lawrence, Kansas

Engineering Analysis of Failure: Determination of Cause in a Legal Environment, EDT, February 11, 2017, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Smarter Ways to Use Excel for Engineering, EDT, February 10, 2017, Albuquerque, New Mexico Large Loss Report Writing, EDT, February 11, 2017, Albuquerque, New Mexico

2016 49th Annual Geotechnical Engineering Conference, The University of Kansas, November 10, 2016, Lawrence, Kansas

61st Annual Structural Engineering Conference, The University of Kansas, March 3, 2016, Lawrence, Kansas

A Primer Regarding Blast Loads on Structures, EDT, February 5, 2016, Columbia, South Carolina Collection and Preservation of Evidence, EDT, February 5, 2016, Columbia, South Carolina

2015 Annual Kansas City Geotechnical Conference 2015, ASCE, UMKC and AEG; April 23, 2015, Overland Park, Kansas

Concrete Repair by Shotcrete Application, American Concrete Institute, December 17, 2015

Design Ex.: Buried Concrete Basement Wall, American Concrete Institute, January 7, 2015

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 26-Expert Reports, EDT, February 7, 2015, Franklin, Tennessee

Introduction to the Concrete Repair Code (ACI562), American Concrete Institute, December 17, 2015

*Modern Data Management for Engineering Investigations – Acquisition, Storage and Access*, EDT, February 6, 2015, Franklin, Tennessee

On Thin Ice - Building Failures During Winter, EDT, February 6, 2015, Franklin, Tennessee

- Slabjacking, American Concrete Institute, January 7, 2015
- 2014 Introduction to Steel Connection Design and Failure Analysis, EDT, February 7, 2014, Salt Lake City, Utah
  - To Fall or Not to Fall: A Guide to the Investigation of Imminent Collapse, EDT, February 7, 2014, Salt Lake City, Utah
- 2013 Changes in the Wind Provisions of the ASCE 7 Standard, EDT, February 8, 2013, Columbia, South Carolina
  - Law of Construction Defects and Failures, HalfMoon Education, Inc., October 3, 2013, Overland Park, Kansas
- 2012 Introduction to Structural Design of Wood Buildings per the 2012 NDS, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, October 10-12, 2012, Blacksburg, Virginia
  Rope Assisted Roof Climbing Training, EDT, January 16-17, 2012, Charlotte, North Carolina
- 2011 ACI/PCA 318-11 Building Code, American Concrete Institute, November 1, 2011, Orlando, Florida
- 2008 Structural Masonry Design, Florida Masonry Apprentice & Educational Foundation, July 17, 2008, Orlando, Florida
- 2007 Basic Corrosion Course, NACE International, April 23-27, 2007, Orlando, Florida
  Simplified Design of Reinforced Concrete Buildings Seminar, American Concrete Institute, December 6, 2007, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2006 Concrete Slabs on Ground, American Concrete Institute, November 29, 2006, Jacksonville, Florida