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GEO-INSTITUTE – MARCH DINNER MEETING

Hurricane Katrina: Floodwall Failures and Court Ruling

PLACE:	Pazzo's at 311 311 S Wacker Dr., Chicago, IL 60606 ((312) 913-1600) (Parking is located South of the 311 building - $13.00 after 5:00 pm)
DATE:	**Wednesday, March 4, 2020** Cocktails 5:15 pm, Dinner 6:15 pm, Presentation to follow dinner
SPEAKERS:	**Professor Timothy D. Stark with UIUC**
COST:	$50 General (Contractor, Consultant with reservation) $40 Education/Government Employees (with reservation) $25 Students (with reservation) $55 At the door OR After RSVP date (Make checks payable to "ASCE IL Geo-Institute")
RSVP:	Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 12:00 pm (CST) Online: https://www.123signup.com/register?id=rphyy Email: tasceilgeotech@gmail.com Phone: Alex Barlan 630.994.2657 Jim Hambleton 847.491.4858 Alex Potter-Weight 312.598.9549

Program Summary:

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina made landfall just east of New Orleans with a storm surge of about fourteen (14) feet and maximum sustained surface winds of 175 miles per hour. Afterwards, litigation ensued to recoup some of the extensive losses (~$300 billion) and continued for almost eight (8) years by property owners against various parties. The ruling in this case, essentially ended the litigation against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) when Judge Stanwood Duval ruled against property owners in the Lower Ninth Ward that were inundated by two breaches of the floodwall along the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC). This presentation will discuss the events prior to and during Hurricane Katrina, the negligence claim brought by property owners in the Lower Ninth Ward against the USACE and Washington Group, International (WGI), and the USACE's favorable defense to the negligence claim.

Speakers:

Timothy D. Stark is a Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with an expertise in embankment, dam, and slope stability analyses. Professor Stark has received a number of awards for his research, teaching, and service including: George H. Norman Medal from the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), 2019; Technical Editors Award, ASTM, 2018; Best Paper in Geosynthetics International Journal, 2016; 2015 James M. Hoover Lecturers at Iowa State University; R.S. Ladd D18 Standards Development Award, Standard Designation ASTM, 2014, 2011, 2002; Thomas A. Middlebrooks Award, ASCE, 2013 and 1998; Associate Editor Award, Journal of Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Engineering, ASCE, 2012; Journal of Legal Affairs and Dispute Resolution in Engineering Scholarly, Paper, ASCE, 2011.