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2017 ACEC Kansas Emerging Leaders Program Personal Bio

1) A brief history of me:

a. Personal

I grew up in St. Louis, Missouri. My parents moved to St. Louis, years before I was born, so my father could work as an engineer for a construction company that specialized in river construction. I went to the University of Missouri St. Louis for two years before transferring to the University of Missouri Columbia to finish my degree. My degree is a B.S. in Civil Engineering with an emphasis in Structures. I met my wife while attending the University of Missouri Columbia. She received her degree in Architectural Studies (Boo!!!) and works in downtown Kansas City, MO. We live a few blocks from her work in a two bedroom apartment.

b. Professional

Before graduation I worked as an engineering intern on the Christopher (Kit) Bond cable stayed bridge which carries I-29/35 over the Missouri River in North Kansas City. Upon graduation in 2010 I went to work full time as an Engineer in Training for the same company (Massman Construction) where I interned. In fact Massman is the same company my father worked for which I mentioned above. With the Kit Bond Bridge complete in 2011 it was time for me to move to my next project. Massman moved me back to St. Louis to work on the Stan Musial Veteran's Memorial Bridge which carries I-70 over the Mississippi River. After getting married in 2012 I decided to make the leap into the design world and got a job as a structural bridge engineer for Tetra Tech in Overland Park, KS. Most of my work with Tetra Tech has been in designing highway bridges for OKDOT with some limited work for KDOT and MoDOT. After a lengthy registration process and a little studying I received my P.E. in 2015.

2) A fun fact about me:

I love snowboarding and have been to 16 resorts throughout the US. I plan on adding at least two more resorts to that list this upcoming season.

3) My favorite quote:

“If you think education is expensive, try ignorance” –Derek Bok

4) My job would be a lot easier if:

Face-to-face interviews for DOT solicitations were eliminated (i.e. I don't like doing presentations).