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HART CROWSER PROMOTIONS AND NEW HIRES

(August 23, 2019) Hart Crowser has promoted and added new staff members.

Seattle

Brice Exley, Geotechnical Engineer, was promoted to Senior Associate. He has been with Hart Crowser for eight years. Brice is the project manager for geotechnical design for the new Seattle Center Arena, as well as the new 850-foot-tall Rainier Square tower, which is being built adjacent to the existing Rainier Tower and will soon be Seattle's second-tallest building. Brice was a member of the Seattle American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Geoinstitute ground improvement committee and was recently an invited speaker for the Deep Foundation Institute's 2019 Superpile Conference.

Joni Keppler, Accounting Database Manager, was promoted to Associate. She has been with Hart Crowser for 18 years, supporting all departments with her relational database skills. She is responsible for maintaining Hart Crowser's enterprise resource planning (ERP) and customer relationship management (CRM) software, which are integrated across the firm's nine offices. Keppler volunteers on the Finance Committee for Westside Baby, a local charity that provides basics for children in need.

Ernest Pascua, Financial Statement Manager, was promoted to Associate. He has been with Hart Crowser for 20 years. A graduate of Seattle University with a bachelor's degree in accounting, he is responsible for generating and analyzing Hart Crowser's accounting and financial records and is also responsible for reports to management on the financial operations of the company, as well as maintaining proper revenue recognition on all projects of all the company's business units. Pascua manages the Hart Crowser Hazbins, an employee softball team that has won the Seattle Parks and Recreation Delridge Summer co-rec softball title four times. He is a founding and active member of the Filipino Alumni Chapter at Seattle University.

Andrew Kaparos, Associate Environmental Engineer, has rejoined Hart Crowser. He will work on stormwater management and environmental cleanup projects. Andrew's thirteen years of experience includes stormwater management systems, hydraulic and hydrologic computer modeling, contaminated site remediation, and environmental permitting. His work on brownfield sites have helped put



previously contaminated properties back into productive use. He has also worked with industry to reduce stormwater runoff by using green, sustainable techniques.

Margot Ferencz, Geotechnical Engineer, is finishing her MS at the University of Washington and has an MS in Geology from Rutgers University. Her focus is on foundation design and landslide remediation. She has worked internationally and in remote places such as Kenya. She is Vice President of the Geotechnical Student Society. She also has a background in field archeology.

Andrew Nakahara, Environmental Engineer, has an MS in civil and environmental engineering from the University of Washington. He has particular expertise in environmental site assessment and remediation, GIS, data analysis, and the transport of chemicals in the environment. While at the UW he helped design a canoe made of concrete and managed its construction, and was Treasurer for the Husky wrestling club.

Maggie Bradshaw, Environmental Scientist, has experience in environmental cleanup and geographic information systems (GIS). She has a BS in conservation resources from the University of California, Berkley, and a certificate in wetland science and management from the University of Washington. At Hart Crowser she will work on environmental assessment and cleanup projects. She has previously provided support to the EPA on the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund site.

Jolie Higgins, Environmental Engineer, has an MS in Civil/Environmental Engineering from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. She has particular expertise in water quality involving stormwater and ocean acidification. She was a 2014-2015 Engineers Without Borders Outstanding Member and co-founded a coastal erosion project in Mali Island, Fiji. There she assisted with land and cultural surveying around the island to support building three seawalls and increasing the water supply, and designed engineering workshops centered around communication and sustainable global development.

Honolulu

Simone Simbeck, Environmental Scientist, has been promoted to Associate. She has been with Hart Crowser for one and a half years and has thirteen years of experience in environmental assessment, stormwater management, environmental sampling design, dredge management, and regulatory compliance. She has contributed to a diverse array of projects in the Hawaiian Islands, contiguous United States, New Zealand, and New Caledonia. She is an active member of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Hawai'i (ACECH) and is currently participating in ACECH's leadership development program.

Anthony Nguyen, Staff Engineer, has a BS in chemical engineering from Stanford University. He will work on stormwater and environmental compliance projects. As a regional representative for the Union



of North American Vietnamese Student Association (UNAVSA), Nguyen managed a resource creation project that involved collaborating with eight other schools to create an information database; collaborated on the Collective Philanthropy Project, which raises over \$100,000 a year for charity; and organized leadership conferences and other events for more than 100 college students across the country.

Wailuku, Maui

Mikki Klee, Project Engineer, has eight years of experience and a BS in Civil Engineering with an environmental focus from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. She comes to Hart Crowser from the County of Maui Public Works, Design Division, where she managed multi-million dollar Capital Improvement Program projects and federal aid projects involving stormwater, roadway, drainage system, and flood control. She has six years of experience in National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) compliance implementing agency-specific Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) requirements and managing regional water quality management programs. She is secretary for the Hawai'i Society of Professional Engineers (HSPE), Maui Chapter.

Portland

Kevin Woodhouse, Geologist, has 13 years of experience that includes *in-situ* treatment and remedial excavation environmental cleanup projects. He has performed work on projects for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Navy, including remediation projects at several of the Navy bases in San Francisco to facilitate redevelopment of closed bases. He has also supported both public and private clients with stormwater pollution prevention plan development and compliance inspection. He has a BS in Geology from the University of California, Davis. He will serve as Hart Crowser's Portland health & safety officer.

Hart Crowser is an employee-owned engineering, science, and consulting firm headquartered in Seattle, with nine offices in Washington, Oregon, Hawaii, and Alaska. The firm specializes in geotechnical engineering, environmental science and engineering, stormwater services, and disaster resilience.

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