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Mariñas to Lead Safe Global Water Institute

With the goal of seeking sustainable solutions to the world's safe water and sanitation challenges, the College of Engineering has established the Safe Global Water Institute (SGWI) under the direction of CEE Professor Benito Mariñas. Approximately 10 percent of the world's population lacks access to improved water, and one-third of the world's population—2.5 billion people—are without adequate sanitation, according to UNICEF and the World Health Organization. Many hundreds of millions more must drink unsafe water from improved sources, according to a report by the International Finance Corporation. [Read more about the SGWI](#)

Graduate Program at Number One in Rankings

U.S. News & World Report named the civil engineering graduate program at Illinois number one in their Best Graduate Schools rankings in the category, Best Engineering Schools: Civil. The University of Illinois ranked third in the category, Best Engineering Schools: Environmental/Environmental Health.

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Barkan Honored for Rail Contributions

The National Association of Railroad Passengers (NARP) presented Professor Christopher Barkan with the Association's

Academic Award, for a career dedicated to promoting the understanding of railroad engineering and advancing rail technology. Barkan is the Director of the department's Railroad Engineering Program. [More about Barkan's award](#)



Minsker Receives Service to the Profession Award

Professor Barbara Minsker received the 2012 Earth and Water Resources Institute's (EWRI) Service to the Profession Award. The EWRI Planning and Management Council selected Minsker because of her work with the WATERS Network and the campus sustainability initiative at Illinois and her participation in global and multidisciplinary activities within CEE. [More about Minsker's award](#)



Paul Koch Visits as CEE's First Engineer in Residence

CEE's first Engineer in Residence, Paul Koch (BS 66, MS 68), visited the department on April 20. The new program is an effort to bring accomplished alumni back to campus to interact with students and faculty. Koch's main presentation was entitled, "Now I'm an Engineer. Do I Want to be a Consultant?" [Read more about Koch's visit](#)



Parker Wins Best Paper Award

Professor Gary Parker was selected to receive the 2012 British Society for Geomorphology (BSG) Wiley Blackwell Award for the best paper published in the BSG's Journal, *Earth Surface Processes and Landforms*. [Read more about Parker's award](#)



Register Now for Summer Courses Online

Enrollment is now open for CEE summer classes online: CEE 407 Airport Design or CEE 422 Construction Cost Analysis. The CEE Online program, established in 2011, offers degrees in the areas of Construction Management, Infrastructure, and Transportation. Several new certificates were added this year, as well. [Read more about CEE Online](#)



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