The whirlwind summer came to an exciting conclusion with the submission of two (2) grant proposals, the start of classes, and the dreaded New Faculty Orientations (one for research and the other for teaching). I am excited to meet and get a feel for students here at Mizzou.

So what has happened during this last month:

- Attended 1st Mizzou doctoral program qualifying exam
- Connected through video conferencing with UTSA for a Master’s student proposal defense
- Visited the landfill to see them lay down geomembrane and to learn about their recycling program
- Started having lunch with the other two new Civil Engineering Faculty (Dr. Sarah Orton is structures and Dr. Praveen Edara is transportation)
- Met with the technical director of the Army’s Fort Leonard Wood Institute about a $700,000.00 grant proposal I am putting together with two other faculty on a mobile modular water recycling process
- Worked on a university sponsored Research Council proposal. This $7500.00 project would look at enhancing nutrient removal for a treatment wetland near the Lake of the Ozarks.
- Here in Columbia, the engineering students have determined that their patron saint is St. Patrick. This day is celebrated here on campus since he was the first ‘engineer’ to invent the worm drive (get it! He drove snakes out of Ireland. Pretty Cool!).
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In my effort to prepare class notes for this semester’s CE 3200 Fundamentals of Environmental Engineering, I only got as far as the first exam notes before classes started on August 20th.

My Walk to the Parking Garage from my Office

Justin Ng suggested I show some pictures of the campus, so this is for you Justin, buddy!

Figure 1: You will find Dr. Inniss in Room 103 of Engineering Building North (EBN).

Figure 2: The entrance to EBN still has the shamrock from Engineer’s Week.

Figure 3: Passing St. Patrick’s Circle on the way to Francis Quadrangle, where the columns are located.

Figure 4: Stopping to pay homage to St. Patrick and all of the Engineers that have passed through MU.

Figure 5: Francis Quadrangle, the admin building Jesse Hall, and the recognizable columns.
Figure 6: Turning to walk along Lafferre Hall, the main Engineering Building. This is home to the Dept Office.

Figure 7: The first entrance I pass will take you to the Mechanical Engineering office.

Figure 8: Along the way I pass this Pin Oak. Lots of plants on campus are labeled since the entire campus is a botanic garden.

Figure 9: The second entrance takes you to the Civil Engineering Office. First you pass the Tau Beta Pi marker.

Figure 10: The admin building Jesse Hall. Since this is the first campus of the Louisiana Purchase, a lot of the style on campus is Jeffersonian. Notice the obelisks.

Figure 11: On the other side of Jesse Hall you can see the botanical garden come to life.
Figure 12: As I pass the Alumni Center, you can see my parking garage, one of five on campus.

Figure 13: Before entering the stairwell of the parking garage I review a map of campus. Despite all of the buildings on campus I could probably walk across in 10 minutes. And I would be sweating.

Figure 14: I get to the level where my car is and gaze out to see the MU Power Plant. It is only a block from where I started in my office. In fact you can see it out of my classroom window. I make reference to it when we discuss air quality.

A Look inside of my Office

We forgot to look inside of 103 EBN.

Figure 15: My desk, refrig on top of filing cabinet, laptop with a docking station.

Figure 16: What students see when they come looking for me...an empty chair if I see them coming.

Figure 17: Yes, my office is only about 8 feet wide. But it is long AND I have a window!