League of Railway Women Annual Conference
at RSI/CMA 2018 Rail Expo & Technical Conference
September 9 – September 11, 2018 in Nashville, TN
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The League of Railway Women (LRW) is pleased to have a diverse board of directors with women leaders from a variety of companies and job positions throughout the rail industry. Their leadership, experience, and resources provide a well rounded governing body that continues to move LRW and women in our industry forward.

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Meet the Speakers
The League of Railway Women is excited to present seven women who will educate, elevate, and inspire. This great line up of speakers is sure to be engaging and memorable with topics that connect and cultivate women in rail.

Speaker Biographies

Roquita Coleman Williams is an award-winning leader, engaging speaker and author, Roquita Coleman-Williams has permanently changed the landscape in male dominated rail and transit industries.

In 2011, Williams became the 63rd president, and first African American, of the Memphis World Trade Club. She has been recognized nationally and internationally - CN President’s Award of Excellence, Memphis Business Journal Top 40 under 40, MBJ Super Women in Business, and Progressive Railroad’s Rising Stars of North American Railroads.

In 2014, Roquita was appointed, by Mayor and City Council, to Memphis Area Transit Authority. Her leadership, of Tennessee’s largest transit authority, earned her a bi partisan recommendation from Senate Leader Mark Norris (R) and Congressman Steve Cohen (D) for a Department of Transportation Federal Advisory Board.

After 20 years in the transportation industry, Roquita answered the ultimate call in the railroad industry.

In 2016, she became one of few female sales leaders licensed as a railroad conductor - proving leadership is not a title but the result of actions we take to inspire change. With this real-world boots on the ground rail experience, she can speak with a new earnestness about overcoming obstacles in a male dominated industry.

Roquita was born, raised and educated in Memphis. She and her husband, a Memphis police officer, have two sons. In addition to leading her city’s economic development efforts, she has served a host of civic and community organizations. This spring, Roquita published her first book, Storealities. Joined by 21 women across the nation, Roquita explores challenging moments to empower women to discover the positive reality on the other side of their most difficult experiences.
Alice Peres da Silva joined CN in 2006 as a Manager, CN Brokerage and was charged with leading the startup of CN Customs Brokerage Services where she continues to develop innovative systems for CN’s partners and customers. Prior to that, she had been the Manager at VWR International since October 2003 where she also started up the brokerage division and won a President’s Award for her exemplary contribution to the Company.

Mrs. Peres da Silva who is now the Sr. Manager Customs Brokerage, started her career in Customs Brokerage in 1991 and achieved her CCS, CTCS designation and her Professional Brokerage License in 2002. Over the course of the years, she has spearheaded several key industry-leading projects and most recently has expanded CN Customs Brokerage Services into the U.S. and Mexico markets for the first time.

Mrs. Peres da Silva holds an Honours Bachelor of Chemistry degree from Bombay University, a Professional Brokerage License, is Certified Trade Compliance Specialist and a Certified Customs Specialist.

Shannon Emberly is a Manager for Engineering, Production, for the Great Lakes District at Canadian National Railway. She has 10 years of railway experience, in both freight and passenger operations. Shannon has held various roles in maintenance of way, track construction, production and rules compliance. She has a certificate in Project Management from the University of Toronto.
Nicole Jackson, PE, PTOE, is the assistant vice president of engineering for CTC, focusing on traffic signal and railroad design of highway-rail grade crossings. Over the last decade she has become one of the industry’s most respected grade crossing safety experts. She has conducted preemption trainings across the United States and Canada; contributed peer-reviewed articles to professional journals; and helped design and implement proprietary grade crossing safety systems for noted transportation organizations. Nicole’s professional goals center around her desire to make grade crossings safer for the traveling public; she is driven to share the knowledge gained over the last 16 years to help improve safety for the traveling public, as well as to educate and mentor people in the industry who share her passionate desire to make the world a better place. Ms. Jackson is a registered professional engineer in 34 U.S. states and two Canadian provinces, as well as a registered Professional Traffic Operations Engineer. Prior to working for CTC, Ms. Jackson held the position of senior traffic engineering specialist with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and was responsible for traffic signal design and maintenance, including extensive traffic signal timing, along with highway signing and pavement marking design and maintenance supervision.

Jenny Carr, recognized for her integrity, core leadership skills and hands-on approach, since taking the reins at L&W as president in 2012 Carr has driven the company to annual double-digit revenue growth, maintained profitability, and increased the range of high quality signal products and services to its customers.

With engineering degrees from Texas A&M and the University of Houston, Carr worked eight years in railroading and more than three decades in manufacturing. As a relentless competitor who maintains the highest ethical standards, Carr helped L&W secure multiple patents to broaden its customer base in freight and transit. Her commitment to be a good leader and business partner instills a sense of pride in her team and translates to success regardless of gender or special status.

Carr taught classes at Missouri State University and worked with Ozark Technical College on industry outreach programs. She is also a philanthropist and contributor to Springfield, Mo., parks and recreation, and a board member of the Springfield Industrial Park Coalition as well as several private businesses. Jenny was the 2017 Railway Age Woman of the Year.
Karen Hankinson is a Registered Civil Engineer in over 12 states nationwide and a registered Traffic Engineer in California. Karen leads RailPros’ Traffic Engineering group, managing a wide variety of grade crossing related projects in multiple states.

Current projects include reviewing interconnected grade crossings for Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and BNSF Railway, lead consultant to UPRR’s Crossing Assessment Program systemwide, supporting SCRRA (Metrolink) in the shared corridor technical review of Metro’s Gold Line Extension Project, and the City of Santa Paula’s East Area One Project.

Recently completed projects include updating the Colorado Department of Transportation’s Railroad Manual, developing Utah Department of Transportation’s Statewide Railroad Preemption Standards, and designing the State of Colorado’s first two queue cutter traffic signals.

Karen is also involved in providing grade crossing traffic engineering training to UPRR. Other current projects include the new Park Boulevard Grade Crossing in Downtown San Diego, City of Fremont Quiet Zone, Shaffer Road Section 130 Project in Merced County, Atlantic Boulevard Grade Crossings in Vernon, and the ACE Pomona Grade Crossing Enhancement Project.

Major completed projects include the Orange County Grade Crossings Safety Enhancement project, which included designing and providing construction support for queue cutter and presignals at 20 grade crossings countywide, as well as the San Diego Quiet Zone Project which included design and construction support for traffic engineering improvements at 12 grade crossings.

Karen also serves on the National Committee of Uniform Traffic Control Devices and the ITE Grade Crossing Committee. Karen was a featured speaker on updated Preemption of Traffic Signals Near Railroad Crossings Recommended Practice Guidelines at the ITE National Conference in Toronto in August 2017.
Alison Brayman graduated from the University of Alberta in 2011 with a BSc in Engineering Physics. She began her career with Hatch Mott MacDonald as a junior signal designer working on both light and heavy rail projects. While with HMM she also got her introduction to signal testing as she oversaw testing being done on light rail and airport baggage systems.

She moved to Canadian Pacific in 2014 as an intermediate signal designer and led a project to install CTC signals on 200 miles of dark territory in North Dakota as well as assisted with test plan production for various projects across Canada and the USA. She was promoted 2 years ago to her current position as Assistant Chief Engineer - Testing and Commissioning. In her current roles she is responsible for the testing done on any new or altered signal systems across CP’s entire rail network as well as the testing processes followed by CP Rail. This includes all crossing, CTC, ABS, and PTC implementation or upgrade projects.
Meet the Moderators & Panelists

The League of Railway Women is excited to present two panel discussions that will connect and cultivate women in rail. Our incredible line up of moderators and panelists will lead, inspire, and create memorable discussions for women in rail.

Moderator Biographies

Colleen Leonardo started her railway career in 2008, working during her summer breaks in high school. She started working for the track department at TTR (Toronto Terminal Railway). Ever since then, Colleen has developed a passion for the Rail Industry, after all it is in her blood. Once she finished school, she continued her career working full time in this industry.

Fast Forward 9 years, Colleen is now working for PNR RailWorks Inc. as a Project Coordinator on the USRC (Union Station Rail Corridor) Project in Toronto, ON. It is a Design Build project that involves upgrading and replacing the 1920’s signaling system in the Union Station Rail Corridor. Which includes replacing all signals, track circuits and cables in the USRC as well as installing all new solid state interlockings and control equipment, housed in ten signal bungalows powered by ten power bungalows. Her primary responsibilities include financial control, procurement, material tracking and contract administration.

Colleen has devoted much of her spare time to volunteer work, including organizing a slow pitch tournament that raised over $30,000.00 for cancer research at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto. Colleen also holds an annual Toy Drive on her Birthday to Honor her twin sister, Heather who passed away from cancer in 2012. She has collected over 2,000 toys in 4 years for Children fighting Cancer at Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto.
Anamaria Bonilla is the Assistant Chief Engineer for Metro-North Railroad and has been with MNR for 15 years. Metro-North operates in New York and Connecticut primarily as a commuter railroad, with some freight traffic. She is responsible for the Engineering Group for Track and Structures. These responsibilities include the emergency response, New York inventory for bridges, and other assets, supplemental track inspections using third party scans and autonomous reporting, creating plans and contract documents for procurement, plans and documentation for in-house maintenance work. PM for the Engineering Services contract covering 31 separate tasks, and the new MoW Inspection Car procurement.

She has 22 years of experience in highway and railroad engineering. Anamaria is a registered professional engineer in New York and Connecticut and is an active member of the League of Railway Women, and AREMA Committee 15 and 16.

In 2016, Anamaria was name the 2016 League of Railway Women Outstanding Woman of the Year Award.
Panelist Biographies

Anna Albers is a Senior Engineer in System Track at Amtrak. She joined the company in 2013 as an engineering intern and in 2014 was hired full-time for the Management Trainee program. This three-year program allowed her to complete rotations through and gain experience in all of Amtrak’s divisions. In her current position as Senior Engineer, Anna is responsible for the rail flaw detection program, rail service failure management, and the vegetation control program for the entire Amtrak system nation-wide. She also assists with the rail friction and lubrication management programs. Anna is originally from Honesdale, Pennsylvania and earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Temple University in Philadelphia.

Lauren Sullivan was born and raised in Omaha, NE. She received her undergraduate degree in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln and her MBA from Creighton University.

Lauren has worked for Union Pacific for 7 years, working in a variety of positions in the Marketing and Sales department. Currently, Lauren is a Senior Consultant – Short Line Development on the Network Economic and Industrial Development team. In her role, she manages Union Pacific’s relationships with short line railroad partners in the Midwest and Southern regions.

Lauren lives in Omaha with her husband Justin, who is also a Union Pacific employee, and their mini Goldendoodle Clover.
Erica Sander serves as Political Action Committee Manager – Public Affairs Specialist for Trinity Industries, Inc., a diversified industrial company that owns complementary, market-leading businesses providing products and services to the energy, transportation, agriculture, chemical, and construction sectors. Trinity has five principal business segments: the Rail Group, the Railcar Leasing and Management Services Group, the Inland Barge Group, the Construction Products Group, and the Energy Equipment Group.

Mrs. Sander’s primary role is serving as an integral part of all public affairs, government relations, and external communications efforts for the Company as well as managing all aspects and compliance for the Trinity Industries Employee PAC. She serves as one of the Company’s primary lobbyists on federal and state legislative and regulatory matters that directly impact manufacturing and conducting business throughout the Trinity enterprise.

She also handles numerous special projects within Public Affairs and is deeply involved in several trade organizations to promote the rail car manufacturing industry.

Mrs. Sander has been a member of the Trinity Public Affairs team for more than 3 years. She has more than 20 years of experience in communications, sales, marketing, management, and customer service.

Erica Sander is an active member of Toastmasters International and a new member of League of Railway Women.
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Katie Hadenfeldt is Sr. Vice President of Sales for GATX Corporation headquartered in Chicago, with responsibility for leading the Midwest and Mexico regions for GATX’s North America Railcar Leasing business.

Prior to re-joining GATX, Katie was Vice President of Marketing and Sales for Loram Maintenance of Way, Inc. from March 2016 to June 2018, with responsibility for leading all marketing and sales activities for Loram’s contract service business worldwide.

From 2007 to 2016, Katie held various roles in sales management at GATX including her last position of Vice President of Sales-Railroads and Biofuels. She was responsible for leading a region comprised of leasing and financing rail equipment to the Class I railroads and the shortline industry; this regional also had responsibility for all activities in the Biofuels Industry.

Katie worked at Union Pacific Railroad for seven years in a variety of marketing and sales positions in Omaha and Los Angeles. Her last appointment involved responsibility for developing 60 ethanol plants on UP lines and assisting in the development of the UP Ethanol Marketing group.

She started her career at International Paper in Memphis as an inbound materials truck and rail manager.

She holds a B.S. in Marketing, Transportation and Logistics from Iowa State University.
Debbie Taylor is an accomplished executive recruiter, passionate business professional, and entrepreneur. She has experience generating revenue for organizations by bringing to the table frontline expertise and leadership from large corporate structures, investor-funded start-ups and professional service organizations. In addition, she provides insight to teams by leveraging experience as an Ad Hoc faculty member at major universities, in community leadership positions and has worked on six different continents.

Debbie a life-long learner earned her B.S., Marketing from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and her MBA from Loyola University in Chicago. Additionally, she draws on her twenty-five years’ experience helping businesses grow and her deep network of relationships across the country to help the Company’s rail and transportation clients identify and attract current and next generation leaders. Her clients include transit railcar manufacturing, freight car manufacturing, component manufacturing, engineering and infrastructure firms, freight services companies, railroads, transit operators and any company within our Transportation eco-system.

Debbie and her husband have four grown children who have/are studying internationally and are now pursuing each of their individual dreams. As a family they enjoy adventure travel, the outdoors, reading and plan to sail around the world one day.
Stephanie Noel is the Vice President of Human Resources & Chief Diversity Officer at CSX. In her current role, she is responsible for driving change through the strategic direction and leadership of talent acquisition, performance management, learning and development, diversity, organizational development and effectiveness as well as human resources business partner consulting.

Stephanie joined CSX in 1996 as a Management Trainee and has held a variety of roles in Human Resources, Sales & Marketing, Car Management and Process Improvement. She received a bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Kentucky and a master’s degree in business administration from Jacksonville University. She completed Harvard Business School’s HR Executive Suite and Executive Development Program.

Stephanie previously served on the board of Habitat for Humanity of Jacksonville. She was a member of Leadership Jacksonville’s class of 2013, a 2005 fellow of the National African American Women’s Leadership Institute and in 2009, she was recognized as one of the Jacksonville Business Journal’s “40 under 40.”
Jane Covington is resident vice president of state government affairs for CSX Transportation, covering Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi. In this role, she handles state and local legislative and public affairs issues, and oversees the company’s charitable giving program for her territory.

After earning her bachelor’s degree from Old Dominion University in English with an emphasis in professional writing, Covington began her career with CSX at the company’s headquarters in Jacksonville, Fla., in 1993, where her focus was media relations. She left CSX in 1999 and joined Florida East Coast Industries as director of communications for a holding company with railroad, telecom, real estate and trucking subsidiaries. She then rejoined CSX in 2001 as director of media relations for the Northeast Region, based in Pittsburgh, Pa. She transitioned to the company’s State Government and Community Affairs group when she moved to Nashville in 2005.

Upon moving to Nashville, she became a Rotarian, and currently serves on the board of directors for railroad trade associations in Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi. She served on the board of directors for the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry, where she is past chair of the Public Affairs Committee.

Other professional, civic and nonprofit activities during her career include involvement with the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, the transition team for former Jacksonville Mayor John Peyton, organizer for CSX volunteer service activities through the company’s partnership with City Year (an organization that unites young people for a year of full-time community service), the Trees for Tracks program (planting two trees for each of CSX’s 21,000 miles of railroad track), and service on the boards of several animal rescue organizations.
The League of Railway Women, “LRW”, is proud to offer all RSI/CMA 2018 Rail Expo & Technical Conference attendees an opportunity to tour CSXT’s Radnor Yard located in South Nashville. Radnor Yard, formerly Sidco Yard, served as a WWII staging area for goods and supplies shipped overseas. Today, Radnor’s hump terminal, auto facility and intermodal yard handle various commodities from the US, Canada, Mexico, and overseas. The yard is situated on 517 acres, one of CSXT’s top ten largest terminals, and one of the largest classification yards in the South.

Event Details

- **Date:** Tuesday: September 11, 2018
- **Time:** 12:30pm – 3:00pm
- **Meeting Location:** (A shuttle bus will be provided from the MCC)
- **Dress code:** flat, closed toe shoes; pants.
- **Price:**
  - Free for LRW Annual Conference Attendees
  - $30 for Non LRW Annual Conference Attendees (Payment for non-members via Paypal or prior to boarding the shuttle)

*Note: You must be a registered attendee / exhibitor at RSI/CMA 2018 Rail Expo & Technical Conference to attend the tour. Signed waiver required for facility tour participation.*

Questions: Please contact Mary Schroll, LRW Events Committee at mrschrol@up.com.
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