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## George C. Lee Receives Nathan Newmark Medal



The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) has chosen George C. Lee, Director of MCEER and Samuel P. Capen Professor of Engineering at the University at Buffalo (UB), to receive the prestigious Nathan M. Newmark Medal for 2000. The national medal is given to an ASCE member who, through contributions in structural mechanics, has helped to substantially strengthen the scientific base of structural engineering. Dr. Lee received the award at the *14th Engineering Mechanics Conference* in Austin, Texas. Previous recipients include George Housner, Joseph Penzien, Masanobu Shinozuka, Emilio Rosenblueth, Alfredo H.S. Ang, Vitelmo Bertero, Anil Chopra, Jose Roesset and William Iwan.

Dr. Lee is cited for his achievements in both research, where he has made major contributions to the study and practice of making steel buildings safer during earthquakes, and education, where he was an early player in the move to build a program, now highly acclaimed, in earthquake engineering at UB. Dr. Lee is being honored specifically for his work on plastic analysis of structures and his research and leadership in aseismic design of structural and mechanical systems.

A member of the UB faculty since 1961, Dr. Lee served as dean of the UB School of Engineering and Applied Sciences from 1977-95, and as Senior University Advisor for Technology since 1995. He has published over 150 papers in structural engineering, mechanics and earthquake engineering, and has co-authored four books. For more information about Dr. Lee's medal, check our web site at <http://mceer.buffalo.edu/outreach/pr/DrLeeAward.asp>. ❖