On the Calendar

UPCOMING

Pardo at NSF Advisory Committee for Business and Operations Meeting
December 6-7, 2017 | Alexandria, Virginia
CTG Director Theresa Pardo will be participating in meetings as a National Science Foundation (NSF) Advisory Committee Member.

Cook invited to speak at Metrolab Network Annual Summit
December 13-14, 2017 | Atlanta, Georgia
Program Director Meghan Cook will travel to Atlanta to participate in a panel discussion on citizen engagement with data and present a lightning talk on smart cities. The conference will be an opportunity for participants to learn and share with the cities and universities across the MetroLab Network, of which CTG is a member with the City of Schenectady.

Gasco to present three papers and co-chair workshop at HICSS-51
January 2-6, 2018 | Big Island, Hawaii
CTG Associate Research Director Mila Gasco will be presenting three papers “Providing Public Value through Data Sharing: Understanding Critical Factors of Food Traceability for Local Farms and Institutional Buyers,” “Determinants and barriers of e-procurement: A European comparison of public sector experiences,” and “Understanding the Success of Government Portals: The Role of Political Leadership, Standards, and a Powerful Centralized IT Agency” at HICSS-51. She will also co-chair, with CTG Director Theresa Pardo, the workshop on smart cities, titled “Smart Cities and Smart Governments: The Enabling Role of Research and Practice Collaborations in the Urban Context.”

PAST

Cook participating at NYS DOS Innovation Conference
November 14, 2017 | Albany, NY
Program Director Meghan Cook is moderating a panel on “Data As a Strategic Asset” (morning) at the NYS DOS Innovation Conference. She is also organizing and facilitating the Data Capabilities Innovation Workshop (afternoon).

Pardo participating at JPAC Expert Forum on NAFTA’s Environmental Side Agreement
November 9, 2017 | Chicago, IL
CTG Director Theresa Pardo, as Chair of EPA’s National Advisory Committee, will participate in sessions at the Joint Public Advisory Committee’s (JPAC) Expert Forum that is devoted to discussion on trade and the environment within the context of the role of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation (NAAEC). This event brings together a select group of experts in trade and environment who have experience with the NAAEC, with other international trade/environment institutions, and with the environmental impacts of trade more generally.

Cook running workshop at Albany Law School Conference
November 3, 2017 | Albany, NY
Program Director Meghan Cook will be running a workshop on "Data Challenges and Emerging Solutions" at Albany Law School's "Community Renewal and its Discontents" event. This interdisciplinary conference will include multiple panels and workshops exploring topics related to local government, blight, scarcity, and renewal in both urban and rural landscapes.

Kowlowitz to share cybersecurity expertise at Albany Law Conference
October 20, 2017 | Albany, NY
CTG Government Fellow Alan Kowlowitz will participate in the Cybersecurity and the Law Conference at Albany Law School. Alan will speak on the Local Government Cybersecurity Panel. The conference is presented by the Albany Law Journal of Science and Technology, Center for Internet Security, the Cybersecurity and Privacy Law Center at Albany Law School, and the Sobota Lecture Series.

Cook participates in NYS County-Wide Shared Services Initiative event
October 17, 2017 | Albany, NY
Program Director Meghan Cook was a panelist at the New York State’s County-Wide Shared Services Initiative event hosted by New York State’s Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul and the SUNY Rockefeller Institute of Government. The SUNY Rockefeller Institute of Government in partnership with the Benjamin Center of SUNY New Paltz and the Center for Technology in Government, University at Albany reviewed 34 county shared services proposals and jointly issued a report on their findings. The October 17th event held at the SUNY Rockefeller Institute of Government was an opportunity for researchers from all three organizations to present their findings as well as hear from county level representatives about their plans and experiences developing and implementing shared services.

Cook presenting to NYS Local Government IT Directors Association
October 3-5, 2017 | Watkins Glen, NY
Program Director Meghan Cook is invited to speak at the fall conference of the NYS Local Government IT Directors Association, an organization of which she serves as an advisor. Meghan's presentation will focus on findings from a survey on cybersecurity environments in New York State counties.

Cook participating in Smart Cities Week
October 3-5, 2017 | Washington D.C.
Program Director Meghan Cook will once again participate in the annual Smart Cities week, an initiative of the Smart Cities Council that brings together visionary leaders and thinkers to see, hear, and be inspired by real-world examples of smart infrastructure solving urban challenges. Meghan is convening and moderating a panel titled "Overcoming the six key challenges to smart city progress" which will include representatives from Mosco, Indianapolis, and Baltimore.

Pardo to present keynote at NYS Digital Summit
September 22, 2017 | Albany, New York
Director Theresa Pardo will present a keynote speech at the NY Digital Government Summit, an event hosted by Government Technology each year to spread best practices and spur innovation in the public sector. Theresa's keynote will focus on creating public value in a dynamic and complex world.

Cook presenting keynote at Metropolitan Information Exchange Conference
Program Director Meghan Cook will present the keynote speech at the Metropolitan Information Exchange (MIX) Conference. The conference group is a tight-knit community of CIOs and IT Directors from large cities and counties across the United States who engage in honest and frequent dialog to help each other solve the common issues all local government technology leaders face. Meghan's keynote will showcase the idea of going "back to the basics" in pursuit of solving the grand challenges all cities face.

Gil-Garcia to present at IFIP EGOV
September 4-7, 2017 | St. Petersberg, Russia
Research Director Ramon Gil-Garcia will travel to Russia to participate in IFIP EGOV-EPART, the annual conference of the International Federation for Information Processing to be held at the St. Petersberg State University of Information Technologies, Mechanics and Optics. Gil-Garcia, who is a Co-Chair of the conference's Ph.D. Colloquium, will present three papers he co-authored and will also speak on a panel.

Cook to give keynote to NYSAMPO Conference
June 20, 2017 | Syracuse, New York
Meghan Cook was asked to present the lunch keynote on smart cities at the New York State Association of Metropolitan Planning Organization (NYSAMPO) Conference. NYSAMPO is a coalition of the fourteen metropolitan planning organizations in New York State.

Gasco presenting papers at PMRC
June 8-10, 2017 | Washington D.C.
CTG Associate Research Director Mila Gasco will present two papers at the Public Management Research Conference in Washington, a gathering of public management experts from around the world. Mila's papers are titled “The role of networks and collaborative processes in the digital transformation of state governments” and “Public engagement or political marketing? The untold story about the use of social media in local governments.”

Several CTG team members presenting at dg.o
June 7-9, 2017 | Staten Island, New York
Megan Sutherland, Meghan Cook, J. Ramon Gil-Garcia, Theresa Pardo, Teresa Harrison, Felippe Cronemberger, Sora Park, Luis F. Luna-Reyes, and Sharon Dawes will participate in different capacities at the Digital Government Society’s 18th Annual International Conference on Digital Government Research. Some highlights include: Sutherland and Cook are presenting their paper on data-driven smart cities, Harrison is presenting a paper on e-petitioning and online media, Gil-Garcia is presenting multiple papers co-authored with Cronemberger and Park, and Pardo, who is a DGS Board Member and dg.o Program Committee Member, will present as part of a panel on data collaboratives, and moderate a panel on digital government research centers.

Pardo and Cook participating in joint ICF/dg.o day
June 7, 2017 | Staten Island, New York
The Intelligent Community Forum (ICF) and the Digital Government Society (DGS), both global networks designed to connect e-government experts worldwide for collaboration and knowledge-sharing, have joined forces with the help of CTG to host a collaborative day in conjunction with their regularly scheduled, separate conferences. Cook is co-organizing a featured session and discussions regarding the future “grand challenges” for the world's
communities with Roberto Gallardo, Professor and Founder of the ICF Institute at Mississippi State University Extension. Pardo will open the session to provide insights on societal trends, transformative movements, and the real challenges facing cities together with Rob van Gijzel, the former mayor of a city in the Netherlands and the winner of the ICF’s “Most Intelligent Community” Award.

Cook to present at Administrative Sciences Association of Canada conference
May 30, 2017 | Montreal, Québec
CTG Program Director Meghan Cook will travel to Montreal as an invited speaker to present on smart cities as part of a panel discussion at a conference for the Administrative Sciences Association of Canada. The conference’s overall theme is “Digital Economies and Cities” and will highlight the growing importance of technology and information exchanges between community stakeholders including governments, enterprises, and citizens.

Canestraro presenting session on social media to Associate of Clerks
May 18, 2017 | Saratoga, New York
CTG Program Director Donna Canestraro will present "Social media: Like it or not, it's here to stay!” to the New York State Association of Clerks of Legislative Boards at their annual training school and conference this May. Participants will gain an understanding of the different social media channels, gain an overview of successful local government social media efforts, understand benefits stemming from social media use at the local level, and will be able to create an action list for when they return to their individual municipalities.

Cook to act as session Chair & moderate sessions at NYSLGITDA Conference
May 16, 2017 | Saratoga, New York
CTG Program Director Meghan Cook, who serves as an advisor to the New York State Local Government IT Directors Association (NYSLGITDA), has been asked to Chair a session and also moderate two panel discussions at the organization's annual spring conference. One panel discussion will focus on "Cybersecurity in local governments: practice points, technology tips, funding options and lessons learned" and the other is titled "Candid conversations on lessons learned and future contracting for cloud and 'as a service' contracts in New York State."

Canestraro moderating technology panel at Capital Region Food Summit
April 4, 2017 | Albany, New York
Program Director Donna Canestraro was asked to moderate a panel on Innovation & Technology for Hunger Relief at the Capital District Food Summit, a collaborative effort between the Food Pantries for the Capital District, Siena College, UAlbany's School of Public Health, and sponsored by SEFCU. The summit aims to bring together food assistance providers in order to share best practices and innovations in hunger relief efforts.

Mila Gasco traveling to Budapest for IRSPM Conference
April 19-21, 2017 | Budapest, Hungary
Associate Research Director Mila Gasco will attend and present at the 21st Annual International Research Society for Public Management Conference, the theme of which is "the culture and context of public management." Mila is co-chairing two panels, one on Leadership and another on Smart Cities: A Global Comparative Public Management Perspective. Additionally, Mila will present her paper titled "Determinants of co-production of public services in urban environments."

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Meghan Cook to convene panel at the Dubai International Government Achievements Exhibition
April 3, 2017 | Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Program Director Meghan Cook will travel to Dubai to present and facilitate a session at the Dubai International Government Achievements Exhibition (DIGAE), an annual public sector showcase where local authorities, institutions, departments and agencies unveil their most effective programs and innovative solutions. The session Meghan is convening is on the "Internet of Things (IoT) and Blockchain Practice: Exploring the Implications of a New Public Administration" and will delve into emerging technologies through multiple perspectives including technical, legal, policy, data, and economic perspectives while providing opportunities for participants ask questions and discuss the sociotechnical and practice implications of these innovations.

Cook presenting to Capital District Clean Communities Coalition
March 16, 2017 | Albany, NY
CTG Program Director Meghan Cook was asked to speak before the Capital District Clean Communities Coalition, a program of the US Department of Energy that was established to advance the Capital Region's economic, environmental, and energy security by promoting the use of alternative fuels, advanced vehicle technologies and policies that reduce petroleum consumption in transportation. As the Coalition continues to become more involved in Smart Cities initiatives in the Capital Region, they reached out to CTG. Meghan will speak on Smart City trends happening around the nation in addition to discussing some of CTG's current initiatives.

Pardo traveling to India for ICEGOV
March 7-9, 2017 | New Delhi, India
CTG Director Theresa Pardo will present at the 10th International Conference on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance. Theresa, who is on the conference's Steering Committee, will co-chair and moderate a panel on digital government's role in government administrative system's priorities, and will also convene a workshop of the Smart Cities Smart Government Research Practice Consortium. One of the main themes of this year's ICEGOV is to explore how Digital Government can lead to Digital Empowerment.

Annual Workshop of Northeast Big Data Hub
February 24, 2017 | New York, New York
The Northeast Big Data Innovation Hub is holding an Annual Workshop to convene the data science stakeholder community of the Northeast United States at Columbia University. The Northeast Big Data Hub is a National Science Foundation funded project that explores data driven solutions to problems our country is facing in health care, energy, finance, urbanization, education and more. CTG Director Theresa Pardo and several other UAlbany faculty are on the Steering Committee of the Northeast Big Data Hub and will be in attendance at this Workshop. Attendance is free, but registration is required.

Canestraro to present at NYSAC Legislative Conference
January 30, 2017 | Albany, New York
CTG Program Director Donna Canestraro will present during a session on social media policy at the annual Legislative Conference of the New York State Association of Counties. Each year the conference brings together hundreds of county officials to participate in training
programs, learn about cutting edge solutions, and hear from state leaders.

**Meghan Cook to present at Smart Cities International Symposium & Exhibition**  
January 24-25, 2017 | Chicago, IL  
Program Director Meghan Cook will speak on a Keynote Plenary Panel and will also Chair and organize a Smart Data Insights panel at the Smart Cities International Symposium & Exhibition in Chicago, an event designed to bring together thought leaders and practitioners from around the world to explore the most recent technology advances, business models, and lessons learned to date in making the Smart City a reality.

**Gil-Garcia to present at HICSS**  
January 4-7, 2017 | Waikoloa Village, Hawaii  
Research Director J. Ramon Gil-Garcia will travel to Hawaii to present a paper and co-chair the E-Government Symposium at the Annual Hawaii International Conference of System Sciences (HICSS). Ramon’s paper, co-authored with CTG Research Fellow Djoko Sigit Sayogo and PhD student Felippe Cronemberger, is titled "Assessing the Role of Executive Involvement and Information Needs as SocioTechnical Determinants of Governance in IIS Success." The E-Government Symposium he’s coordinating at the conference, focusing on smart cities, is also chaired by CTG Director Theresa Pardo, Associate Research Director Mila Gasco, and Reserach Fellow Hans Jochen Scholl.

**Megan Sutherland to speak at Mohawk Valley Conference on Sustainable Development & Collaborative Governance**  
December 13, 2016 | Utica, NY  
Program Associate Megan Sutherland is an invited panel speaker at Governor Cuomo’s Mohawk Valley Conference on Sustainable Development & Collaborative Governance, where she will discuss CTG’s project working with four local cities with funding from the Department of State to combat urban blight through regional information sharing. The conference is part of a larger series hosted by Governor Cuomo, with Meghan Cook having spoke at the Capital Region conference. The conferences focus on the potential for planned, coordinated governance with an emphasis on economic development, transportation, housing and environmental preservation.

**Meghan Cook to speak at Capital Region Conference on Sustainable Development & Collaborative Governance**  
November 29, 2016 | Schenectady, NY  
Program Director Meghan Cook is an invited panel speaker at Governor Cuomo’s Capital Region Conference on Sustainable Development & Collaborative Governance, where she will discuss CTG’s project working with four local cities with funding from the Department of State to combat urban blight through regional information sharing. The conference is part of a larger series hosted by Governor Cuomo that focus on the potential for planned, coordinated governance with an emphasis on economic development, transportation, housing and environmental preservation. Program Associate Megan Sutherland will speak at the Mohawk Valley version of the conference in December.

**Meghan Cook participating in Smart Cities Forum**  
November 15, 2016 | Albany, NY  
Meghan Cook will present at the "Smart Cities Forum: Savings, Safety, and Innovation" on November 15th at the New York State Capital Assembly Parlor. The forum, which is hosted by
the Capital Region State Legislators in coordination with the New York Conference of Mayors, will focus on efficiencies, barriers, and solutions to cities fully utilizing smart technologies and will be attended by several local mayors and assembly members.

**Pardo to be on Jury Panel for National eGovernment Award in Oman**
October 23-27, 2016 | Al Athaiba, Oman
Theresa Pardo has again been invited by the Information Technology Authority of Sultanate of Oman to participate in the Sultan Qaboos Award for Excellence in eGovernment Award Jury Panel for 2016. The national competition is for government institutions and is a result of His Majesty's call for the development of a national strategy developing knowledge of citizens and skills in dealing with information technology and a call for all government institutions to accelerate the enhancement of services by digital technology and best practices.

**Ramon presenting on panel at NASPAA conference**
October 21, 2016 | Columbus, OH
CTG Research Director and Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy Associate Professor J. Ramon Gil-Garcia will attend the Annual Conference of the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs & Administration (NASPAA). During the conference, Ramon will participate in a panel discussion about "New Models for Internationalizing Public Affairs Education" where he will discuss the long-term partnership between CTG and Rockefeller College, in addition to the College's many international partnerships.

**Cook to present keynote to NYS Bar Association**
October 14, 2016 | Albany, NY
Program Director Meghan Cook was invited to present the keynote speech at the New York State Bar Association's Corporate Counsel & Business Law Section's Fall Program. Meghan's presentation is titled "Building Smarter Cities: Trends, Research, and Lessons Learned"

**IADA Lightning Talk**
October 13, 2016 | Albany, NY
The Institute for Advanced Data Analytics (IADA) is hosting the first of four Lightning Talk sessions on October 13th at 3:30pm in Milne Hall, room 200. Each IADA Lightning Talk provides an opportunity for you to learn about the Advanced Data Analytic work being done by fellow members of the University at Albany community. These Lightning Talks will help participants test ideas, brainstorm, seek partners and resources, offer skills and capability, explore possibilities for external grants, and more. Topics for the October 13th IADA Lightning Talk includes Secure multimedia data analytics, using advanced data analytics to fight poverty, environmental systems biology of childhood asthma, and neurobiology of neurodevelopment, neuropsychiatric or neurodegenerative disorders. The Talks are free to attend but registration is required.

**Cook to participate in national Smart Cities Week, lead panel discussion**
September 27-29, 2016 | Washington D.C.
Program Director Meghan Cook is convening a panel on leveraging sensor data at the 2nd Annual Smart Cities week, an event hosted by the Smart Cities Council and supported by the White House. Sensor technology can be thought of as a city’s nervous system, capturing voluntary and involuntary messages and communicating them with different parts of the city. However, it is only transformative when a city has the capacity to leverage the data. Meghan's session, which will allow for candid conversation and brainstorming, will present insights from
leaders who have successfully developed the organizational, technical, policy, and human capabilities needed to collect, maintain, and leverage sensor data.

**Pardo to attend White House Open Data Innovation Summit**  
**September 28, 2016 | Washington D.C.**  
Director Theresa Pardo will participate in the first-ever White House Open Data Innovation Summit, hosted by The Office of Management and Budget. The event will showcase the power of data in tackling the biggest challenges of our democracy, creating positive change, and strengthening the broader civic community by featuring government and non-government success stories.

**Canestraro, Cook to speak at NYS Digital Summit**  
**September 15, 2016 | Albany, NY**  
Program Directors Donna Canestraro and Meghan Cook will speak at the annual New York State Digital Government Summit, hosted by Government Technology. Canestraro and Cook will present during the "Breaking Silos - Better Together Than Apart" session and will speak about the benefits of collaboration and shared services. Each year the Summit provides an opportunity for technology professionals throughout the state to learn from leaders across the industry and at all levels of government, helping to spread best practices and spur innovation in the public sector.

**Pardo & Dawes to participate in IFIP 2016**  
**September 5-12, 2016 | Guimarães, Portugal**  
CTG Director Theresa Pardo and Senior Fellow Sharon Dawes will travel to Portugal to participate in the Dual 15th Annual IFIP Electronic Government (EGOV) and 8th Electronic Participation Conference (ePart). Theresa is organizing a workshop to convene the members of the Smart City Smart Government Research Practice Consortium, and during the open government/big data track, Dawes will present a paper entitled "Open Government Data Ecosystems: Linking Transparency for Innovation with Transparency for Participation and Accountability" that she coauthored with Luigi Reggi.

**Pardo to speak at Symposium on Human Resource Management & Innovation Strategies**  
**August 30-31, 2016 | , Taiwan**  
CTG Director Theresa Pardo will travel to Taiwan to speak at the 4th International Symposium on Human Resource Management & Innovation Strategies, hosted by the Civil Service Development Institute (CSDI) of the Directorate-General of Personnel Administration of the Republic of China. CSDI is a government training organization for civil servants of China, whose mission is to provide professional trainings for Taiwan's middle and high-level civil servants. This year, the symposium will focus on the issues of innovation and human resource management in public sectors. During the Symposium's "Strategies of Knowledge Sharing and Innovation Management" session, Theresa will speak about how organizations generate, use, and share data in order to enhance innovation capacity.

**Cook to keynote at Smart City Forum**  
**July 14, 2016 | Saratoga, NY**  
Program Director Meghan Cook will present a keynote talk at the Smart City Forum and Showcase in Saratoga. Hosted by IgniteU NY, the event will include several presentations from Smart City leaders and will highlight smart city solutions. In her presentation, Meghan will
share some of what CTG has learned through it’s more than two decades of working with city
governments as they strive to make their cities smarter through innovations in technology.

CTG Leadership Institute to host delegation from Uruguay
June 16-17, 2016 | Albany, NY
Representatives from the Agency for Management of Electronic Government in Uruguay will
travel to CTG for a two-day workshop titled "Developing an Open Government Data Program."
The workshop, designed specifically to meet the needs of this delegation, will be led by CTG’s
Leadership Institute Program Director Donna Canestraro.

Pardo, Dawes, Cook presenting at dg.o
June 8-10, 2016 | Shanghai, China
Director Theresa Pardo, Senior Fellow Sharon Dawes, and Program Director Meghan Cook
will participate in the 17th Annual International Conference on Digital Government Research.
Theresa, who is Conference Co-Chair and a Track Chair, and Dawes, Chair of the Doctoral
Colloquium, will speak on a Digital Government Society 10th Anniversary panel, reflecting on
the past decade of digital government research. Cook will moderate a panel on smarter cities
and present a paper on urban blight. Additionally, the Smart Cities Smart Government
Research Practice Consortium will convene.

Pardo to keynote at China NSF's Big Data Governance Forum
June 7, 2016 | Shanghai, China
Theresa Pardo will present the keynote speech at the Big Data Governance Forum, organized
by the National Natural Science Foundation of China, Fudan University, and Tsinghua
University. Theresa will speak about CTG's work in the area of big data.

Pardo participating in Astana Economic Forum
May 25-26, 2016 | Astana, Kazakhstan
Theresa Pardo will travel to Kazakhstan to participate in the Astana Economic Forum, an
annual event that brings together representatives from the world’s economic community,
current and former heads of states, Nobel Prize laureates, outstanding figures from the
scientific world, and businessmen. Theresa will moderate a panel titled “Ensuring that Digital
Dividends Improve People’s Lives.” She will also participate in a Digital Kazakhstan 2020
roundtable discussion titled “Building a Digitally Smart Future: Global Trends and Opportunities
for Cooperation” that will focus on creating a shared vision and catalyzing partnerships for
building a digitally smart Kazakhstan and will also highlight global trends for digital
transformation.

Cook to participate in GE Intelligent Cities discussion
May 25, 2016 | Schenectady, NY
CTG Program Director Meghan Cook will participate in 'GE Intelligent Cities - The Future of
Smarter Connected Lighting' where experts will discuss how in the age of smart cities, the
streetlight is fast becoming an important component in communities.

Dawes to participate in UN Economic & Social Council Segment
May 2-4, 2016 | New York, NYUSA
Senior Fellow Sharon Dawes will participate in the United Nations Economic and Social
Council’s 2016 Integration Segment (ECOSOC) in May. Sharon will moderate a panel titled
“Making it work: Shared vision and innovative thinking in action.” The event will consider the
Students to present at NYCOM meeting
May 2, 2016 | Saratoga, NYUSA
With support from the Collaborative Venture Fund, UAlbany and Albany Law School students participating in the inaugural Capital Region Urban Blight Experiential Learning Project will present their findings at the New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) Annual Conference. Mentored by CTG, students from UAlbany's Department of Informatics, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy, and Albany Law School, who are cross enrolled in the 'Law & Social Innovation' course at Albany Law, spent the semester working with officials from the cities of Schenectady and Albany to help identify and acquire the critical information needed regarding blighted properties, including identifying legal intervention options and data driven solutions. This project is an outgrowth of CTG's work with four Capital Region cities on addressing urban blight through regional information sharing.

Meissner organizing, presenting at the New Trends in Informatics Research Conference
April 27, 2016 | Albany, NYUSA
CTG Program Assistant Monica Meissner, also an Informatics PhD student at the University at Albany, is on the organizing committee for UAlbany's 11th Annual New Trends in Informatics Research (NTIR) Conference. Additionally, Monica will participate in a group presentation titled "Tackling Urban Blight with Information Sharing: Data Taxonomies, Data Retrieval, and User Behavior as Boundary Objects in a Public Sector Information-Sharing Infrastructure." She will also present a poster, titled "Mapping Information Black Holes in the Zombie Mortgage & Vacant Property Scenario." Monica's presentations in the NTIR conference are an outgrowth of CTG's work with four Capital Region cities on addressing the problem of urban blight through regional information sharing, and is based on the belief held by many experts that the cycle from blighted to vacancy can be interrupted if there is access to adequate information combined with an understanding of the underlying causes of blight in urban areas.

Werthmuller to present at New York IT Leadership Academy
April 21, 2016 | Albany, NYUSA
CTG’s Director of Technology Innovation & Services, Derek Werthmuller, will participate in a panel discussion titled “Sailing the Perfect Storm of Data Trends” at the New York IT Leadership Academy, the premier leadership event for New York’s senior level technology executives. During his presentation, Derek will discuss the strategies CTG has used to create health data visualizations for the New York State Department of Health (DOH) in CTG’s Summer Lab. CTG’s Summer Lab provides undergraduate and graduate level students with experiential learning opportunities that supplement their classroom education with practical, real-world experience.

CTG Co-hosting Forum on Urban Blight
April 19, 2016 | Albany, NYUSA
Cities throughout the country are facing the increasingly persistent and costly problem of blighted and vacant properties. To combat the cycle from distressed to blighted or vacant, leaders are working in new ways to create 21st century remedies. Hosted by the Center for Technology in Government at UAlbany, the Center for Urban Studies at the University at Buffalo, and the Rockefeller Institute of Government, this forum will discuss the issue of urban blight within the context of New York State and the issues of economic and social impact on cities and municipalities will be considered, with a particular focus on exploring the challenges
involved in solving these problems. RSVP: michele.charbonneau@rockinst.suny.edu or (518) 443-5258.

**Ku to present paper at ASPA conference**
March 18-22, 2016 | Seattle, WAUSA
CTG Postdoctoral Associate Minyoung Ku will attend the 77th Annual Conference of the American Society of Public Administration to present a paper she co-authored with CTG Research Director, J. Ramon Gil-Garcia. The paper is entitled "Fighting Urban Blight Through Networked Governance: A Cross-Network Approach to Information Sharing" and will be presented during the conference's local government panel.

**Dawes to present at British House of Commons**
March 9-10, 2016 | Westminster, United Kingdom
CTG Senior Fellow Sharon Dawes will travel to the UK to present at several events on the topic of government information sharing, organized by Professor Rob Wilson of Newcastle University. On March 9th, Sharon will participate in an international panel debate entitled "Information Sharing for Public Services" at the British House of Commons, sponsored by the Economic and Social Science Research Council. Sharon and other experts will address one of the most compelling issues in the delivery of public services for citizens: how to make information sharing work better, and where to go from here. During her visit to the UK, Sharon will also present at an international academic seminar on information sharing at Newcastle University. Sharon will present "A Realistic Look at Open Data" at the seminar, which is hosted by the University's Centre for Knowledge Innovation Technology and Enterprise.

**Pardo to speak at Argentinian Forum of Digital Transformation**
March 7, 2016 | Buenos Aires, Argentina
CTG Director Theresa Pardo will participate in a panel discussion entitled "International Experiences" at the Argentinian Forum of Digital Transformation, held in Buenos Aires. Theresa will discuss considerations for digital public service innovation and will highlight some best practices. The event, coordinated by the United Nations University Operating Unit on Policy-Driven Electronic Governance, aims to raise awareness about the need for multisectoral public policies, foster an international network of stakeholders, encourage learning about international cases, and more.

**Pardo to delivery keynote at ICEGOV**
Feb 29-March 4, 2016 | Montevideo, Uruguay
CTG Director Theresa Pardo will delivery a keynote speech entitled "Evidence-based Policy and Sustainable Development: the Role of Open Data" at the 9th Annual International Conference on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance. In addition to presenting a keynote, Pardo will participate in a panel discussion, and present a paper she co-authored with CTG Research Director J. Ramon Gil-Garcia and CTG Program Associate Megan Sutherland. Pardo is also an organizer of the conference's "Leading Change: A Conversation Among Women Leaders in Digital Government" networking breakfast. Also at ICEGOV, members of the Smart Cities Smart Government Research Practice Consortium (SCSGRPC) will gather to share ideas and new knowledge. The SCSGRPC, which is based at CTG, is a robust global Smart Cities research community that focuses on innovations in technology, management and policy that change the fabric of the world's cities.

**Cook to present at NYCOM's Winter Legislative Meeting**
February 08, 2016 | Albany, NY USA
CTG Program Director Meghan Cook will participate in a panel discussion entitled "Innovative Solutions to Dealing with Distressed, Vacant, and Abandoned Properties" at the 2016 Winter Legislative Meeting of the New York State Conference of Mayors. In addition to featuring a discussion about CTG's work helping to develop a regional code enforcement program, the panel will provide an overview of land banking and innovative practices that are being used throughout the country.

Canestraro to present at NYSAC Legislative Conference
February 02, 2016 | Albany, NY USA
CTG Program Director Donna Canestraro will present "Strategies for local government: Keeping the cost of social media low" at the annual Legislative Conference of the New York State Association of Counties. Each year the conference brings together hundreds of county officials to participate in training programs, learn about cutting edge solutions, and hear from state leaders. Donna's presentation will take place during the conference's "Tweet it! Social Media 101 for County Officials" workshop.

Pardo to present at World Internet Conference
December 17, 2015 | Wuzhen, China
CTG Director Theresa Pardo will give a presentation at the 2015 World Internet Conference (Wuzhen Summit), which is jointly organized by the Cyberspace Administration of China and the People's Government of Zhejiang Province. The theme for this year's conference is "An Interconnected World Shared and Governed by All—Building a Cyberspace Community of Shared Destiny." This 2nd Annual Conference will further facilitate strategic-level discussions on global Internet governance, cyber security, the Internet industry as the engine of economic growth and social development, technological innovation and philosophy of the Internet.

Pardo to participate in Expert Group Meeting
December 7-8, 2015 | Guimarães, Portugal
CTG Director Theresa Pardo was invited to participate in an Expert Group Meeting on Governance, Digitization and the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda in Portugal. This Expert Group Meeting will gather a small group of leading researchers and policy makers to discuss how specific targets could be conceptualized and measured to utilize the potential (and address adverse impact) of digitization on governance for Sustainable Development.

Dawes to give opening keynote at EGOSE
November 24, 2015 | St. Petersburg, Russia
CTG Senior Fellow Sharon Dawes will give the opening keynote at the Conference on Electronic Governance and Open Society: Challenges in Eurasia (EGOSE 2015) in St. Petersburg, Russia on November 24. EGOSE 2015 aims to address the main issues of concern within Information Society, e-government, e-governance, and e-democracy by providing a platform for networking and collaboration of eGovernance experts in the Eurasian area. Sharon’s talk will focus on the value and practice of opening government data.

Cook to present at Rockefeller Institute Local Government Conference
November 18, 2015 | Albany, NY USA
CTG Program Director Meghan Cook will give a presentation at the Research and Practice in Progress Briefing on Local Government in New York. This event, hosted by the Rockefeller Institute of Government, will provide a forum for local government researchers, practitioners
and policy makers to assess the challenges and opportunities facing local governments in New York. Meghan’s presentation is entitled "Combating Urban Blight in the Capital Region and Mohawk Valley: The Shared Code Enforcement Information Resource Pilot Project" and will focus on the current project CTG is working on with the cities of Schenectady, Troy, Amsterdam, and Gloversville, with funding from a NY Department of State Local Government Efficiency Grant.

Pardo to present at Local Government Innovation Conference
November 17, 2015 | Albany, NYUSA
CTG Director Theresa Pardo will present "Building Public Sector Innovation Capability" at the Local Government Innovation Conference, hosted by the New York Department of State. The conference is designed to serve as a forum to summarize and discuss suggestions and recommendations made by over 150 local government officials from a recent series of roundtable discussions held regarding the Governor’s Municipal Restructuring Fund.

Gil-Garcia and Ku to present at APPAM Conference
November 12-14, 2015 | Miami, FLUSA
CTG Research Director and Associate Professor of Public Administration and Policy, Dr. Gil-Garcia, and CTG Research Assistant, Minyoung Ku, will present at the 2015 Fall Research Conference of the Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management. The paper’s title is “Challenges of Evidence-Based Decision Making to Combat Urban Blight: Revisiting Local Government Information Management through the Lens of Code Enforcement” and aims to explore government information management policies and environments, and the conditions and mechanisms through which evidence-informed decisions occur in local governments. The APPAM conference is one of the premier conferences in the fields of Public Administration and Public Policy.

Pardo to deliver Open Government webcast
November 10, 2015 | Online
Theresa Pardo, CTG Director, will deliver an Audio Webcast entitled "A Decision Making Framework for Maximizing the Public Value of Open Government" on November 10th. Attendees will come away with a better understanding of open government and how governments at all levels are thinking about and implementing open government programs. More>>

Cook to present at Digital Transformation Workshop for USPS OIG
October 16, 2015 | Washington D.C., USA
CTG Program Director Meghan Cook will present at the U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General's Digital Transformation Workshop in Washington D.C. The event is being held to assist postal operators in developing appropriate strategies, products, services, and new organizational cultures to effectively position their business models for future success. Cook will discuss some of the relevant findings from CTG’s research on technology use and digital innovation within large government agencies. Additionally, Cook will participate in a working lunch to discuss the topic of Smart Cities and the implications Smart Cities can have on the postal service.

Canestraro to guest lecture at INF305 class
October 08, 2015 | Albany, NYUSA
Donna Canestraro, CTG Program Director, will be a special guest lecturer at the University at
Albany’s Digital Project Management Class (INF305) in the College of Engineering/Applied Sciences on October 8th. In this Informatics class, Donna a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) will discuss the top 10 reasons why Information Technology (IT) investments fail. Additionally, she will outline and explain how the tools and techniques developed by the Center for Technology in Government along with sound project management practices can lessen the probability of such a failure.

Cook to present at NYSLGITDA Fall Conference
October 08, 2015 | Syracuse, NYUSA
CTG Program Director Meghan Cook will attend the Fall Conference of the New York State Local Government IT Directors Association (NYSLGITDA) to present "Addressing Urban Blight through a Regional Information Sharing Effort." Cook’s presentation will provide an overview and update on CTG’s project with the cities of Schenectady, Troy, Amsterdam and Gloversville to combat urban blight with funding from the New York Department of State's Local Government Efficiency Program. More information on that project can be found here.

Cook presents at Association of Counties Fall Conference
September 22, 2015 | Lake Placid, NYUSA
CTG Program Director Meghan Cook will present at the New York State Association of Counties’ (NYSAC) Fall Conference in Lake Placid. Cooks presentation is entitled "Leveraging Data to Inform Programs, Policies, and Decisions." NYSAC, whose mission is to represent, educate, and advocate for NY Counties and elected and appointed officials, hosts three conferences each year.

Canestraro to Present at NSAA Conference
September 22, 2015 | Hartford, CTUSA
CTG Program Director Donna Canestraro will facilitate a workshop entitled “IT Governance in the Public Sector” at the National State Auditors Association (NSAA) Information Technology Workshop & Conference on September 22nd. Each year this event provides a forum for state auditors to learn about developments in information systems and electronic government issues.

Cook to Chair Session and Lead Workshop at Smart Cities Week
September 15-17, 2015 | Washington D.C., USA
CTG Program Director Meghan Cook was invited to chair and moderate an egovernment and open data session at the Smart Cities Council's first ever 'Smart Cities Week' in Washington D.C. The week-long event, designed for City leaders, will address the question "How can my city become a smart city?" Cook will also co-lead a half day workshop entitled 'Leveraging Data to Combat Urban Blight' with Tarik Abdelazim from the Center for Community Progress. Additionally, Cook was invited to attend the White House Smart Cities Forum on the 14th that will bring together leading thinkers and practitioners from government, the research community, cities, civil society, and the tech sector to discuss the multi-sector collaborations that will help our cities thrive in the 21st century.

Canestraro to Participate in NYS Digital Summit
September 1-2, 2015 | Albany, NYUSA
CTG Program Director Donna Canestraro will participate in the New York Digital Government Summit, hosted by Government Technology. Canestraro serves on the Advisory Board of the Summit, which provides the opportunity for state and local government and technology leaders
to discuss best practices, see the latest in technology solutions, and celebrate the Best of New York Awards.

**Pardo to present keynote and Lanza to present paper at IFIP 2015**
August 30-September 2, 2015 | Thessaloniki, Greece
CTG Director Theresa Pardo will present the keynote speech at the 14th Annual IFIP Electronic Government (EGOV) and 7th Electronic Participation (ePart) Conference in Thessaloniki, Greece. In addition, CTG Visiting Scholar Beatriz Lanza will present a paper she co-authored with J. Ramon Gil-Garcia and Fernando Gimenez entitled “The Value of Commonly Available and Low Cost Technologies: Towards a Business Model for SMS-Based Government Services.”

**Dawes to present keynote at CONIP**
August 19-20, 2015 | São Paulo, Brazil
CTG Senior Fellow Sharon Dawes will present as a keynote speaker at the Conference on Information Technology Innovation in Public Management (CONIP) in São Paulo, Brazil. CONIP is the main conference in Brazil that is focused on technology use and innovation within the public sector. Topics covered at CONIP include corporate governance, information technology management, security, and much more.

**Costello to participate in NY Citywide Program**
July 22, 2015 | Brooklyn, NY USA
CTG Web Application Developer Jim Costello will participate in the New York State Forum's New York Citywide program on July 22nd in Brooklyn. The event is designed to educate attendees about how the NYS Forum operates and will also provide attendees with the opportunity to contribute ideas to the development of upcoming New York City programs.

**Pardo to Present at Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Legislative Conference**
July 13, 2015 | Bismarck, ND USA
CTG Director Theresa A. Pardo will participate in a plenary session titled "Using New Technologies to Better Serve Citizens" at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Legislative Conference. The MLC Annual Meeting is the premier meeting for Midwestern state legislators and it provides participants with a forum for exchanging information and ideas on key public policy issues. Theresa will discuss governments' use of technology as well as best practices, including what makes a state successful in the use of digital technology in government.

**Pardo to Participate as an External Expert and Advisor in the Bentley University Thought Leadership Network Planning Workshop**
June 22, 2015 | Waltham, MA USA
CTG Director Theresa A. Pardo is participating as an external expert and advisor in two of Bentley University’s Thought Leadership Network (TLN) workshops. The June 16 workshop focused on the proposed Public Sector Analytics Project and the second, on June 22, will concentrate on Data-driven Innovation and Value Creation. The Thought-Leadership Network is a coordinated network of scholars and practitioners aimed to advance knowledge and innovation.

**Gil-Garcia to Co-host Workshop about Digital Government**
June 15-19, 2015 | Albany, NY USA
CTG Research Director J. Ramon Gil-Garcia will co-host a workshop in Albany about digital
government in Mexico in which five of the top digital government scholars in that country will participate, including the two organizers and the following three professors: Rodrigo Sandoval-Almazan from the Autonomous University of the State of Mexico, Dolores E. Luna from the University of the Americas in Puebla, and Gabriel Puron-Cid from the Center for Research and Teaching in Economics in Mexico City. The workshop is co-hosted by Luis F. Luna-Reyes who is an Associate Professor in the Department of Informatics and a CTG Research Fellow.

Gil-Garcia Invited to Present at Public Management Research Conference
June 11-13, 2015 | Minneapolis, MNUSA
CTG Research Director J. Ramon Gil-Garcia will present a paper entitled "Citizens As Sensors: Examining Co-Production, Sensor Technologies, and Data Analytics in Government? co-authored with Rockefeller College Ph.D. student Ashley M. Alteri, CTG Managing Director Brian Burke and Natalie Helbig, who is the Director of Health Data New York.

Cook and UAlbany Doctoral Student to Present on the Use of Social Media in Counties
June 9, 2015 | Lake Placid, NYUSA
CTG Program Director Meghan Cook and UAlbany Doctoral Student Jamie Campbell presented "Social Media Use in NYS Counties" to members of the New York State County Clerk Association at their annual conference on June 9th in Lake Placid. The study, conducted by Campbell with Cook and CTG Faculty Fellow Dr. Teresa Harrison as mentors, addressed the current social media use by NYS county governments, common purposes and topics, potential strategies, and the realized values of current users.

Gil-Garcia to Participate in International Conference on Digital Government Research
May 27-30, 2015 | Phoenix, AZUSA
CTG Research Director J. Ramon Gil-Garcia will participate in the 2015 International Conference on Digital Government Research (dg.o) with a paper entitled "The Formation and Evolution of Cross-Boundary Digital Government Knowledge Networks: A Mixed-Method Case Study," co-authored with CTG Graduate Assistant Minyoung Ku and Professor Jing Zhang from Clark University. He is also co-author of a paper entitled "The Effects of Technology Use on Efficiency, Transparency, and Corruption in Municipal Governments: Preliminary Results from a Citizen Perspective? with Professor Rodrigo Sandoval and Ph.D. student David Valle both from the Autonomous University of the State of Mexico. Professor Gil-Garcia and CTG Senior Fellow Sharon Dawes are also co-chairs of the Ph.D. Colloquium.

Cook to Lead Panel and Present Paper at dg.o 2015
May 27-30, 2015 | Phoenix, ArizonaUSA
CTG Program Director Meghan Cook and Karen Mossberger, Professor and Director of the School of Public Affairs at Arizona State University, will lead a candid conversation among
government leaders and digital government scholars focused on how all sectors can work across professions and disciplines to address the complex and challenging issues facing governments all over the world. Ms. Cook will also present a paper titled A Shared Information Resource to Fight Urban Blight: Challenges and Opportunities in New York State. The paper, co-authored by CTG Program Assistant Megan Sutherland, focuses on the role of information sharing in a multi-city effort to address urban blight. The theme of this year’s dg.o conference is Digital Government and Wicked Problems: Climate Change, Urbanization, and Inequality. More>

Pardo invited to give keynote address at CeDEM15
May 20-22, 2015 | Krems, Austria
Dr. Theresa A. Pardo will give a keynote at the 2015 International Conference for e-Democracy and Open Government (CeDEM15) entitled, ?Enabling Open Government for All: A Roadmap for Public Libraries.? The international Conference for e-Democracy and Open Government brings together e-democracy, e-participation and open government specialists working in academia, politics, government and business to critically analyze the innovations, issues, ideas and challenges in the networked societies of the digital age. More>

Pardo to participate in the NASA Socioeconomic Data and Applications Center (SEDAC) User Working Group (UWG)
May 18-19, 2015 | New York, New York USA
The SEDAC User Working Group (UWG) provides ongoing advice and guidance regarding SEDAC activities and plans. Its responsibilities include reviewing SEDAC’s progress and performance, representation of user community perspectives in the development of SEDAC products and services, recommendation of specific data products and services to NASA and SEDAC, and provision of strategic guidance to NASA and SEDAC on objectives, priorities, target user communities, implementation approaches, and other issues. UWG members represent a broad range of social and natural science disciplines and other user groups from the public and private sectors. More>

Pardo and Canestraro to conduct next workshop for the 4Afrika Program in Cairo Egypt
March 28 – 30, 2015 | Cairo, Egypt
CTG Director Theresa Pardo and Program Director Donna Canestraro will conduct a Train the Trainer Program at the National Management Institute in Cairo Egypt as part of the 4Afrika Program. More>

Dawes to present CTG research in China
April 20-24, 2015 | Various locations, China
CTG Senior Fellow Sharon Dawes will present on CTG research at several different venues in China. Her talks will focus on eGov and Innovation at Fudan University and the Public Value of Air Quality Information at Jiatong University, both in Shanghai. She will also present Deriving Public Value from Open Data Programs at Guanggong Provincial Government and Jianan University in Guanzhou. The visit is sponsored by CTG Research Fellow Professor Lei Zheng at Fudan University and Professor Chen Yumei at Jianan University who will be a CTG visiting scholar in Fall 2015. More>

Pardo continues her participation with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) National Advisory Committee (NAC)
April 16-17, 2015 | Washington, DC USA
The U.S. NAC advises the U.S. Representative (the Administrator of the EPA) to the Commission for Environmental Cooperation on specific U.S. government policy issues related to the implementation of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation. The Committee is responsible for providing recommendations to help assure that business and industry, academia, and non-governmental organizations are represented in the development of U.S. policy positions regarding implementation of the Environmental Supplemental Agreements to the North American Free Trade Agreement. The Committee meets several times a year to discuss, draft, and publish a set of recommendations to inform policy decisions. In October 2015, Dr. Pardo was appointed to a two-year term on the NAC. More>

Pardo to Participate on UAlbany Public Engagement Panel
March 11, 2015 | University at Albany, NYUSA
CTG Director Theresa A. Pardo will participate in a University at Albany campus forum entitled Telling Our Story of Public Engagement. The forum is an initiative of the President?s Public Engagement Council and hosted by UAlbany President Robert J. Jones and Provost James Stellar. Dr. Pardo along with the other panelists from UAlbany will discuss how their work at the University helps address complex societal challenges both locally and globally.

Cook to Participate in Digital and Mobile Government Panel at Annual ASPA Conference
March 6-10, 2015 | Chicago, IllinoisUSA
CTG Program Director Meghan Cook will participate in a panel discussion titled Going Digital and Mobile in State and Local Government at the American Society of Public Administration (ASPA) Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois. She will present on ?Mobile Government: Dimensions to Assess Readiness and Gauge Progress (And Other Lessons From The Field ).? More>

Pardo to Participate in Panel Discussion on Effective and Responsible Use of Student Data
February 18, 2015 | Webinar
Along with other national and local experts on student data protection and use, CTG Director Dr. Theresa Pardo will participate in the webinar titled 5 Ways Community Organizations Can Ensure Effective & Responsible Student Data Use. Dr. Pardo along with the other panelists will discuss five ways community organizations can ensure effective and responsible use of student data, and share real-world examples of how these practices are helping communities improve education outcomes for kids. The webinar is organized by StriveTogether, a national cradle-to-career initiative that brings together leaders in Pre-K-12 schools, higher education, business and industry, community organizations, government leaders, parents and other stakeholders who are committed to helping children succeed from birth through careers. For more information about the webinar and to register >>

Gil-Garcia to Participate in NSF Conference on Broadband Internet
February 12-13, 2015 | Arizona State University, Tucson, AZUSA
CTG?s Research Director, J. Ramon Gil-Garcia, will participate in the NSF Broadband Use Data and Repository Conference, which will be hosted by the Arizona State University School of Public Affairs and Center for Policy Informatics. Dr. Gil-Garcia will join other researchers from throughout the country to discuss strategies for measuring broadband use and social benefits and how broadband data can inform better policy decisions.

Dawes to Participate in UN Expert Group Meeting on Sustainable Development Goals
January 28-29, 2015 | UN Headquarters, New York, NYUSA
CTG Senior Fellow Dr. Sharon Dawes will be a lead participant in a United Nations Expert Group Meeting entitled "Policy integration in government in pursuit of the sustainable development goals," at the UN Headquarters in New York. The event is sponsored by Division for Public Administration and Development Management of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs and will engage experts from government, academia, the UN, OECD, World Bank and other organizations to review developments in the field of policy integration in government administration. The results will contribute to an April session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA), on building trust in government in pursuit of sustainable development goals. More>

Gil-Garcia to Present on Research at International Conference on System Sciences
January 5-6, 2015 | Kauai, HawaiiUSA
CTG Research Director and UAlbany Rockefeller College Associate Professor Dr. J. Ramon Gil-Garcia is joining leading digital government researchers from around the world at the 48th Annual Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences. Dr. Gil-Garcia is presenting two papers highlighting research on the determinants of successful inter-organizational information sharing by governments throughout the United States and measuring and evaluating judicial websites in Mexico. Also, he is the co-chair of the conference’s Transformational Government mini-track. More>

Pardo to Present Lecture on Creating Capability for Data Analytics
December 11-14, 2014 | Moscow Urban Forum, MoscowRussian Federation
CTG Director Dr. Theresa Pardo to participate by invitation at the "Government and Citizens: Technologies of Collaboration Conference" within the Moscow Urban Forum. She will present a lecture, "Creating capability for data analytics" as part of the public policy making process. Dr. Pardo will also sit on a panel with other experts focused on effective strategies for online citizen participation. The Moscow Urban Forum is organized annually under the auspices of the Moscow Government. The Forum has established itself as an important international event for discussions between some of world’s most acknowledged experts in city planning and urban development and is supported by the World Bank and the Urban Land Institute. More>

Electronic Government for IT Leaders
December 5, 2014 | Autonomous University of the State of Mexico, City of TolucaMexico
CTG Research Director Dr. J. Ramon Gil-Garcia is speaking at an event organized by the Autonomous University of the State of Mexico, United Nations University, and the City of Toluca in the State of Mexico. The event, Electronic Government for IT Leaders, will focus on public managers from cities and other local governments in the metropolitan area of Toluca and also Mexico and Latin America. Some of the topics that Dr. Gil-Garcia will speak on include electronic government, inter-organizational collaboration and information sharing, social media in government, smart cities, open government, and e-participation.

Pardo to Present Talk on Information Sharing, Big Data, and Public Safety
November 18, 2014 | New York City, NY
The issue of sharing information has gained increased attention post-9/11. Theresa Pardo will discuss her perspectives on information sharing in all its forms, the Big Data phenomenon, and their implications for public safety managers and homeland security professionals. Theresa will bring her authoritative perspective on these issues as a pioneer in making technology work for governmental organizations. The talk is being given at the Christian Regenhard Center for Emergency Response Studies (RACERS) at the John Jay College for
Criminal Justice. More>>

**Big Data: Applications, Infrastructures, and Implications**
November 14, 2014 | Waltham, Massachusetts USA
CTG Director Theresa Pardo gave the closing keynote at the 2014 Bentley Research Colloquium. The colloquium, titled Big Data: Applications, Infrastructures, and Implications, focused on big data and other sociotechnical innovations, with a specific interest in technical, societal, organizational, ethical, and policy implications of big data. The event brought together Bentley faculty, staff, and students with key members of external stakeholder groups to highlight Bentley's research within this important topic area, to identify synergies and collaboration opportunities, and to develop Bentley's research agenda related to big data further. More>

**Cook to Present at Symposium on Digital Democracy**
November 13-14, 2014 | Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul Brazil
Meghan Cook will be speaking on the Open Government panel at the 1st Symposium on Digital Democracy, sponsored by the Regional Electoral Court of Rio Grande do Sul, through its Electoral Judicial School of Rio Grande do Sul. The panel will focus on digital democracy, addressing different themes such as politics, elections, public services and social control of the state, with its target audience being the political and academic community of Rio Grande do Sul, as well as judges and servants of electoral court.

**Challenges of International Research Partnerships**
November 4-6, 2014 | Albuquerque, New Mexico USA
Sharon Dawes will take part in the "Challenges of International Research Partnerships" panel at NASPAA Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This panel brings together senior administrators from Korea, Mexico, and the United States to share their experiences—both successful and unsuccessful—around research partnerships. It will be a roundtable discussion in which we will provide opening remarks and then open discussion up to topics of interest to the audience. More>

**Pedagogy of Information Technology in government**
November 4-6, 2014 | Albuquerque, New Mexico USA
Sharon Dawes will be speaking at the "Pedagogy of Information Technology in Government" panel at NASPAA Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The panelists will reflect on what constitutes pedagogical excellence for dealing with the emerging challenges of IT and PA. It will cover four themes: (a) the NASPAA standards on the inclusion of information technology in the curriculum; (b) the state of the art of IT curriculum in public administration schools; (c) characteristics of places with higher degree of IT and E-government achievement; and (d) technology training needs of public administrators for dealing with IT projects. More>

**#OpenData #BigData: Data, Big and Small, in the Public Affairs Curriculum**
November 4-6, 2014 | Albuquerque, New Mexico USA
Natalie Helbig will be speaking on the Open Data/ Big Data panel at the NASPAA Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The panel features programs examining the role of big and open data within the curriculums of Public Affairs colleges. The panel will explore: what programs are doing to prepare students to work with big and open data; how these advances in informatics can be incorporated into various aspects of curriculum; and how schools are responding to internal and external pressures to graduate stronger data analytic students.
Pardo to Participate on the Jury Panel for the Sultan Qaboos Award for Excellence in eGovernment
November 1-5, 2014 | Al Athaiba, Sultunate of Oman
Theresa Pardo has been invited by the Information Technology Authority of Sultanate of Oman to participate in the Sultan Qaboos Award for Excellence in eGovernment Award Jury Panel for 2014. The national competition targets government institutions and is a result of His Majesty’s call for the development of a national strategy developing knowledge of citizens and skills in dealing with information technology and a call for all government institutions to accelerate the enhancement of services by digital technology and best practices. More>>

Cook to Present on Academic-Government Partnerships at ICEGOV2014
October 27-30, 2014 | Guimarães, Portugal
At the 8th International Conference on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance (ICEGOV2014), Meghan Cook, along with William Travis (Retired NYS Human Services Cluster CIO and Deputy Commissioner of NYS Office of Children and Family Services), will be presenting real cases drawn from CTG’s work with New York State, in a session focused on how academic and government partnerships are innovative, cutting edge, and mutually beneficial. The session will show how CTG engaged with NYS government to produce tangible results for government agencies while providing access and opportunities for research; and how these types of partnerships are structured. More>>

CTG to Participate at ICEGOV2014
October 27-30, 2014 | Guimarães, Portugal
CTG will be participating at the 8th International Conference on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance (ICEGOV2014). The main purpose of ICEGOV2014 is to explore research and policy implications and discuss way forward for technology-enabled and data-intensive public governance in the post-2015 world. Theresa Pardo is a member of the Advisory Committee, and Sharon Dawes, Natalie Helbig, and Meghan Cook are members of the Program Committee. More>>

Cook to Present on the Evolving Role of Local Government CIOs
October 9, 2014 | Watkins Glen, NY
Meghan Cook will be presenting at the New York State Local Government IT Directors Association’s (NYSLGITDA) fall conference. Meghan’s presentation will focus on the Evolving Role of Local Government CIOs. NYSLGITDA is dedicated to the coordination and improvement of information technology in all types of governments in New York State. More>>

Dawes and Gil-Garcia to Participate at IFIP EGov 2014
September 1-3, 2014 | Dublin, Ireland
Sharon Dawes and Ramon Gil-Garcia will be participating at the IFIP eGovernment Conference 2014, which is organized by the IFIP Working Group 8.5 on information systems in the public sector. Dawes and Gil-Garcia are senior faculty of the PhD Colloquium, which aims to bring PhD students who are scattered across countries and disciplines more together. Both Dawes and Gil-Garcia are also on the Program Committee of this conference, which brings together scholars from all over the globe to present the state of the art and most recent innovations in e-government, e-governance and related fields of study. The conference provides a highly interactive and professional forum for exchanging research concepts,
progress and results. Ramon will present two papers on which he is co-author, Towards an Evaluation Model for Open Government: A Preliminary Proposal, and The Problem of Technological and Social Determinism: Integrative Approaches and some Non-Deterministic Concepts for Digital Government. More>>

CTG to Partner with SUNY?s Cradle to Career Alliance (C2C) Annual Convening
June 26-27, 2014 | New York City, NY
CTG is partnering with SUNY?s Cradle to Career Alliance (C2C) Annual Convening in New York City. This year?s convening is focused on the use of data analytics to support the goals of the Alliance partners. The conference will provide knowledge sharing opportunities through both presentations and facilitated working sessions. Theresa Pardo will give a plenary presentation on the changing data context highlighting the new world of ?big data? and data science and a set of new resources available to support such efforts such as state and city level data portals and new ?data executives.? Theresa, along with Meghan Cook and Donna Canestraro will also facilitate the day-long working sessions, which will focus on helping the Alliance meet their goal of tracking their collective impact. More on the Alliance>>

Costello Presenting on New Web Tools at NYS Forum
June 20, 2014 | Albany, NY
The NYS Forum is hosting a meeting on Web Transformation, Accessibility, Sass, the Future and other Webstuff. As part of this session, Jim Costello will give an introductory walk-through and demo on using Sass/Compass in Web projects. In addition, Luke Charde, enterprise architect at NYS ITS, will provide updates on the NYS ITS Web Transformation Project and the recently revised NYS Accessibility Policy and Strategy Documents. The Accessibility revisions were completed earlier this year by a team consisting of Debi Orton, Mike Short, Kristen Albright, Lisa Young, Valerie Perrotte, Joel Obuchowski, Marty Navojosky, Jim Costello, and Luke Charde. More>>

CTG Participating in Conference Management Roles at dg.o2014
June 18-21, 2014 | Aguascalientes City, Mexico
The 15th Annual International Conference on Digital Government Research (dg.o2014) is focusing on Open Innovations and Sustainable Development in Government: Experiences from around the World. J. Ramon Gil-Garcia is serving as Program Co-Chair, Natalie Helbig as a Track Chair, Teresa Harrison as a Panel Chair, and Sharon Dawes and Ramon are both Doctoral Colloquium Chairs. Papers, workshops, tutorials, and panel proposals are due February 1, 2014, and applications for the Doctoral Colloquium are due March 15, 2014. More>>

Pardo to Speak at Workshop on Privacy and Big Data
June 16, 2014 | New York City, NY
New York University?s Center for Urban Science and Progress (CUSP) is holding a workshop centered on a preview of the upcoming book, Privacy, Big Data, and the Public Good: Frameworks for Engagement, at the New York Academy of Sciences. Speakers include big data experts and the book?s co-editors: Dr. Julia Lane, an Institute Fellow at the American Institutes for Research (AIR), Victoria Stodden of Columbia University, Stefan Bender of the Institute for Employment Research of the German Federal Employment Agency, and Helen Nissenbaum of NYU. Theresa Pardo is the capstone speaker for the workshop, and will close the day with highlights and reflections.
Pardo to Present at Major Cities of Europe Annual Conference
June 2-4, 2014 | Zurich, Switzerland

The focus of the 2014 Major Cities of Europe Conference is Cities managing complexity in the digital world?prepared for the upcoming challenges?Theresa Pardo is giving a presentation on ICT Innovation and Public Value: The complex process of choice making. The presentation will focus on how CTG's public value framework allows governments to identify public value in terms of social, political, quality of life, strategic, economic, stewardship, and idealogical values to inform the complex process of ICT investment decision making. More>>

Cook Leading Workshop and Presenting Paper at CeDEM14
May 21-23, 2014 | Krems, Austria

The international Conference for e-Democracy and Open Government brings together e-democracy, e-participation and open government specialists working in academia, politics, government and business to critically analyse the innovations, issues, ideas and challenges in the networked societies of the digital age. Meghan Cook will be conducting a workshop on Maximizing the Public Value of Open Government: A Workshop on CTG's Strategic Planning Approach. In addition, Meghan will be presenting a paper entitled Open Data Planning Activities: Emerging Practices from a Public Value Approach. The conference is hosted by the Centre for E-Governance at the Danube University Krems; the center has been organizing conferences on e-democracy and public administration since 2007. More>>

Pardo to Keynote at Tunisia's 1st International Conference on Electronic Government
May 13-14, 2014 | Tunis, Tunisia

Theresa Pardo will give a keynote presentation at Tunisia's 1st International Conference on Electronic Government. The conference will bring together both researchers and practitioners to encourage an open discussion of the strategies and challenges of electronic government and its implications for Tunisian society. Theresa's presentation will be focused on Building a 21st Century e-Government Strategy: A guide for government leaders. CTG is also a sponsoring organization of the conference, which is being organized by the Tunisian Management Scientific Society under the patronage of the Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research, Information and Communication Technologies. More>>

CTG to Host Workshop on Policy Informatics in the PA Curriculum
May 9, 2014 | Albany, NY

CTG will host a one-day National Science Foundation-sponsored workshop entitled, Policy Informatics in the PA Curriculum: A workshop to explore integration of data-intensive analytical skills in public affairs education. Much is being said and written about ?big data? and ?data science,? but much less attention has focused on identifying what skills are required of the next generation of public managers, policy analysts, and informed citizens. Participants from several different universities in the US and Europe will come together to confront the changing type, amount, and quality of policy-relevant information and develop ways to train professional analysts in new areas of data-intensive science and decision making environments.

CTG to Lead National Forum on the Critical Role of Public Libraries in Supporting Open Government
May 7-8, 2014 | Alexandria, VA

The National Forum will focus on refining and improving a preliminary framework developed by CTG, in partnership with an advisory committee of public library, information and library
science, and open government experts, to help public libraries describe their current open
government related efforts and plan for future ones. The forum will also serve as an incubator
to discuss potential future projects focused on further developing public library capabilities for
supporting opening government within their communities. More>>

Pardo to Co-Chair UAlbany's Inaugural President’s Forum on Data
May 5, 2014 | Albany, NY
New technologies, tools, and techniques for capturing, managing, and using data are making it
possible to push the edges of what is known and serve society in new and innovative ways. To
do so requires new kinds of partnerships across disciplines and sectors and new sets of skills
for graduates to fill the fast-growing job market for data scientists. Building on the unique and
particular advanced data analytics strengths of the University at Albany, the Inaugural Forum
on Data convened by President Robert Jones, as part of the UA2020 Advanced Data Analytics
initiative, will bring together the UAlbany Community with experts from industry and
government to explore the latest applications of advanced data analytics. More>>

Pardo to Present on Opening Government Data and Creating Public Value for NITRD
April 22, 2014 | Washington, DC
The Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program is
hosting a discussion led by Theresa Pardo who will present on Opening Government Data and
Creating Public Value. Theresa will highlight work carried out by CTG together with
government entities around the world to examine the range of public value that accrues to
different stakeholders when opening and using government data. Remote participation is
available, see details. More>>

Pardo to Co-Chair Panel on e-Government at IRSPM 2013
April 9-11, 2014 | Ottawa, Canada
The theme of the Eighteenth Annual Conference of the International Research Society for
Public Management (IRSPM) is Intersections: Governance, Democracy, Accountability.
Theresa Pardo will be co-chair of the panel session on The Role of e-Government in
Administrative Reform: Towards New Forms of Governance, Democracy, and
Accountability?This panel intends to explore the important issues around the role and actual
outcomes of e-Government in administrative reform initiatives, and the implications for public
management. Theresa's co-chairs are: Miriam Lips, School of Government, Victoria University
of Wellington; David Spacek, Faculty of Economics and Administration, Masaryk University;
Tino Schuppan, The Institute for eGovernment; and Carlos Nunes Silva, Institute of Geography
& Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon. More>>

Pardo to Present at Symposium on Technological Innovation in Government
April 5, 2014 | Boston, MA
The Massachusetts Chapter of the American Society of Public Administration is holding a
Symposium on Technological Innovation in Government: Toward Open and Smart
Government Symposium. Theresa Pardo is an invited featured speaker, joining other leaders
in the emerging fields of technology as they share their proven strategies, policies, and
examples of technological innovation in government. The symposium provides an opportunity
for practitioners, students and academics to mingle and exchange ideas throughout the day
regarding innovative uses of IT in government. More>>

Closs to present ethical social media use paper at 2014 NYS National Association of
March 21, 2014 | Albany, NY
The New York State National Association of Social Workers (NASW) will hold its annual ?Power of Social Work? conference on Friday, March 21, 2014 in Albany, NY. This year?s conference theme is ?Celebrating the Strength, Unity, and Identity of the Social Work Profession?. Using social media research and observations from CTG?s National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) project, Project Coordinator Hillary Closs will present the paper ?Risk Business: Applying Ethical Standards to Social Media Use with Vulnerable Populations?, co-authored with NYTD Project Director Natalie Helbig. The paper explores how the NASW Code of Ethics were applied to best practices of obtain consent, upholding confidentiality, and avoiding disclosure concerns when using social media with vulnerable populations. The authors evaluated best practices among seven NYTD states? use of social media with current and former youth in foster care. More>>

Helbig to present paper at 75th American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Conference
March 14-18, 2014 | Washington, DC
ASPA will celebrate its 75th Anniversary this year. ASPA is the largest professional association for public administration and is dedicated to advancing the art, science, teaching and practice of public and non-profit administration. Natalie Helbig will present the CTG paper, ?Dynamics of Opening Government Data? on a panel entitled, ?Opening Government and Smartening Cities: Institutional Design Considerations Drawn from Current Practice and Emerging Opportunities.? Other papers on the panel will examine institutional design features of federal open government platforms (co-authors Chris Koliba and Asim Zia from the University of Vermont), management of participatory challenge platforms (co-authors Tanya Kelley and Erik Johnston, Arizona State University), and smart urban governance (author Yu-Che Chen, Northern Illinois University). More>>

Pardo Presenting on Smart Cities at 75th American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Conference
March 14-18, 2014 | Washington, DC
ASPA will celebrate its 75th Anniversary this year. ASPA is the largest professional association for public administration and is dedicated to advancing the art, science, teaching and practice of public and non-profit administration. Theresa Pardo will be a presenter on the panel The Secret to Smarter Cities: Enabling Technology Innovation through Organizational Innovation, along with Sherri R. Greenberg, Professor, University of Texas At Austin-LBJ School of Public Affairs, and Ines Mergel, Assistant Professor, Syracuse University. More>>

Cook to Participate in Roundtable on Open Data and Transportation
March 3, 2014 | New York City, NY
The U.S. Department of Transportation and Governance Lab at NYU is holding a civic innovation roundtable with U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx. Meghan Cook, an invited expert, will take part in the discussion of how open data and technology are spurring innovation and addressing transportation challenges.

Cook and Helbig Leading Nigeria?s Open Data Stakeholder Engagement Forum and Workshop
January 29-30, 2014 | Abuja, Nigeria
The Nigerian Ministry ICT in collaboration with The World Bank and the Open Government Alliance, of which CTG is a lead partner, is conducting an Open Data Stakeholder Engagement Workshop to bring together government, civil society, and industry leaders to plan the Federal Government's Open Data Strategy. Cook and Helbig will present current open data research as well as facilitate sessions throughout the two-day event. The primary focus of the event is to stimulate learning and engagement in order to set forth recommendations of actionable steps to implement open data by leveraging technology. The objective of the open data strategy is to drive economic growth, investment, and innovation through greater access to government data.

**Dawes Participating in eGovPoliNet Meetings**
January 27-29, 2014 | London, UK

eGovPoliNet is a global multidisciplinary digital governance and policy modelling research and practice community for sharing and advancing research and insights from practical cases around the world. CTG is the only US member of this international consortium. Sharon Dawes will be participating in both the eGovPoliNet project and scientific advisory board meetings in London. More>>

**Pardo and Gil-Garcia to Participate at HICSS-47**
January 6-9, 2014 | Big Island, HI

The Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS) is one of the longest-standing continuously running scientific conferences. At HICSS47, Theresa Pardo is serving as mini-track co-chair of Emerging Topics in the Electronic Government Track, which takes a look at new topics and trends that are emerging in e-Government. J. Ramon Gil-Garcia is mini-track co-chair of Transformational Government, which examines the complexity of effectively managing e-Government and its transformational potential. More>>