



Civil Soirée

& Annual Meeting

2026

AT LIBERTY UNIVERSITY



Register Today!

Friday, October 9th

7 PM – 9 PM

Welcome Event

Saturday, October 10th

9 AM – 12 PM

Civil Lab Tours & PDH Sessions

- Engineering Ethics (1 PDH) – Stephen Jordan, CEO of the Institute for Sustainable Development (ISD)
- Cyber Security 101 (0.5 PDH) – David Brearley

Cyber threats are no longer limited to IT departments or large corporations. From phishing emails and ransomware to social engineering and data breaches, cybersecurity affects all of us at home, at work, and in the way we serve our clients. As our personal and professional lives become increasingly connected, understanding basic cyber risks has become an essential life and business skill.

This Cyber 101 session provides a practical introduction to today's threat landscape and the tactics commonly used by cybercriminals. Participants will learn simple but effective best practices for protecting personal information, securing devices and online accounts, recognizing suspicious activity, and reducing risk in everyday digital interactions. The session will also explore how cybersecurity impacts our work, our responsibility to protect client information, and the role each of us plays in maintaining trust and resilience in an increasingly digital world.

- Data Centers 101: Foundation of Digital Infrastructure – Michael Little & Clarke Summers

A practical introduction to data centers, covering site selection, planning, and design considerations, along with discussion of the topics that tend to generate the most questions—water use, power demand, and proximity to surrounding communities.

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

Lunch & VA Section Annual Meeting

2 PM – 4 PM

Local Engineering Tours (Campus & Lynchburg)

6 PM – 7 PM

Hors d'oeuvres & Networking on the Patio

7 PM – 10 PM

ASCE Civil Soiree & Banquet

- Keynote – *“Every Prompt Lands Somewhere: Engineering Infrastructure at the Speed of AI”*

Artificial intelligence is transforming the world at a pace few technologies have ever achieved. Yet behind every AI application, digital service, and data-driven decision lies a foundation of physical infrastructure: power systems, water resources, transportation networks, communications, and the facilities that connect them all. As demand for data centers, electrification, and resilient infrastructure accelerates, civil engineers find themselves at the center of one of the most significant infrastructure shifts of our generation.

Speaker David Brearley will explore the opportunities and challenges created by this transformation, from next-generation infrastructure and resource demands to the growing role of AI-enabled design, planning, and operations. Through real-world examples and a forward-looking perspective, attendees will be challenged to consider how engineers can leverage new technologies while upholding their enduring responsibilities to public safety, stewardship, and community trust. The future of infrastructure will be shaped by AI. The outcome, however, remains in the hands of engineers.