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**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT**

President of **R. K. Smith Engineering Inc.**

**August 1997 to present**

Consulting Services specializing in mechanical engineering safety. On site and laboratory investigations of consumer and industrial product related accidents. Design, safety analysis, and testing of machinery, mechanical components, consumer and industrial products. Human factors considerations in design. Forensic aspects of engineering design. Computer animation and simulation of machine systems. Design-for-safety consultation. Investigation, testing, accident reconstruction, and human factors analysis regarding specific issues relating to and resulting from analysis of equipment including :

- Forklift Guarding/Safety/Braking/Stability
- Powered Industrial Trucks
- Personnel & Burden Carriers/Golf Cars
- Forklift attachments
- Golf car/ATV/UTV safety and stability
- Ladder design/ safety
- Skid Steer Loaders/Operator Presence Systems
- Heavy equipment Access Systems/ ROPS
- Aerial Work Platforms (Booms and Scissors)
- Scaffolding
- Rough Terrain/ telescoping boom forklifts
- Machine Guarding
- Human Factors/ Biomechanical considerations
- Lifting/ rigging equipment
- Hydraulic Circuit design for safety
- Visibility of industrial and construction vehicles
- Control Systems/ Safety
- Conveyor safety
- Warning Signs
- Fall Protection & Equipment
- Extensive experience in stability testing and accident reconstruction involving telescopic material handlers
- Mobile Elevating Work Platform (MEWP) stability testing and A92 certification consulting
- Industrial Tools/Processing lines/safeguards
- Laboratory Testing including full scale tilt table testing of vehicles
- Airport baggage tractors
- Component Testing
- Cranes -outdoor and overhead
- Operator Restraint Design/Testing
- Lift truck operator training
- Plastic Processing/Injection Molding Machine Safety
- Garage/overhead door/ sliding gate safety
- Paper Machine/Converting Safety
- Restaurant and Food Processing equipment
- Electromechanical and Hydraulic Systems
- Manlifts
- Construction Equipment including cranes, skid/steer loaders, compactors, backhoes
- Lawn and Garden Equipment
- Machine Safety manuals
- Consumer Products
- Loading dock plates/ truck restraints, loading dock safety/procedures
- Prevention Through Design (PTD)

## **EDUCATION**

### **Master of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering**

Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois  
(Major in Design/Manufacturing) 1997

### **Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering**

Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois, 1982

### **University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign**

Undergraduate Mechanical Engineering Curricula (2 full years)

Academic Honors - Illinois State Scholar

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

Registered Professional Engineer since 1986  
State of Illinois License No. 062-043198

**IPAF** (International Powered Access Federation) certified powered access license (PAL) for  
Mobile Elevating Work Platforms Type 3a, 3b (boom & scissor lifts). AOP/009580

## **PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

Illinois Society of Professional Engineers  
National Society of Professional Engineers  
American Society of Safety Engineers  
American Society of Mechanical Engineers  
Society of Automotive Engineers

## **SAFETY STANDARDS PARTICIPATION**

Member - **ASME/ANSI B56.1** (since 1984) now **ITSDF B56.1** (since 2005)

"Safety Standard for Low Lift and High Lift Trucks"

-Past Chairman of Ad Hoc Committee to Study Forklift Truck Stability

-Chairman of Task Force to study fall protection

Member- Underwriters Laboratory Standards Technical Panel **STP 83**, covering **UL 558**, Standard for  
Safety for Industrial Trucks, and **UL 583**, Standard for Safety for Electric-Battery-Powered  
Industrial Trucks

Member- **ANSI/SIA A92.5 and A92.6** Standard for Self-Propelled Elevating Work Platforms

Member- **ANSI/SIA A92.20, A92.22, A92.24** Design, Safe Use, and Training for MEWPs (mobile  
elevating work platforms)

Member- **ITSDF B56.6** Safety Standard for Rough Terrain Lift Trucks

## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

**Employer:** Allis-Chalmers Industrial Truck Division, Matteson, Illinois  
**Business:** Design and manufacture of powered industrial trucks including electric powered and internal combustion engine powered sit down rider, stand up rider, pallet and order picker forklift trucks.  
**Position:** Design Engineer, Test and Reliability Engineer  
**Duration:** January 1979 to January 1982  
**Work**  
**Experience:** Design of masts and special attachments for forklift trucks. Complete vehicle and component testing.

**Design:** Overhead guards, load backrest extensions, test fixture for fatigue testing, impact energy hold-down device for forklift trucks under naval attack per Military Specs, hydraulic circuit design, computer controlled test cell, special attachments for forklifts.

**Testing/Reliability:** Brake systems and components, hydraulic systems and components, engine performance, sound level/exhaust emissions, overhead guard strength, load backrest strength, fatigue testing of masts and axles, mast stress/ deflection, forklift stability/visibility.

**Employer:** Institute for Advanced Safety Studies, Niles, IL  
**Business:** A not-for-profit safety research consortium  
**Position:** Research and development, Technical Consultant  
**Duties:** Coordination of safety research programs  
**Work**  
**Experience:** Science/engineering consultant regarding analysis of operator restraints on forklifts including biomechanical considerations in overturns, visibility considerations with operator restraints. Design of falling object preventive structures for forklift trucks. Outline of project/test protocol for various safety research contracts/proposals.  
**Duration:** 1984 to 1992.

**Employer:** Prairie State College  
Chicago Heights, IL.  
**Position:** Adjunct Faculty Member, Department of Math and Computer Science  
**Duration:** January, 2000 to Present  
**Duties:** Instructor for course entitled: General Education Statistics, Geometry, College Algebra

**Employer:** Triodyne Inc., 5950 W Touhy Ave., Niles, Illinois  
**Business:** Safety and Design Engineering Consultants  
**Position:** Principal Mechanical Engineer  
**Work**  
**Experience:** On site and laboratory investigations of consumer and industrial product related accidents. Design, safety analysis, and testing of machinery, mechanical components, consumer products. Human factors considerations in design. Forensic aspects of engineering design. Computer animation and simulation of machine systems.

Duration: 1982 to August, 1997

### PRE-COLLEGE WORK EXPERIENCE

1. Concrete construction/surveying.
2. Cook/Manager of restaurant (includes operation/repair of numerous types of restaurant and food processing equipment. Types of equipment that were operated: Gas and electric deep fat fryers, ovens, grills, griddles, slicers, meat grinders, dishwashers.

### PROFESSIONAL TALKS / INVITED LECTURES / PAPERS

1. "Elements of Expert Safety Analysis," guest lecturer, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL, October 22, 1982.
2. "Forklift Truck Safety," guest lecturer, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL, October 29, 1982.
3. "Paper Winder Machine Safety," guest lecturer, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL, November 5, 1982.
4. "Forklift Truck Safety," guest lecturer, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL, Spring 1983.
5. "Seminar in Design for Safety," invited lecturer, Beloit-Jones Division (Paper Machine Manufacturer), Dalton, MA, May 30-31, 1985.
6. "Design for Safety in Machines," guest lecturer, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL, January, 1993.
7. "Operator Restraint Considerations in Forklift Design for Safety," guest lecture in the course **Design for Safety in Machines**, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL, January 1994
8. "Safety Principles Applied to Papermaking Machinery", guest lecture in the course **Design for Safety in Machines**, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL, May 1994
9. "Product Liability Law for Design Engineers", guest lecture in the course **Design for Safety in Machines**, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL, May 1994
10. "Considerations in Product Design for Safety: The Dependency Hypothesis", guest lecture in the course **Design for Safety in Machines**, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL, September 13, 1995

11. Seminar "Forklift Operator Restraint History/Development and Tipover Prevention", for the IRRST-Institut de recherche en santé et en sécurité du travail du Québec , Niles, IL., June 18, 1996
12. "Dangerous Safety Systems", guest lecture in the course **Design for Safety in Machines**, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL, Sept. 26, 1996
13. Smith, R. Kevin, "Stability of Sit Down Rider Counterbalanced Forklift Trucks", *Safety and Forensic Engineering Journal*, June 1999: 4-6
14. Smith, R. Kevin "Safety Considerations in the Implementation and Use of Forklift Truck Attachments", *Safety and Forensic Engineering Journal*, September 2000
15. Smith, R. Kevin "Lift Truck Safety Issues Update", *Safety and Forensic Engineering Journal*, July, 2002
16. Smith, R. Kevin "Case Study: Tipover of a Self-Propelled Elevating Work Platform", *Safety and Forensic Engineering Journal*, February, 2006
17. Smith, R. Kevin, Switalski, William G.; "Wind Loading Considerations in the Design of Aerial Work Platforms", *Safety and Forensic Engineering Journal*, March 2009

#### ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK

1. "Forensic Engineering, Part #1", Failure Damage & Analysis, Inc., November 2005
2. "Introduction to Metallurgical Failure Analysis", PDH Center, November 2005
3. "Safety and Health Requirements", based upon Army Corp. of Engineers Engineering Manual EM 385-1-1, PDH Center, November 2005
4. "Vehicle Accident Reconstruction Methods", Society of Automotive Engineers, August 24, 2007, IACET Provider #3713
5. OSHA 30-Hour Construction Safety, Certificate ID: 5450\_873980, Advance Online Solutions Institute, Houston, November 2013
6. Powered Access License (PAL) certification, powered aerial lifts, Type 3a, 3b boom and scissor lifts. NES Rental IPAF training program, January 2015, Chicago, IL
7. Aerial Work Platforms for Managers course, NES Rentals, January 2015, Chicago, IL
8. Basic Guide to Fall Protection in Industry, PDH Center, November 2015
9. Laws, Rules and Ethics for Indiana Professional Engineers, PDH Center, November 2015
10. The Engineer in the Courts, PDH Center, November 2015
11. "Ethical Issues in Forensic Engineering", PDH Center, October 2017
12. "Industrial Safety", PDH Center, October 2017
13. "Fall Protection in Industry", PDH Center, October 2017
14. OSHA Construction, Demolition and Cleanup Issues, PDH Center, October 2017
15. "Prevention Through Design LearnEx Course, American Society of Safety Engineers, October 2017