

Prof. Kenneth C. Hover Honorary Reception

This honorary reception is to celebrate Prof. Kenneth C. Hover's exceptional professional career and four decades of distinguished services to the field of concrete. Please plan to join the celebration and congratulate Prof. Hover on this momentous occasion.

Ken recently retired as professor of civil and environmental engineering at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. He is a former president of the American Concrete Institute (2010) and a distinguished authority in the field of concrete. The ACI Foundation recently created a new Fellowship in honor of Prof. Hover to be made available to qualified graduate or undergraduate students studying in the field of concrete.

Ken started his career as a project engineer and project manager for Dugan and Meyers Construction Company in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was involved in construction of buildings, interstate bridges, and water treatment plants. After serving as a Captain in the Army Corps of Engineers (15th Combat Engineer Battalion), he then joined the structural consulting firm of THP, Ltd., in Cincinnati, advancing to partner and manager with experience in project design, specifications writing, design team management, and contract administration. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from the University of Cincinnati and a PhD in structural engineering from Cornell University.

Ken joined as a faculty of Cornell University in 1984, and taught reinforced and prestressed concrete design, concrete materials, and construction management. His research has focused on fresh and hardened concrete behavior and its interaction with construction processes and weather, and subsequent degradation due to weather and chlorides. He also mentors on management skills, leadership, and professional ethics. Ken lectures nationally and internationally on concrete materials and construction and has a unique ability to communicate complex technical concepts in a clear and captivating manner.

A professional engineer in Ohio and New York, Ken holds top teaching awards at department, college, and university levels including the Stephen Weiss Presidential Fellow award, which is Cornell University's highest teaching award. He is a distinguished member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), an honorary member and past president of the American Concrete Institute (ACI), and holds ACI's Philleo, Anderson, and Structural Research Awards. He is a fellow of the Institute of Concrete Technology in the U.K. and has been named one of the "Ten Most Influential People in the Concrete Construction Industry." He previously served on the ACI Board of Direction and was named a Fellow of ACI in 1992. In addition, he is a past president of the ACI Greater Miami Valley Chapter.

An ACI member since 1980, Ken is a past chair of ACI Committee 301-C, Concrete Mixtures, Handling, Placing, Consolidating, and Curing. He currently serves on several other ACI technical committees, including 318-A, Structural Concrete Building Code.