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Mike is an active member of the Lehigh Valley Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (LVSACE) as President Elect, and also serves as Chair of the Program Committee and the Education and Professionals Integration Committee (EPIC). In addition, he has been an active member of the Lehigh Valley Geotechnical Committee, the Delaware Valley Geo-Institute (DVGI), the Urban Land Institute, and a voting member of ASTM International. Mike has previously served as Secretary of the Lehigh Valley Engineering Council and as State Co-ordinator for the State of Delaware MATHCOUNTS competition.

During his time with LVSACE, Mike has been dedicated to providing educational outreach opportunities between students and professionals and founded EPIC which hosted this year's Dream Big event at ArtsQuest during Engineers Week. The event will expose over 1,000 area middle and high school students to engineering as a profession and will increase EPIC's exposure to local educators.

Mike graduated from Colby-Sawyer College in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and from Drexel University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. At Colby-Sawyer, he was a member of the soccer team and vice-president of the club hockey team. At Drexel, he was a member of Sigma Pi Fraternity and an active member in the ASCE student chapter.

After graduating from Colby-Sawyer, Mike joined GTA's Wilmington Delaware office as a senior engineering technician and progressed to Project Manager/Staff Engineer before moving to join GTA's Lehigh Valley Office in 2012 as a Senior Project Manager. Over the last 5 years, Mike's professional focus has been on business development and growing the geotechnical and geostructure business unit as well as supporting the COT and laboratory groups.

Mike currently lives in Freemansburg with his wife Kate and son Owen. He is active in his community as a volunteer with the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor and The Old Freemansburg Association. Mike also coaches youth sports at the Bethlehem Soccer Club and Blue Mountain Racing.