

## Spring Greetings ~



Attention Pacific Northwest readers - on June 11 at 4pm the

Association for Preservation Technology Northwest Chapter and AIA Seattle Historic Resources Committee present, **Preservation on High: Investigation and Documentation of Monumental Historic Structures**. The lecture will be presented by Kent Diebolt, Founding Partner at Vertical Access. [Learn more and RSVP here.](#)

If you missed the 20-part blog series on different material conditions, [you can read them here](#). Each post also has a link to a PDF of the entire series that you can download.

It's been a busy spring ~ have a great summer!

## Conferences and Lectures

[5th International Congress on Construction History](#), June 3-7, 2015, Chicago, IL. Kent Diebolt presenting with Ron Anthony.

[Preservation on High: Investigation and Documentation of Monumental Historic Structures](#), June 11, Association for Preservation Technology and AIA Seattle Historic Resources Committee, Seattle, WA. Kent Diebolt presenting.

[National Association of Corrosion Engineers Concrete Service Life Extension Conference](#), June 29 - July 1, Philadelphia, PA. Kelly Streeter presenting, *Industrial Rope Access for Condition Assessment of Concrete Buildings and Infrastructure*.

[SPRAT Mid-Year Standards Meeting](#), July 29-30, Atlanta, GA.

[2015 Association of State Dam Safety Officials National Conference](#), September 17-19, New Orleans, LA. Booth #212. Evan Kopelson attending.

21st Annual Construction Risk Management Conference, September 16-17, Nashville, TN. Kent Diebolt presenting.

Architectural Iron & Steel in the 21st Century, April 2-3 2016, Cambridge, MA.

## About Vertical Access

## Project Highlight: Eucha Dam



Vertical Access was retained by AECOM to perform a hands-on investigation of the five radial spillway gates at Eucha Dam, and to document section loss due to corrosion at structural members, gusset plates and rivets. To aid inspection, Vertical Access used power washing equipment to remove heavy soiling at areas of particular interest.

Completed in 1952, Eucha Dam sits on Spavinaw Creek in Delaware County, Oklahoma and serves as a buffer to the downstream Spavinaw Lake, which provides drinking water to the City of Tulsa. [Read more about the project.](#)

## Can You Identify This Building?

Test your knowledge of historic and iconic buildings in the U.S. (and beyond!) in this series of "guess the building" blog posts.



These sculpted limestone panels were spotted during a tower investigation of an early twentieth-century church. You'll need binoculars to see them in person, since they're about 80 feet above the sidewalk. Where is it? [More hints and the answer here.](#)

## Better Data. Better Projects.



**TPAS® - the Tablet PC Annotation System** was developed by Vertical Access to enable our technicians to input both graphical and numerical observations directly into AutoCAD on-site using tablet computers and digital cameras.

Existing conditions data and photographs are input directly into the drawings, facilitating the analysis, interpretation and diagnosis of fault patterns and failure mechanisms.

We use TPAS on all of our documentation projects, and the system is also available for [rent, lease, or purchase](#).

**Free Webinar**

Vertical Access LLC collaborates with architecture, engineering and construction firms, and real estate professionals nationwide to perform specialized inspection services and condition assessments on buildings and civil structures using industrial rope access techniques and direct-to-digital information systems. [Visit our website to learn more.](#)

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**Date:** Wed, September 30, 2015  
**Time:** 12:00pm Eastern

### Register for TPAS Webinar

#### Conrad B. Duberstein U.S. Bankruptcy Courthouse Restoration Receives Lucy G. Moses Award



On April 30, 2015 the New York Landmarks Conservancy presented their annual prestigious [Lucy G. Moses Preservation Awards](#) for outstanding preservation projects in New York City.

Vertical Access is proud to have been part of the team that received recognition for the restoration of the Conrad B. Duberstein U. S. Courthouse in Brooklyn, NY.

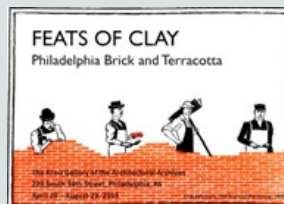
#### Project Team

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#### Learn more

[The New York Landmarks Conservancy](#)  
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#### Staff News



Kevin Dalton attended the opening reception for the new exhibit at the University of Pennsylvania, [Feats of Clay: Philadelphia Brick and Terra Cotta](#). This exhibition is on the legacy of Philadelphia's brick and terra cotta

industry at the Harvey and Irwin Kroiz Gallery, [The Architectural Archives](#) of the University of Pennsylvania. It's open to the public and runs through October 9, 2015. [Read more.](#)



Berta de Miguel and Kent Diebolt have been part of the filming of a new documentary being produced about the life and work of Rafael Guastavino.

Scenes for [El Arquitecto de Nueva York](#), produced by [Endora Producciones](#) were shot at many of the famous Guastavino architectural treasures in New York City including the famous Oyster Bar, shown above. We'll let you know when the documentary is released.



*SPRAT certification training. (L-R) Evan, Kristen, Kelly*

Congratulations to VA staff and their latest SPRAT advancements and recertifications!

**Kristen Olson** - Advanced to Level II

**Evan Kopelson** - Recertified at Level II

**Kelly Streeter** - Recertified at Level III

#### **What is SPRAT?**

The Society of Professional Rope Access Technicians (SPRAT) is an organization composed of individuals, companies and agencies that have a stake in the safe development of industrial rope access standards and practices.

SPRAT supports rope access practitioners with certification programs, regulatory support, networking and opportunities to participate in developing industry-consensus standards. Members include a broad cross-section of commercial industry, professional services and government agencies [Learn more.](#)