

MarTREC's Outstanding Student of the Year

**For the past 25 years, the U.S. Department of Transportation
has honored an outstanding student from each active
University Transportation Center.**

**MarTREC's 2018 Outstanding Student of the Year,
Dennis Thornton , University of New Orleans.**



Dennis Thornton has been employed with the University of New Orleans Transportation Institute (UNOTI) as a graduate research assistant since 2016. His work consists primarily of freight transportation related research in last mile port congestion and trade-based economic development opportunities for the Gulf Coast Megaregion.

Thornton holds a bachelors degree in Criminal Justice, a master degree in Criminology. In 2012, he began working on his doctorate in Urban Studies at the University of New Orleans. It is in his Urban Studies education that he began to explore the interplay between the built environment and public safety.

While at UNOTI, Thornton has conducted research under the advisement of Dr. Bethany Stich.