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## Women in Construction Profile: Fernanda Lopes 2015

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Name: Fernanda Lopes

Title: Assistant Project Manager - Power Overhead Transmission & Substation Distribution Projects

Company: Burns & McDonnell

Location: Wallingford, CT

Place of birth: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Family: Husband: Bernard Champagne; stepson: Tyler Champagne

College: MS - University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; BS - Central Connecticut State University

First job unrelated to your current field: Executive assistant at a mortgage company

First job in current field: Assistant project manager at a building construction firm

What your firm does now and its plans for the future? Burns & McDonnell is a fully integrated engineering, architecture, construction, environmental and consulting firm. We provide project management services for some of the largest infrastructure projects in the country, such as electrical transmission projects for utilities in the northeast. Helping team members and learning from others has always driven me to succeed in everything I do.

Hobbies: Songwriting and photography

Favorite novel: "The Little Prince"

Favorite film: "John Adams"

Keys to success: Perseverance, education, energy, team work, respect, and faith.

Person(s) you most admire (outside of family): Dr. Benjamin Carson

If you had to choose a different profession, what would it be? Music production

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