

Center for
Geospatial Analytics

Awards Ceremony



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Raleigh, North Carolina

Welcome to the fifth annual awards ceremony for the Center for Geospatial Analytics!

Today, we honor the achievements by the exceptional students, faculty and staff at our Center in 2023.

Thank you and congratulations for all that you do as a member of our community!

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Geospatial Analytics Ph.D. Students

Jenna Abrahamson	Eli Horner	Stacie Reckling
Luke Allen	Jamie Huerta	Pratikshya Regmi*
Randi Butler	Byron Ifediora**	Shannon Ricci
Emma Butzler	Kate Jones	Ariel Saffer
Grace Choi	Kimia Karimi**	Felipe Sanchez
Elyssa Collins**	Gwen Kirschke*	Andrew Shannon
Rebecca Composto	Brit Laginhas	Owen Smith
Raja Das	Margaret Lawrimore	Titilayo Tajudeen*
Christopher Dunstan	Martine Mathieu	Varun Tiwari
Eamon Espey*	Rohith Matli**	Laura Tomkins
Mark Feinberg	Shannon McAvoy	Vishnu Mahesh Vivek
Mollie Gaines	Ian McGregor**	Nanda**
Xiaojie Gao**	Katie McQuillan**	Corey White**
Louis Goodall	Erin O'Connell*	Thom Worm
Nick Grokhowsky	Uche Osia	Alexander Yoshizumi
Isabel Gutierrez*	Annie Paulukonis	
Caitlin Haedrich	Christina Perella	<i>*First-year student</i>
Truffaut Harper	Deja Perkins	<i>**2023 Graduate</i>
Izzi Hinks	John Polo	

Master of Geospatial Information Science & Technology (MGIST) Students

Oasim Adegbite
Kurt Baker II
Jon Beauchaine**
Daniel Behnke
Micaela Bozic**
Mat Bruhmuller*
Clayton Burleston
Bernadette Burton**
Angela Cline*
Blayne Compton
Chandler Cowell
Chase Crute*
Claire Daniels**
Purdeep Dhanoa**
Mike Doyle
Scott Ellis**
Drew Emerine*
Justin Erlick
Sarah Evans*
Summer Faircloth**
Evan Fisher*
Roderick Flannery**
Christian Fleming**
Andrew Freeland**
Kim Garrett**
Benjamin Grimes*
Jessica Hackman**
Desiree Haynes

Isabella Hile
Lavery Hoard**
Dallas Hoffman**
Megan Holycross
Simmons*
Javed Hossain*
Grayson Hughes
Massimiliano
Ignaccolo
Sabrina Inthisarath
Katie Ivins
Kat Kelly
Joseph Kepler
David Kist**
Yale
Kodwo-Nyameazea**
Tyler Kriminger
Hannah Kyung
Scott Lawson**
Natalie Luftman**
Jacob Makens
Alex Mann**
Molly Mansfeld*
Ben Masters**
Jessie Matthews*
Khalil McGruder*
Rachel Miller
Tara Mitchell

Andrew Morrison
Kyle Noel**
Rick O'Hara
Michael O'Neill**
Jonathan Owens**
Skylar Penney*
Joe Phillippe
Nicole Port*
Trevor Reeves
Cameron Renfro**
Taylor Richardson
Brandy Rivers
Will Rose
Andrea Sato
Macy Sawtelle**
Katie Scheip
Caroline Schnell
Tyler Shepherd
Blake Smith
Greyson Smith**
Derek Stanley**
Mark Starr
Mike Strunin**
Ashlyn Tickle*
Colby Traynor**
Benton Tripp
Joshua Turner
William Turner**

Hailey Tuttle** *First-year student
Sophie Uthe **2023 Graduate
Margaret Vanderford
Chrysanthi Violaris
David Vorbach
Macy Watt
James Webber**
Devin Whitney**
Abby Wiese*
Reid Wilson
Caroline Wood**
Meg Woodburn*
Sky Young*
Hubert Yun**

Research Assistants

Kunal Bhardwaj (*Architecture*)
Drew Bresingham (*Environmental Technology & Management*)
Brooke Cox (*Environmental Technology & Management*)
Evan Dadson (*Statistics, Mathematics*)
Cecilia Nottingham (*Environmental Sciences*)
Kayla Rondinelli (*Graphic Design*)
Sanay Shah (*Computer Science*)
Kris Wilson (*Statistics*)

Graduate Certificate in GIS Students

Qasim Adegbite	Anseme Dossou ^g	Rachel Jensen
Faisal Alghamdi ^a	Lora Eddy	Courtney Johnson ^{n,r}
Izabela Alldredge	Henry Edmisten ^g	Michael Johnson
Darnell Allen	Garrett Elmo	Grant Jones
Melissa Amoabeng ^c	Julia Embrey	John Kamanga
Erin Ansbro	Peter Falcone	Angie Kealey ^c
Matthew Applegate	Grace Fawcett	Tasha King
Meredith Artiaco	Jason Fennell	LB LaForce
Raja Bandari	Hannah Ferguson Johns	Nick Lefevre
Rajamanickam	Zachary Fields	Nick Lehman
Viswanath ^k	Madison Findley	Bobby Lloyd
Jens Beets ^j	Jackie Fisher	Katie Lokey
Nicole Bernard	Isaac Fleming	Ashley Lynn ^j
Nicole Biggins	Kristen Fowler	Andrew Mackin
Alex Bone	Amanda Fox	Liam Maher
David Bolick	Lisa Fraley-McNeal	Jacob Makens
Micaela Bozic	Yufei Fu ^v	Lucia Manatschal- Riedner ^b
Faith Bradshaw ^j	Avi Goldsmith ⁱ	Molly Mansfeld
Lauren Briley ^c	Austin Gragson ^s	Galen Marshall-Clark
Brynna Bruxellas ⁱ	Ben Grasberg	Mark Massing ^m
Matt Buddendeck	Jerry Griffith	Will McClure ^b
Zakir Bulmer ^f	Papa Gueye	Kayleigh McHugh
Clare Callahan	Jacob Gwyn	Melissa McKay
Isaac Carbajal	Brody Hall ^u	Amanda McLamb
Olivia Caretti ^b	Zoe Hardee	Sam McRee
Elise Carroll	Hallie Hartley	Amanda Meeks
Syd Case ^u	Desirae Haynes	Nate Merrill
Swarna Chowdhury ^d	Isabella Hile	Stephen Metzger
Kristin Conner	Emma Hirschy	Kathryn Milke
Mark Davis	Jennifer Honeycutt	Jessica Miller
	Gloria Hope	

Hana Mintz
 Danielle Mir
 MO Moody
 Ryn Moravec ^e
 Brandon Morrissey ^o
 Matt Mullen
 Tony Nardo
 Myleigh Neill
 Cassie Newman ⁱ
 Heidi Nicolson
 Parks Nunnally
 Joshua O'Neil
 Seongmin Park ^g
 Jackson Parker
 Michelle Parker-Ortiz
 Aidan Paul ^q
 Austin Pessoa ^h
 Emily Pierce ^b
 Caci Powell
 Jake Powell ⁱ
 Chip Ralph
 Nick Rebman

Gresham Redman
 Joy-Lynn Rhoton ⁱ
 Taylor Richardson
 Lauren Riley
 Corey Roberts
 Will Rose
 Jenny Sab
 Christina Sachs ^d
 Richard Saxton ^e
 William Schmid
 Sabrina Shaffer
 Hannah Smith
 Mimi Stephens ^w
 Heather Summer
 Aasta Thomas [†]
 Lauren Thompson
 Maddie Townsend
 Joshua Wescott
 Scott Whitemen
 Jennifer Wigen
 Corey Williams
 Rachel Williams

Aaron Wolesslagle
 Angela Wood
 Shanna Wood
 Lisa Wrede
 Collin Yates ^p
 Sednaur Yilmaz
 Erin Ziegler

Major

^a Civil Engineering

^b Marine, Earth, & Atmos Sci

^c Landscape Architecture

^d Bio & Ag Engineering

^e Parks, Rec, Tourism & Sport Management

^f Comparative Biomedical Sciences

^g Soil Science

^h International Studies

ⁱ Crop Science

^j Fisheries, Wildlife, & Conservation Biology

^k Design

^l Environmental Assessment

^m Teaching - Science Ed

ⁿ Entomology

^o Sociology

^p Climate Change and Society

^q Anthropology

^r Forestry & Environmental Resources

^s Educational Leadership, Policy & Human Development

^t English

^u Natural Resources

^v Economics

^w Environmental Engineering

Center for Geospatial Analytics

Personnel

Zachary Arcaro

Aaron Hipp

Chris Jones

Shannon Jones

Chris Johnson

Rachel Kasten

Ross Meentemeyer

Helena Mitasova

Eric Money

Vaclav (Vashek) Petras

Anna Petrasova

Georgina Sanchez

Benjamin Seliger

Makiko Shukunobe

Megan Skrip

Bill Slocumb

Stacy Supak

Laura Tateosian

Lois Utt

Raju Vatsavai

John Vogler

Assistant Director of Operations

Associate Director of Social &
Behavioral Science Applications

Research Scholar

Research Software Engineer

Research Software Engineer

Graduate Services Coordinator

Center Director & Director of
Graduate Programs (Ph.D.)

Associate Director of Earth &
Environmental Science Applications

Associate Director of Educational
Innovation & Director of
Graduate Programs (MGIST)

Research Software Engineer

Research Software Engineer

Research Associate

Postdoctoral Scholar

Research Technologist

Science Communicator

Research Associate

Associate Teaching Professor

Associate Teaching Professor

Executive Assistant

Associate Director of GeoAI &

Computational Science Applications

Research Scholar

Center for Geospatial Analytics Faculty Fellows

Sankar Arumugam ^a

Jason Baker ^f

Perver Baran ^{b,*}

Eleni Bardaka ^a

Emily Berglund ^a

DelWayne Bohnenstiehl ^{c,*}

Ashly Cabas ^a

Caren Cooper ^{f,*}

Bethany Cutts ^{d,*}

Fernando Garcia Menendez ^a

Eric Edwards ^e

Joshua Gray ^{f,*}

David Hill ^g

Aaron Hipp ^{d,*}

Anders Huseth ^c

Daniela Jones ^h

Chris Jones ^{b,*}

Yu-Fai Leung ^d

Gustavo Machado ^{i,*}

Katherine Martin ^{f,*}

Helena Mitasova ^{c,*}

Natalie Nelson ^{h,*}

Stacy Nelson ^f

Daniel Obenour ^{a,*}

Peter Ojiambo ⁿ

Chris Osburn ^{c,*}

Krishna Pacifici ^f

Vaclav (Vashek) Petras ^b

Anna Petrasova ^b

Zhen Qu ^c

Bill Rand ^j

Brian Reich ^k

Jennifer Richmond-Bryant ^{f,*}

Georgina Sanchez ^{b,*}

Robert Scheller ^{f,*}

Laura Tateosian ^{b,*}

Adam Terando ^{l,*}

Mirela Tulbure ^{f,*}

Raju Vatsavai ^{m,*}

Jelena Vukomanovic ^{d,*}

Ben Watson ^m

Karl Wegmann ^{c,*}

Elsa Youngsteadt ^{l,*}

Sandra Yuter ^{c,*}

^a Civil, Construction & Environmental Engineering

^b Center for Geospatial Analytics

^c Marine, Earth & Atmospheric Sciences

^d Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management

^e Agriculture & Resource Economics

^f Forestry and Environmental Resources

^g Landscape Architecture

^h Biological & Agricultural Engineering

ⁱ Population Health & Pathobiology

^j Business Management

^k Statistics

^l Applied Ecology

^m Computer Science

ⁿ Entomology and Pathology

* Currently advising a Geospatial Analytics Ph.D. student

Student Awards & Honors

Jenna Abrahamson received a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.

Rebecca Composto received a CGA travel award.

Raja Das received the 2023 J. Hoover Mackin Award for best PhD research proposal to the Quaternary Geology and Geomorphology Division of the Geological Society of America. He also received a Roy J. Shlemon Scholarship Grant from the Geological Society of America and a North Carolina ArcGIS User Group Graduate Student Scholarship.

Jeremy Davis received the G. Herbert Stout Student Award for Innovative Student Papers at the 2023 North Carolina GIS Conference.

Christopher Dunstan received a travel award to attend the 2023 Spatial Social Network Workshop.

Eamon Espey received a University Graduate Fellowship.

Kim Garrett was selected as the graduate student speaker at the Fall 2023 College of Natural Resources Commencement. She also won the Center's MGIST capstone poster competition in Fall 2023.

Xiaojie Gao received an Honorable Mention in the Graphics & Data Visualization category of the NC State 2023 Envisioning Research Contest.

Isabel Guitierrez received an Andrew Fellowship and a Diversity Enhancement Fellowship.

Caitlin Haedrich received a DELTA Grant through NC State.

Dallas Hoffman won the Center's MGIST capstone poster competition in Spring 2023.

Jamie Huerta was accepted to the 2022-23 Rachel Carson Fellows program.

Gwen Kirschke received a Goodnight Fellowship and a University Graduate Fellowship.

Margaret Lawrimore received a CGA travel award.

Shannon McAvoy received a CGA travel award.

Erin O'Connell was part of a team that won 2nd place in the Machine Learning track of the 2023 NC Plant Sciences Initiative Hackathon.

Uchenna Osia received the Stu Shea USGIF Scholarship. She was also accepted to the 2023 Yale Environmental Fellows program.

Pratikshya Regmi received a University Graduate Fellowship.

Christina Perella received a travel award to attend the International Association for Landscape Ecology - North American Regional Chapter Annual Meeting and also received a CGA travel award.

Felipe Sanchez received a travel award from the Comparative Medicine Institute. He also received a CGA travel award.

Andrea Saravitz received the G. Herbert Stout Student Award for Innovative Student Papers at the 2023 North Carolina GIS Conference..

Andrew Shannon received a CGA travel award.

Titilayo Tajudeen received a Mansour PhD Fellowship and was accepted to the 2023-24 Global Change Research Fellows Program.

Laura Tomkins received an Outstanding Oral Presentation Award from the American Meteorological Society Conference on Weather Analysis and Forecasting.

Corey White was accepted to the summer 2023 cohort of the RIoT Accelerator Program for startups.

Thom Worm received a CGA travel award.

Alexander Yoshizumi won the poster competition in the "Management & Policies" category at the 2023 CNR Graduate Research Symposium. He was also named NC State's 2023 Esri Innovation Program Student of the Year.

Student Leadership & Service

Geospatial Graduate Student Organization

<i>Co-Presidents</i>	Margaret Lawrimore & Andrew Shannon
<i>Secretary</i>	Christina Perella
<i>Treasurer</i>	Eli Horner
<i>Distance Education Rep</i>	Abby Wiese
<i>External Rep</i>	Louis Goodall
<i>Geospatial Forum Chair</i>	Felipe Sanchez
<i>DEI Chair</i>	Jenna Abrahamson
<i>Social Chair</i>	Emma Butzler
<i>Marketing Chair</i>	Truffaut Harper

CGA Teaching Assistants

Spring 2023

Qasim Adegbite
Emma Butzler
Justin Erlick
Papa Gueye
Isabel Gutierrez
Isabella Hile
Molly Mansfield
Rachel Miller
Pratikshya Regmi
Brandy Rivers
Heather Summer
Maddie Townsend
Margaret Vanderford
David Vorbach
Meg Woodburn
Macy Watt
Abby Wiese

Fall 2023

Micaela Bozic
Bernadette Burton
Emma Butzler
Syd Case
Raja Das
Jackie Fisher
Kim Garrett
Papa Gueye
Lavery Hoard
Isabella Hile
Prarthana John
Shannon McAvoy
Rachel Miller
Brandy Rivers
Mike Strunin
David Vorbach

Geospatial Analytics Degree Milestones

Preliminary Exams Completed & Admitted to Candidacy

Ariel Saffer (March 2023)

Shannon McAvoy (May 2023)

Brit Laginhas (May 2023)

Martine Matheiu (May 2023)

Isabella Hinks (August 2023)

Annie Paulukonis (September 2023)

Jenna Abrahamson (November 2023)

Caitlin Haedrich (November 2023)

Varun Tiwari (November 2023)

Dissertation Defended

Corey White (March 2023)

Byron Ifediora (March 2023)

Katie McQuillan (March 2023)

Elyssa Collins (April 2023)

Ian McGregor (May 2023)

Xiaojie Gao (June 2023)

Kimia Karimi (July 2023)

Faculty & Staff Awards

Center-Affiliated Grants Started 2023

Aaron Hipp, Kyle Bunds— Longitudinal Analysis of US Golf Course Value

Sponsor: US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Award Amount (Period): \$85,611 (1-5-2023 to 4-5-24)

Laura Belica, Jennifer Richmond-Bryant — Beginner-Intermediate Data Management and GIS Training for OAQPS Staff North Carolina State University

Sponsor: US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Award Amount (Period): \$18,000 (4-1-2023 to 3-29-24)

Raju Vatsavai — AI-CLIMATE (AI Institute for Climate-Land Interactions, Mitigation, Adaptation, Tradeoffs and Economy)

Sponsor: NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Award Amount (Period): \$95,529 (6-1-2023 to 5-31-28)

Chris Jones, Ross Meentemeyer, Yu Takeuchi — Automated Host Mapping Tool for Spread Modeling and Field Operations Planning

Sponsor: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)

Award Amount (Period): \$129,176 (8-1-2023 to 7-31-24)

Chris Jones, Ross Meentemeyer, Yu Takeuchi — Eradication Analysis & Decision Support Tool

Sponsor: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)

Award Amount (Period): \$148,559 (8-1-2023 to 7-31-24)

Chris Jones, Ross Meentemeyer, Vaclav Petras, Yu Takeuchi — Simulating pest leakage and spatio-temporal propagule pressure to improve phytosanitary program design and evaluation us

Sponsor: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)

Award Amount (Period): \$127,192 (8-1-2023 to 7-31-24)

Dan Obenour, Emily Berglund — Designing Model Protocols to Assess Impacts to Receiving Waters that have Low Dissolved Oxygen

Sponsor: USDA - National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)

Award Amount (Period): \$281,540 (8-1-2023 to 7-31-25)

Chris Osburn — Improved Quantification of Stormwater Dilution in Wastewater Treatment Facility Influent Using Organic Matter Fluorescence

Sponsor: NCSU Water Resources Research Institute

Award Amount (Period): \$24,468 (9-1-23 to 8-31-24)

Helena Mitsova, Vaclav Petras, Anna Petrasova — POSE Phase II: Growing GRASS OSE for Worldwide Access to Multidisciplinary Geospatial Analytics

Sponsor: USDA - National Science Foundation (NSF)

Award Amount (Period): \$1,499,987 (9-1-23 to 8-31-25)

Anders Huseth, Chris Jones, Ross Meentemeyer — Farm bill: Addressing Evolving Corn Earworm Management Challenges in Sweet Corn Grown in the Eastern US

Sponsor: USDA - National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)

Award Amount (Period): \$549,991 (9-1-23 to 7-31-27)

Helena Mitsova, Mitsova Lubos, Vaclav Petras, Anna Petrasova — Adaptation of the Path Sampling Water Flow Simulation Model for the Integration of Dynamic Soil Survey Data

Sponsor: USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Award Amount (Period): \$400,000 (9-29-23 to 9-30-26)

Georgina Sanchez — Chatham County: Demographic and Development Study

Sponsor: Lee-Moore Capital Company

Award Amount (Period): \$72,500 (10-1-23 to 1-31-24)

Josh Gray, Jenna Abrahamson — Quantifying the ephemeral: integrating satellite observations with physical models to map daily inundation and capture short-term methane emissions

Sponsor: National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA)

Award Amount (Period): \$50,000 (10-4-23 to 10-31-26)

Jelena Vukomanovic — Cultural landscapes climate change vulnerability assessments at Mid-Atlantic battlefield park units - CESU

Sponsor: US Dept. of the Interior (DOI)

Award Amount (Period): \$500,000 (10-30-23 to 12-31-26)

Jelena Vukomanovic — The Long View: Development of a 500-year Climate Adaptation Planning Framework with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Sponsor: US Geological Survey (USGS)

Award Amount (Period): \$497,083 (11-15-23 to 12-14-27)

Faculty & Staff Honors

Marcelo Ardon was named a University Faculty Scholar and received an Outstanding Teaching Award.

Caren Cooper was promoted to Professor.

Bethany Cutts received an Outstanding Extension and Engagement Award from NC State.

Aaron Hipp was promoted to Professor.

Anders Huseth was named a University Faculty Scholar.

Daniela Jones received an Educational Aids Blue Ribbon Award from the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers.

Robert Scheller received an Outstanding Research Award from NC State.

Jelena Vukomanovic was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure.

Karl Wegmann received an Outstanding Teaching Award.

Center-Affiliated Publications (2023)

Atkins, R.M., **Wegmann, K.W., Bohenstiehl, D.R.** (2022). Channel head response to anthropogenic landscape modification: A case study from the North Carolina Piedmont, USA, with implications for water quality. *Earth Surface Processes and Landforms*, 48(2): 433-451. <https://doi.org/10.1002/esp.5495>

Bohenstiehl, D.R. (2023). Automated cataloguing of American silver perch (*Bairdiella chrysoura*) calls using machine learning. *Bioacoustics*, 4:453-473. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09524622.2023.2197863>

Caldwell, P.V., **Martin, K.L.**, Mose, J.M., Baker, J.S., Warziniack, T.W., Constanza, J.K., Frey, G.E., Nehra, A., Mihiar, C.M. (2023). Forested watersheds provide the highest water quality among all land cover types, but the benefit of this ecosystem service depends on landscape context. *Science of The Total Environment*, 882: 163550. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2023.163550>

D'Agostino, E.M., Zhao, A.Y., Zewdie, H.Y., **Ogletree, S.S.**, Messiah, S.E., Armstrong, S.C., Skinner, A.C., **Hipp, J.A.**, Day, S.E., Konty, K.J., Neshteruk, C.D. (2023). Associations between neighborhood opportunity and indicators of physical fitness for New York City Public School Youth. *Childhood Obesity*. <https://doi.org/10.1089/chi.2023.0079>

Fidan, E., **Gray, J.**, Doll, B., **Nelson, N.G.** (2023). Machine learning approach for modeling daily pluvial flood dynamics in agricultural landscapes. *Environmental Modelling & Software*, 167: 105758. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envsoft.2023.105758>

Gao, X., McGregor, I.R., Gray, J.M., Friedl, M.A., Moon, M. (2023). Observations of satellite land surface phenology indicate that maximum leaf greenness is more associated with global vegetation productivity than growing season length. *Global Biogeochemical Cycles*, 37(3): e2922GBB007462. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2022GB007462>

Gadiraju, K.K., **Vatsavai, R.R.** (2023). Remote sensing based crop type classification via deep transfer learning. *IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing*, 16: 4699-4712. <https://doi.org/10.1109/JSTARS.2023.3270141>

Fidan, E., **Gray, J.**, Doll, B., **Nelson, N.G.** (2023). Machine learning approach for modeling daily pluvial flood dynamics in agricultural landscapes. *Environmental Modelling & Software*, 167: 105758. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envsoft.2023.105758>

Haedrich, C., Petras, V., Petrasova, A., Blumentrath, S., **Mitasova, H.** (2023). Integrating GRASS GIS and Jupyter Notebooks to facilitate advanced geospatial modeling education. *Transactions in GIS*, 27(3): 686-702. <https://doi.org/10.1111/tgis.13031>

CGAaffiliated student, CGA-affiliated faculty or researcher, CGA Alum (at publication)

Holcomb, J.A., Mandel, R.D., **Wegmann, K.W.** (2023). The case for a lunar anthropocene. *Nature Geoscience*, 17:2-4. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41561-023-01347-4>.

Holcomb, J.A., O'Leary, B., Darrin, A.G., Mandel, R.D., Kling, C., **Wegmann, K.W.** (2023). Planetary geoarchaeology as a new frontier in archaeological science: Evaluating site formation processes on Earth's Moon. *Geoarchaeology*, 38(5): 513-533. <https://doi.org/10.1002/gea.21966>

Ifediora, B., Cutts, B.B. (2023). Open and shut: Identifying activity patterns by volunteer organizations active in disaster using space-time permutation scan statistics. *International Journal of Mass Emergencies & Disasters*, 41(1): 174-185. <https://doi.org/10.1177/02807270231171629>

Inglis, N.C., Vukomanovic, J., Petrasova, A., Meentemeyer, Ross, K. (2023). Viewscape change highlights shifting drivers of exurban development over time. *Landscape and Urban Planning*, 238: 104833. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.landurbplan.2023.104833>

Jouzi, Z., Leung, YF, Nelson, S. (2023). Characterizing the association between child malnutrition and protected areas in sub-Saharan Africa using unsupervised clustering. *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13412-023-00880-3>

Jouzi, Z., Nelson, A.C., Leung, Y. (2023). Spatial heterogeneity of child malnutrition, proximity to protected areas and environmental variabilities in Zimbabwe. *GeoJournal*, 88:3773-3789. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10708-023-10842-5>

Jones, K., Vukomanovic, J. (2023). Mapping South Florida daily fire risk for decision support using fuel type, water levels, and burn history. *Fire*, 6, 236. <https://doi.org/10.3390/fire6060236>

Karimi, K., Miller, J.W., **Sankarasubramanian, A., Obenour, D.R.** (2023). Contrasting annual and summer phosphorus export using a hybrid Bayesian watershed model. *Water Resources Research*, 59(1): e2022WR033088. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2022WR033088>

Karlovská, L., **Petrasova, A., Petras, V.**, Landa, M. (2023). Redesigning graphical user interface of open-source geospatial software in a community-driven way: A case study of GRASS GIS. *ISPRS Journal of Geo-Information*, 12(9): 376. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijgi12090376>

Kotlarz, N., Holcomb, D.A., Pasha, T., **Reckling, S.**, Kays, J., Lau, Y., Daly, S., Palani, S., Bailey, E., Guidry, V.T., Christensen, A., Berkowitz, S., Hoppin, J.A., **Mitasova, H.**, Engel, L.S., de los Reyes, F.L., Harris, A. (2023). Timing and trends for municipal wastewater, lab-confirmed case, and syndromic case surveillance of COVID-19 in Raleigh, North Carolina. *American Journal of Public Health*, 113(1). <https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2022.307108>

CGA-affiliated student, CGA-affiliated faculty or researcher, CGA Alum (at publication)

Laanisto, L., Jaksi, P., Harm, L., Hallikma, T., Kull, T., **Leung, Y.** (2023). GetDiv – a call for a global coordinated study on plant diversity changes on nature trails. *Journal of Ecotourism*.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/14724049.2023.2191894>

Li, K., Blackhart, K., Miller, J., **Obenour, D.** (2023). An estuary stress index based on nekton relationships with thematic watershed stressors. *Ecological Indicators*, 154: 110678.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolind.2023.110678>

Mathieu, M.E., Gray, J., Richmond-Bryant, J. (2023). Spatial associations of long-term exposure to diesel particulate matter with season and annual mortality due to COVID-19 in the contiguous United States. *BMC Public Health*, 23: 423.
<https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-023-15064-5>

McCaffrey, K.R., **Paulukonis, E.A.**, Raimondo, S., Sinnathamby, S., Purucker, S.T., Oliver, L.M. (2023). A multi-scale approach for identification of potential pesticide use sites impacting vernal pool critical habitat in California. *Science of the Total Environment*, 857(1): 159274.
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Congratulations to our students with first-author publications this year:

Xiaojie Gao ('23) - *Global Biogeochemical Cycles*

Caitlin Haedrich - *Transactions in GIS*

Byron Ifediora ('23) - *International Journal of Mass Emergencies & Disasters*

Kate Jones - *Fire*

Kimia Karimi ('23) - *Water Resources Research*

Martine Mathieu - *BMC Public Health*

Katie McQuillan ('23) - *Agricultural and Forest Meteorology*

Felipe Sanchez - *Frontiers in Veterinary Science*

Corey White ('23) - *Environmental & Modelling Software*

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The CGA Awards were created to honor members of the Center for Geospatial Analytics community whose efforts exemplify center ideals of collaboration, inclusion and excellence in research, teaching and service.

Advocate Award

Given to one student and one employee who demonstrates a commitment to equity and inclusion within CGA, on the NC State campus and/or in the community.

Beacon Award

Given to one student, one employee and one alum who shines a light on CGA in the wider scientific community through their research, partnerships and/or involvement in professional organizations.

Collaboration & Innovation Award

Given to a research team who collaborates across disciplinary boundaries to address environmental and societal challenges.

Creativity in Teaching Award

Given to one student and one faculty/staff member who creates an innovative learning environment (online and/or in a classroom) that engages diverse learners in the study of geospatial data science.

Gladys West Award

Given to a “hidden figure,” one student and one faculty/staff member who consistently serves as a role model, helps others and exceeds expectations and who does not often receive recognition and/or does not hold a leadership position at the Center for Geospatial Analytics.

Interdisciplinary Advancement Award

Given to one student not enrolled in a CGA degree program who applies principles of geospatial analysis to address grand challenges requiring an interdisciplinary approach.

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Creativity in Teaching	Myleigh Neill	Stacy Supak
Gladys West	Izzi Hinks	John Vogler
Interdisciplinary Advancement	Andrea Saravitz	

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