



International Symposium on Spatiotemporal Data Science

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July 22-24, 2024

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Location: The onsite event will be placed on Virginia Tech Research Center (900 N Glebe Rd, Arlington, VA 22203, [map](#), July 22 workshop) and George Mason Square (3351 Fairfax Dr, Arlington, VA 22201, [map](#), July 23 Symposium). The July 24th online sessions will be conducted via Zoom.

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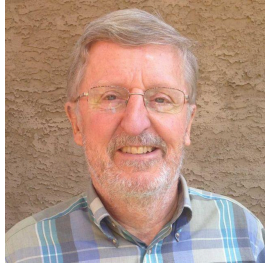
The Overall Schedule of the Symposium

July 23-24, 2024

| July 23, 2024 | | | | | |
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| Room | ARLVM 134 | | | | |
| 9:00-9:30 AM | Welcome | | | | |
| 9:30-10:00 AM | Keynote: John Wilson | | | | |
| 10:00-10:30 AM | Keynote: Michael Goodchild | | | | |
| Break | | | | | |
| 10:45-12:00 PM | A-1-i Plenary Vision Panel: Impact of Spatiotemporal Data Science and GeoAI | | | | |
| Lunch | RLVM 125/126 | | | | |
| Room | 134 | 120 | 121 | 311 | 128 |
| 1:15-2:45 PM | 1: PH-1-i | 3: B-1-i | 5: C-1-i | 7: U-1-i | 9: D-1-i |
| Break | | | | | |
| 3:00-4:30 PM | 2: W-1-i | 4: CLT-1-i | 6: C-2-i | 8: PLP-1-i | 10: HA-1-i |
| Dinner | | | | | |
| 6:00-8:00 PM | MalaTang, 3434 Washington Blvd, Arlington, VA 22201 | | | | |
| July 24, 2024 | | | | | |
| Virtual Room | | | | | |
| 9:00-9:30 AM | Keynote: Krzysztof Janowicz | | | | |
| 9:30-11:00 AM | Plenary Panel: Digital Twin and Spatiotemporal Data Science | | | | |
| Break | | | | | |
| Virtual Rooms | | | | | |
| 11:15-12:30PM | 11: A-2-o | 12: B-2-o | 13: C-3-o | 14: OS-1-o | |
| Lunch | | | | | |
| 1:30-3:00PM | 15: W-2-o | 16: MM-1-o | 17: HA-2-o | 18: PCS-1-o | |
| Break | | | | | |
| 3:15-4:30PM | 19: F-1-o | 20: CLT-1-o | 21: S-1-o | | |

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| Pre-symposium Workshop & KNIME Data Connect | Date: July 22, 2024 Location: Virginia Tech Research Center (900 N Glebe Rd, Arlington, VA 22203) |
| On-site Symposium Sessions | Date: July 23, 2024 Location: George Mason Square, 3351 Fairfax Dr, Arlington, VA 22201 |
| Online Symposium Sessions | Date: July 24, 2024 Location: online from anywhere |

Keynotes Speakers:



Michael Goodchild
Emeritus Professor of Geography
UC Santa Barbara

GeoAI, the Social Sciences, and Ethics

Michael F. Goodchild is Emeritus Professor of Geography at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He was Jack and Laura Dangermond Professor of Geography, and Director of UCSB's Center for Spatial Studies before retired. He was elected member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Royal Society of Canada, and the Royal Society and Corresponding Fellow of the British Academy. In 2007 he received the Prix Vautrin Lud prize.



John Wilson
Professor of Sociology and Spatial Sciences
Founding Director, Spatial Sciences Institute
University of South California

Situating GeoAI within the rapidly expanding and evolving spatial sciences ecosystem

John P. Wilson is professor of spatial sciences and sociology at the University of Southern California where he is founding director of the Spatial Sciences Institute. His research focuses on the modeling of environmental systems and makes extensive use of GIS software tools, fieldwork, spatial analysis techniques and computer models. He has published numerous books and articles. Much of this work is collaborative and cross-disciplinary with the goal of improving knowledge and understanding of the factors linking society, the environment and human health.



Krzysztof Janowicz
Professor of Geographic Information Science
University of Vienna and UCSB

GeoMachina: Can RAG-based AI agents replace GIS analysts by 2026?

Krzysztof Janowicz is a professor of Geographic Information Science at the University of Vienna and affiliated faculty at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Janowicz is an Editors-in-Chief of the Semantic Web journal. His research combines representation learning and classical knowledge representation to study how humans conceptualize geographic space.

The International Symposium on Spatiotemporal Data Science

Date: July 22 and 23 (onsite and online), July 24 (online only), 2024

DAY 1 – Monday, July 22, 2024

9:00 AM-5:00 PM Pre-symposium Workshop Spatiotemporal Innovation and GeoAI Applications

Location: Virginia Tech Research Center – Arlington, 900 N Glebe Rd, Arlington, VA 22203

I. Replicable Data Analysis with Geospatial Analytics for KNIME

Instructor:

- Lingbo Liu, Center of Geographic Analysis, Harvard University

II. Develop GeoAI Tools using ChatGPT and Python Packages

Instructors:

- Siqin Wang, Spatial Sciences Institute, University of Southern California
- Yongze Song, School of Design and the Built Environment, Curtin University

III. Cloud Computing with Google Earth Engine and GeoAI

Instructors:

- Xiao Huang, Department of Environmental Sciences, Emory University
- Qiusheng Wu, Department of Geography & Sustainability, University of Tennessee

IV. Geospatial Methods and Tools for the Spatial Assessment of Healthcare Accessibility

Instructors:

- Fahui Wang, Graduate School, Louisiana State University
- Changzhen Wang, Department of Geography, University of Alabama
- Mengxi Zhang, Carilion School of Medicine, Virginia Tech

5:00 PM-7:00 PM KNIME Data Connect Enrich Data Analytics with GenAI / KNIME Data Connect

Location: Virginia Tech Research Center – Arlington, 900 N Glebe Rd, Arlington, VA 22203

5:10 PM - 5:40 PM - Talk 1: Detecting Frauds in Investment Contracts - Enrich Data Analytics with GenAI by Elisabeth Richter

5:40 PM - 6:10 PM - Talk 2: Leveraging Geospatial Analytics in KNIME by Prof. Mengxi Zhang

6:10 PM - 7:00 PM - Refreshments and Networking

| DAY 2 - Tuesday, July 23, 2024 (On Site and Online) | |
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| 8:30 AM | Registration and continental breakfast |
| 9:00 AM | <p>Welcome Address Daniel Sui, Virginia Tech Facilitator: Mengxi Zhang, Virginia Tech Andre, George Mason University Facilitator: Phil Yang, George Mason University</p> |
| 9:30 AM | <p>Keynote: John Wilson, University of South California Facilitator: Siqin Wang, University of South California</p> |
| 10:00 AM | <p>Keynote: GeoAI, the Social Sciences, and Ethics Michel Goodchild, UC Santa Barbara Facilitator: Peter Kedron, UC Santa Barbara</p> |
| 10:30 AM | Coffee Break |
| 11:00 AM | <p>A-1 Plenary Vision Panel: Vision and Impact of Spatiotemporal Data Sciences Moderator: Chaowei Phil Yang, GMU & Michael Goodchild, UCSB</p> <p>AI is transforming urban observation, imaging, mapping, and analysis Qihao Weng, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University</p> <p>Developing Open-access datasets from private Big Data Repositories: Challenges and Opportunities Jack Hayes, Harvard Center for Geographic Analysis</p> <p>Promoting Urban Informatics Plus: Practices and Strategies Xinyue Ye, Texas A&M University</p> <p>Advancing Ecosystem Services Assessment Through Geospatial Artificial Intelligence (GeoAI): A Comprehensive Review and Future Directions Hao-Yu Liao, University of Florida</p> |
| 12:00 PM | Lunch Break (keynote: Daniel Q. Duffy, NASA HEC) |

| DAY 2- Tuesday, July 23, 2024 | |
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| 1:00 PM | <p>Session 1 (118): PH-1-i, Advances in Public Health Chair: Fahui Wang, Louisiana State University</p> <p>Geospatial Patterns in Brain and Nervous System Cancer Incidence and Mortality Rates Every 5 Years from 1999-2018, and the Relationship between Mortality and Gender from 2014-2018 in the United States Grace Christensen, Brigham Young University</p> <p>Graph Neural Network for Spatial Network Community Detection in Healthcare Service Area Delineation Lingbo Liu, Harvard University</p> <p>Pediatric Oral Health Service Access in Racial/Ethnic Minority Neighborhoods: A Geospatial Analysis in the District of Columbia Meirong Liu, Howard University - Washington, DC</p> <p>Scaling Up and Down in Cancer Data Analysis Fahui Wang, Louisiana State University</p> <p>Beyond Maps: Developing a conversational AI-based data dashboard for public health policymakers. Zach Sherman, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University</p> |
| 2:35 PM | Coffee Break |
| 3:05 PM | <p>Session 2: W-1-i, FAIR and replicability Chair: Tao Hu, Oklahoma State University</p> <p>Replicable Spatial Data Analysis with Geospatial Analytics for KNIME Lingbo Liu, Harvard University</p> <p>An Integrated Platform for KNIME and ArcGIS, QGIS, STATA and GEE Xiaokang Fu, Harvard University</p> <p>Adaptation of Telecoupling Toolbox – ArcGIS Toolbox into KNIME: Enhancing Accessibility and Reproducibility in Studying Socioeconomic-Environmental Interactions Nan Jia, Michigan State University</p> <p>Automating Geographic Mapping from Descriptive Texts: A Novel Approach Zifu Wang, George Mason University</p> <p>FAIR Principles in Action: A Geocomputational Workflow Engine (GWE) for Reproducible and Replicable Studies</p> |

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| | <p>Tao Hu, Oklahoma State University</p> <p>Improving user interaction for labeling workflow Evelyn Fontaine, George Mason University</p> |
| <p>DAY 2- Tuesday, July 23, 2024</p> | |
| 1:00 PM | <p>Session 3: B-1-i, Advances in Computational Urban Science Chair: Xinyue Ye, Texas A&M University</p> <p>Platform capitalism-based land management model for smart cities Parlewar Prafulla, School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi, India</p> <p>Telework context and Senior Entrepreneurship Ting Zhang, University of Baltimore</p> <p>Implications for Spatial Non-stationarity and the Neighborhood Effect Averaging Problem (NEAP) in Green Inequality Research: Evidence from Three States in the U.S. Sophiya Gyanwali, Virginia Tech</p> <p>Disparities in Recreational Use of Urban Parks: A Big Data Approach Siddhartha Bora, West Virginia University</p> <p>Social Cyber Vulnerability Index (SCVI) and Geospatial Analysis to Mitigate Cyber Threats in Social Spaces Jin-Hee Cho, Computer Science Department, Virginia Tech</p> |
| 2:35 PM | <p>Coffee Break</p> |
| 3:05 PM | <p>Session 4: CLT-1-i, Classification, labeling and training data Chair: Theodore Spanbauer, George Mason University</p> <p>Cycling Infrastructure Evaluation: Applying Deep Learning Methods to Categorize Bike Lanes in Virginia State Lawal Abdul-Azeez, Virginia Tech</p> <p>ClassX: Automatic Image Labeling Tool Theodore Spanbauer, George Mason University</p> <p>High urban flood risk and no shelter access disproportionately impacts vulnerable communities in the USA Fatemeh Janatabadi, George Mason University</p> <p>Innovative Approaches to Automated Data Labeling and CNN Implementation Rakshita Chidananda, George Mason University</p> |

| DAY 2- Tuesday, July 23, 2024 | |
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| 1:00 PM | <p>Session 5: C-1-i, Air Quality Analyses Chair: Meghan Albritton, Virginia Tech</p> <p>Associations Between Surface Mine Density and Respiratory Health in Central Appalachia Meghan Albritton, Virginia Tech</p> <p>Optimizing the Downloading, Uploading, and Serving of Air Quality In-situ Sensor data using various techniques Jiakang Liu, George Mason University</p> <p>A Systematic Study of Popular Packages and AI/ML Models for Calibrating in-situ Air Quality Data: An example with Purple Air Sensors Smith Seren, George Mason University</p> <p>Indonesia's Air Quality Crisis: A Holistic Approach to PM2.5 Prediction and Mitigation Scenario in Malang Ardiyanto Gai, Dekka Putra, Institut Teknologi Nasional Malang</p> <p>Enhancing PM2.5 Prediction through Multisource Fusion of Aerosol Data Using Seq2Seq Encoder-Decoder Models Anusha Srirenganathan Malarvizhi, George Mason University</p> |
| 2:35 PM | <p>Coffee Break</p> |
| 3:05 PM | <p>Session 6: C-2-i, Air Quality Prediction and Exposure Analyses Chair: Junghwan Kim, Virginia Tech</p> <p>A Deep Learning approach to Estimate Near Surface Level NO2 Concentration using High Resolution Remote Sensing Observations Theodore Trefonides, George Mason University</p> <p>The Air We Breathe: GeoAI Tools for Accurate and Timely Air Quality Analysis across North America Tayven Stover, George Mason University</p> <p>AirWise: A Geo-Intelligent Deep Learning Framework for High-Resolution PM2.5 Prediction Phoebe Pan, George Mason University</p> <p>A new green space exposure index utilizing AI methods and an eye-tracking device Junghwan Kim, Virginia Tech</p> |

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| DAY 2- Tuesday, July 23, 2024 | |
| 1:00 PM | <p>Session 7: U-1-i, Bias and Uncertainty Chair: Francisco Rowe, University of Liverpool</p> <p>What do we know about the biases and representation in human mobility data extracted from digital platforms? Francisco Rowe, Geographic Data Science Lab, University of Liverpool</p> <p>Uncertainty Quantification for PM2.5 Calibration of Low-Cost PurpleAir Sensors Against EPA Standards Kaylee Smith, George Mason University, University of Michigan Ann Arbor</p> <p>Graph Convolutional Networks for spatial interpolation of correlated data Marianne ABEMGNIGNI NJIFON, The Institute for Mathematical Stochastics - The University of Goettingen</p> <p>Good Evidence – Sources of Bias in Big Spatiotemporal Data Peter Kedron, University of California Santa Barbara</p> <p>Exploring the Spatiotemporal Dynamics of Google Trends Data: An Application in Estimating Childcare Demand Sean Reid, University of California, Santa Barbara</p> <p>Generative AI tools can enhance climate literacy but must be checked for biases and inaccuracies Atkins Carmen, Virginia Tech</p> |
| 2:35 PM | Coffee Break |
| 3:05 PM | <p>Session 8: PLP-1-i, Positioning, place and location Chair: Shashank Karki, Virginia Tech</p> <p>Sudan Research Ahmed Samir, George Mason University</p> <p>Place Identity: A Generative AI's Perspective Keemoon Jang, MIT Senseable City Lab</p> <p>Tracking Human Movement Indoors Using Terrestrial Lidar Shashank Karki, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University</p> <p>Replicable GPS Data Processing Workflow Using KNIME Will Jones, Harvard University and Virginia Tech</p> |

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| 1:00 PM | <p>Session 9: D-1-i, Large language model Chair: Zhaoya Gong, Peking University Shenzhen Graduate School</p> <p>Optimizing LLM Classification with BERT and Targeted Data Preparation Yahya Masri, George Mason University</p> <p>How Western donors allocate Official Development Assistance: New evidence from a Natural Language Processing approach. Daniel Benson, King's College London</p> <p>CartoAgent: a multi-modal large language model empowered multi-agent mapping framework and its application in map style transfer and evaluation Zhaoya Gong, School of Urban Planning and Design, Peking University Shenzhen Graduate School</p> <p>Comparing the spatial querying capacity of ChatGPT-3.5, ChatGPT-4, and Gemini: An empirical study of 3,108 U.S. counties Andrea Renshaw, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University</p> |
| 2:35 PM | <p>Coffee Break</p> |
| 3:05 PM | <p>Session 10: HA-1-i, Accessibility Chair: Changzhen Wang, The University of Alabama</p> <p>Unraveling transit service and land use components of the socio-spatial inequality of access Fatemeh Janatabadi, George Mason University</p> <p>Potential and Revealed Accessibility to Cancer Care in the United States and The Johns Hopkins Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center Michael Desjardins, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health</p> <p>Predicting Electric Load on Electric Vehicle Charging Stations using Machine Learning, Louis Sanchez, George Mason Univ.</p> <p>Overlapping cancer service areas: Delineation and implications Changzhen Wang, The University of Alabama</p> |

| DAY 3- Wednesday, July 24, 2024 (Online only) | |
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| 9:00 AM | <p>Recap of DAY 2 and Overview of DAY 3 Mengxi Zhang, Virginia Tech</p> |
| 9:05 AM | <p>Keynote: Krzysztof Janowicz, University of Vienna & UC Santa Barbara Facilitator: Daniel Sui, Virginia Tech</p> |
| 9:30 AM | <p>Plenary Panel: Digital Twin and Spatiotemporal Data Science Facilitator: Chaowei Yang, George Mason University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jacqueline Le Moigne, NASA AIST ● Xinyue Ye, Texas A&M University ● James Kinter, George Mason University ● Pierre Goovaerts, Chief Scientist at BioMedware |
| 11:00 AM | Break |
| 11:15 AM | <p>Session 11: A-2-o, SDS vision Chair: Peng Luo, MIT Senseable City Lab</p> <p>On the Interpretability and Explainability of GeoAI for Spatiotemporal Analysis Ziqi Li, Florida State University</p> <p>Talk about GeoAI: from the world generation process Peng Luo, MIT Senseable City Lab</p> <p>Geodesign in the Era of Artificial Intelligence Tianchen Huang, Texas A&M University</p> |
| 11:15 AM | <p>Session 12: B-2-o, Economic analyses Chair: Rama Martin, The World Bank</p> <p>Spatial Econometric Analysis of the Impact of Health Infrastructure on TBC Patients: Study Case in Indonesia Provinces Level Yessi Rahmawati, Airlangga University</p> <p>GeoAI-driven Location-Manpower Optimization for Efficient Resource Allocation in the BFSI Sector</p> |

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| | <p>Prageet Aeron ; Rohit Sindhvani ; Nakul Gupt ; Sneha Dhyani Bhatt; Sangeeta Shah Bharadwaj, Management Development Institute, Gurgaon, India</p> <p>Research on Measuring Industrial Structure Similarity between regions based on Wasserstein distribution Algorithm Chen Lu, Southeast University</p> <p>Measuring global economic activity using air pollution Rama Martin, The World Bank</p> <p>The Impact of Highway Access on Industrial Coagglomeration Minjia Guo, University of Glasgow</p> <p>Global Public Sentiment on Decentralized Finance: A Spatiotemporal Analysis of Geo-tagged Tweets from 150 Countries Luyao Zhang, Duke Kunshan University</p> |
| 11:15 AM | <p>Session 13: C-3-o, Climate Change: Urban Stress Chair: Cong Cao, Caltech</p> <p>Prediction of Thermal Comfort in Nature Conservation Area Based on Multiple Machine Learning Models and Social Media Data Jun Yang, Virginia Tech</p> <p>Climate change increases air pollution and heating demands in Norwegian cities: A deep learning-based analysis Cong Cao, Caltech</p> <p>Analysis of Multispectral and Hyper-spectral Imaging in Convolution Neural Networks Shyra LaGarde, Georgia Institute of Technology</p> <p>Leveraging GeoAI to Analyze Heat Exposure Patterns and Hospitalizations in Texas Ehsan Foroutan, Oklahoma State University</p> <p>Analyzing Spatial-Temporal Patterns and Inequalities in Cycling Resilience to Extreme Heat Wenjing Gong, Texas A&M University</p> <p>Mitigating extreme heat by integrating human perception in digital twins Yuning Ye, Texas A&M University</p> |
| 11:15 AM | <p>Session 14: OS-1-o, Open Source Science Chair: Xintao LIU, Hong Kong Polytechnic University</p> |

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| | <p>CONNECT: Open-source planning models for Next-generation Equitable and efficient Communities and Transportation Xuesong (Simon) Zhou, Arizona State University</p> <p>GIS-KG: building a large-scale hierarchical knowledge graph for geographic information science Jiaxin Du, Grand Valley State University</p> <p>An AI-enabled Geospatial Platform for Smart Mobility of People with Disabilities (PWDs) Xintao LIU, Hong Kong Polytechnic University</p> <p>Flying High with GIS: Drones for Spatiotemporal Modeling Education Yang Bo, San Jose State University</p> |
| 12:30 PM | Lunch Break |
| 1:30 PM | <p>Session 15: W-2-o, Computing and workflow Chair: Lingbo Liu, Harvard University</p> <p>Computing Infrastructure in Spatiotemporal Research Joseph Rogers, George Mason University</p> <p>Containerizing AI-Driven Image Labeling Tool for Efficient Research Deployment Gian Sung, George Mason University</p> <p>Adaptation of Telecoupling Toolbox - ArcGIS toolbox into KNIME: Enhancing Accessibility and Reproducibility in Studying Socio-economic-Environmental Interactions Nakul Gupta and Nan Jia, Management Development Institute, Gurgaon, India and Michigan State University</p> <p>Modularizing legacy flask app to improve server side module workflow Hassan Yousef, George Mason University</p> |
| 3:00 PM | Break |
| 3:15 PM | <p>Session 19: F-1-o, Flooding Chair: Wenyu Zhang, Texas A&M University and National University of Singapore</p> <p>3D Flooded Area Modeling through Multi-modal Generative AI Shoujia Li, Texas A&M University</p> <p>Development of a Web-Based Flood Monitoring and Assessment System Utilizing Satellite Observation via the Google Earth Engine Platform WENYU ZHANG, Texas A&M University and National University of Singapore</p> |

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| | <p>Understanding the spatial disparity in socio-economic recovery of coastal communities following typhoon Meranti Shengping Ding, University of Copenhagen</p> |
| 1:30 PM | <p>Session 16: MM-1-o, Modeling and methods Chair: Hanchen Yu, HKUST(GZ)</p> <p>Deep investigations on the autocorrelation feature of spatial data Zehua Zhang, Curtin University</p> <p>Exploring Multiscale Spatial Interactions: Multiscale Geographically Weighted Negative Binomial Regression Hanchen Yu, HKUST(GZ)</p> <p>A multivariate spatiotemporal ARCH model Philipp Otto, School of Mathematics and Statistics</p> <p>Urban weather prediction in Houston Metro area: an evaluation of the urban weather generator model Cuiling Liu, Texas A&M University</p> <p>Improving short-term bike sharing demand forecast through an irregular convolutional neural network Xinyu LI, Texas A&M University</p> |
| 3:00 PM | Break |
| 3:15 PM | <p>Session 20: CLT-2-o, Image Classification, Labeling and Training data Chair: Weishan Bai, Texas A&M University</p> <p>Neuro-Cognitive Enhancement of Remote Sensing Image Classification Weishan Bai, Texas A&M University</p> <p>Automated Farmland Segmentation Using Advanced Satellite Imagery for Precision Agriculture Espoir MWUNGURA NGABO, University of Rwanda</p> |
| 1:30 PM | <p>Session 17: HA-2-o, Health Accessibility & Analytics Chair: Tianyu Su, Harvard University</p> <p>Enhancing Neighborhood Walkability for the Elderly: Assessing and Visualizing a Multi-Criteria Spatial Quality Model with Visual AI and Big Geospatial Data Tianyu Su, Harvard University</p> |

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| | <p>Uncovering Healthcare Accessibility Dynamics: A Study of Patients' Travel Behavior and Urban-Rural Distance Decay in the United States Yaxiong Shao, Northern Illinois University</p> <p>Measuring Spatial Inequalities in Accessibility to Water Point Sources Among the Households in Sibi, Ghana Kanjin Kingsley & Minxuan Lan, The University of Toledo</p> <p>Factors Impacting Pharmacy Success in Lowndes County, Georgia Bennett, Cameron and Lu, Jia, Valdosta State University</p> <p>Unraveling varying spatiotemporal patterns of dengue and associated exposure-response relationships with environmental variables in Southeast Asian countries before and during COVID-19 Wei Luo, National University of Singapore</p> <p>Integrating Spatial Data Science in One Health Research: A Case Study of Human Leptospirosis in southern Chile Anni Yang, University of Oklahoma</p> |
| 3:00 PM | Break |
| 3.15 PM | <p>Session 21: S-1-o, Smart cities and built environment Chair: Hanlin Zhou, University of Toronto</p> <p>Explainable machine learning for understanding the associations of shared e-scooter–public transport integration with built environment and socio-demographics Pengxiang Zhao, GIS Centre, Department of Physical Geography and Ecosystem Science, Lund University</p> <p>Assessing the health impact and disparities of shifting from driving to active transportation: A case study of Houston, Texas Chunwu Zhu, Texas A&M University</p> <p>Correlation and causality between the built environment and traffic congestion: A case study of New York City Weihua Huan, Tongji University</p> <p>Identifying built environment factors influencing driver yielding behavior at unsignalized intersections: A naturalistic open-source dataset collected in Minnesota Tianyi Li, University of Minnesota</p> <p>Using GeoAI to Understand the Associations between Built Environment and Active Transport Hanlin Zhou, University of Toronto</p> |

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| <p>1.30 PM</p> | <p>Session 18: PCS-1-0, Public and cyber safety Chair: Minglei Liao, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University</p> <p>Measuring perceived racial heterogeneity and its impact on crime: an ambient population-based approach Xin Gu, University of Cincinnati</p> <p>Street Crime Prediction Using Mass Transit Infrastructures and Spatial-Temporal Machine Learning Method Xiangyu Ren, San Jose State University</p> <p>Digitalization era: Investigating the spatial interplay between cyber human activity and economy with a hierarchical framework Minglei Liao, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University</p> |
| <p>4:30 PM</p> | <p>Closing Remark Chaowei Yang, George Mason University Shuming Bao, Future Data Lab</p> |

Pre-symposium Workshop on Spatiotemporal Innovation and GeoAI Applications

Time: July 22, 2024 (Monday), one day before the Symposium on Spatiotemporal Data Science (July 23-24, 2024)

Location: Virginia Tech Research Center – Arlington, 900 N Glebe Rd, Arlington, VA 22203

Description of the Workshop

This workshop aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the potential and challenges of some cutting-edge technologies in advancing geospatial science and applications, fostering a deeper understanding and encouraging further exploration and innovation in the field. The workshop will introduce some new tools and applications of GeoAI built on the workflow technology as well as their applications in social science and public health. Participants will learn the GeoAI-based methodology for geospatial analysis, GeoAI tools and packages for spatial data analysis, as well as their applications.

Topics: 6 hours

- . Replicable Data Analysis with Geospatial Analytics for KNIME
- . Develop GeoAI Tools using ChatGPT
- . Cloud Computing with Google Earth Engine and GeoAI
- . Geospatial Methods and Tools for the Spatial Assessment of Healthcare Accessibility

Abstracts and Instructors:

I. Replicable Data Analysis with Geospatial Analytics for KNIME

This workshop will introduce the recent development of workflow technology for replicable spatial data analysis. The topics include: (1) Introduction to KNIME, a free tool for workflow data analysis; (2) Introduction to Geospatial Analytics Extension for KNIME; (3) GeoAI data analysis with KNIME; (4) Case studies of GeoAI and KNIME applications for environmental and socioeconomic studies with big data.

Instructor:

- Lingbo Liu, Center of Geographic Analysis, Harvard University

II. Develop GeoAI Tools using ChatGPT and Python Packages

The first half of this session will introduce GeoLocator - a GeoAI tool re-developed from ChatGPT to detect the location based on the image that was input into the ChatGPT. It will more broadly introduce how to reformulate ChatGPT for geographic studies and research. The second half of this session will introduce popular GeoAI tools and packages and their applications in geospatial studies.

Instructors:

- Siqin Wang, Spatial Sciences Institute, University of Southern California
- Yongze Song, School of Design and the Built Environment, Curtin University

III. Cloud Computing with Google Earth Engine and GeoAI

This workshop explores the integration and applications of cloud computing technologies, specifically Google Earth Engine, with Geographic Artificial Intelligence (GeoAI) to address complex spatial problems.

The presentation aims to showcase how cloud computing offers scalable and efficient computing resources for processing vast amounts of geographic data, enabling researchers, scientists, and developers to perform advanced spatial analysis and machine learning tasks without the need for extensive hardware infrastructure. Case studies or examples are provided to illustrate the practical applications of combining Google Earth Engine and GeoAI.

Instructors:

- Xiao Huang, Department of Environmental Sciences, Emory University
- Qiusheng Wu, Department of Geography & Sustainability, University of Tennessee

IV. Geospatial Methods and Tools for the Spatial Assessment of Healthcare Accessibility

The workshop will introduce some recent development of methodology and technology for the spatial study of health accessibility. The topics include: (1) Overview of the issues on spatial accessibility, (2) Two-Step Floating Catchment Area (2SFCA) Method, (3) Generalized 2SFCA (G2SFCA), (4) Inverted 2SFCA (i2SFCA) method for estimating potential crowdedness in facilities, (5) Two-Step Virtual Catchment Area (2SVCA) method for measuring accessibility via internet or virtual accessibility, and (6) the ArcGIS toolkit and KNIME workflows for automated implementation of a case study of various accessibility measures for primary care physicians in Baton Rouge metropolitan region.

Instructors:

- Fahui Wang, Graduate School, Louisiana State University
- Changzhen Wang, Department of Geography, University of Alabama
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Call for Submissions: "Replicability and Reproducibility of Geospatial Artificial Intelligence (GeoAI) Models and Their Application in Social Science"

[A Special Issue of The Journal of Urban Informatics](#)

This special issue aims to delve into the burgeoning field of GeoAI, focusing on its applications in social sciences. We are particularly interested in contributions that examine the replicability and reproducibility of GeoAI models, shedding light on their effectiveness and dependability in social science research. Our goal is to foster interdisciplinary dialogue, bridging theoretical and empirical approaches in the realm of GeoAI. We welcome submissions that demonstrate how GeoAI models can be used to tackle complex issues in social science research.

The potential submissions should critically analyze the application of GeoAI in various social science disciplines, including sociology, economics, political science, human geography, and more. Papers that utilize innovative methodologies, offer novel theoretical insights, or present case studies demonstrating the application of GeoAI in real-world social science research with replicable data and code are particularly encouraged.

In addition to regular research papers, we welcome a variety of scholarly contributions related to GeoAI in social science. These include talk summaries, discussion collections, and opinions, submitted in the formats of review papers, perspective papers, or commentary articles. It welcomes papers with the following topics:

- GeoAI Model applications in social science research
- Theoretical discussions on GeoAI's role in understanding social phenomena
- Methodological advancements in GeoAI for social science
- Reviews of trends and future directions in GeoAI and social science
- Cross-disciplinary approaches involving GeoAI and fields like sociology, economics, or political science
- Ethical considerations in using GeoAI in social science
- GeoAI used in the education of social science
- GeoAI integrating with ChatGPT, Generative AI and other large language models (LLM) in social science

Special Requirements for GeoAI Model Papers

For submissions focusing on GeoAI models, authors are required to provide:

Data: Original or sample data from the study;

Workflow: Executable workflows based on code of Python, R, or KNIME workflows that can be replicable in future studies.

These materials are crucial for ensuring the replicability and reproducibility of the research.

Submission Process:

Manuscripts should be submitted through the journal's online system (www.editorialmanager.com/uinf/default.aspx), ensuring adherence to the high standards of Urban Informatics. Please select this special issue in the "Additional Information" section during submission.

Deadline for Submissions: December 30, 2024

Spatial Data Lab Project Partners



[Center for Geographic Analysis at Harvard University](#)

The Center for Geographic Analysis (CGA) at Harvard University is a member organization of Harvard's Institute for Quantitative Social Science, and one of the research sites in the Spatiotemporal Innovation Center funded by the US National Science Foundation's Industry–University Cooperative Research Centers Program. Its core mission is to advance and support research and teaching in all disciplines across Harvard University with emerging geospatial technologies.



[Future Data Lab](#)

Future Data Lab (FDL) is designed for providing a new generation of data services with cutting-edge methodology and technology. The Future Data Lab is partnering with various academic and business partners on the following missions: spatial data services; development of tools for spatial data analysis; workflow-based spatial data case studies; and training programs for spatial data science.



[China Data Institute](#)

China Data Institute is one of the primary data providers for China data services in the US. Its missions are: to support research in the human and natural components of local, regional, and global changes; to promote quantitative research on China; to promote collaborative research in spatial studies; and to promote the use and sharing of China data in teaching and research worldwide.



[Center for Spatiotemporal Thinking, Computing, and Applications at George Mason University](#)

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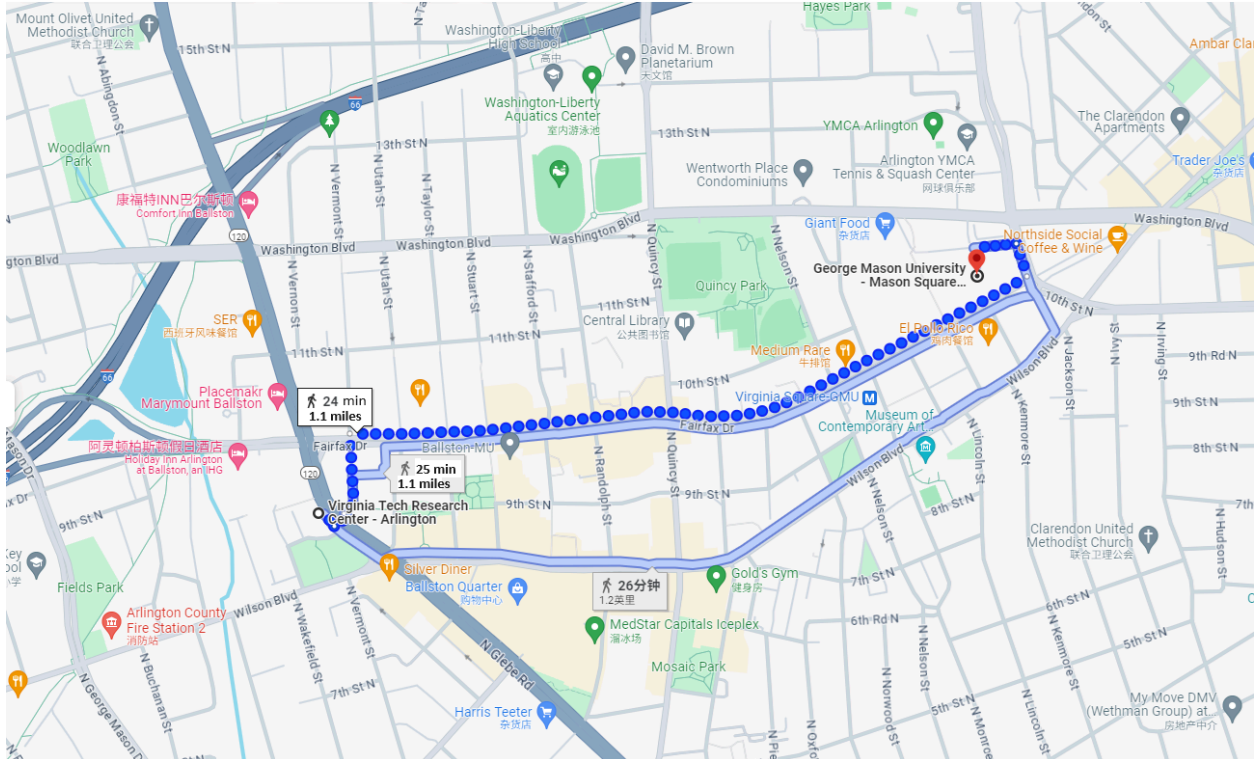
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Venue Map

- **Pre-conf Workshop (July 22):** Virginia Tech Research Center, 900 N Glebe Rd, Arlington, VA
- **Onsite Symposium (July 23):** George Mason Square, 3351 Fairfax Dr, Arlington, VA

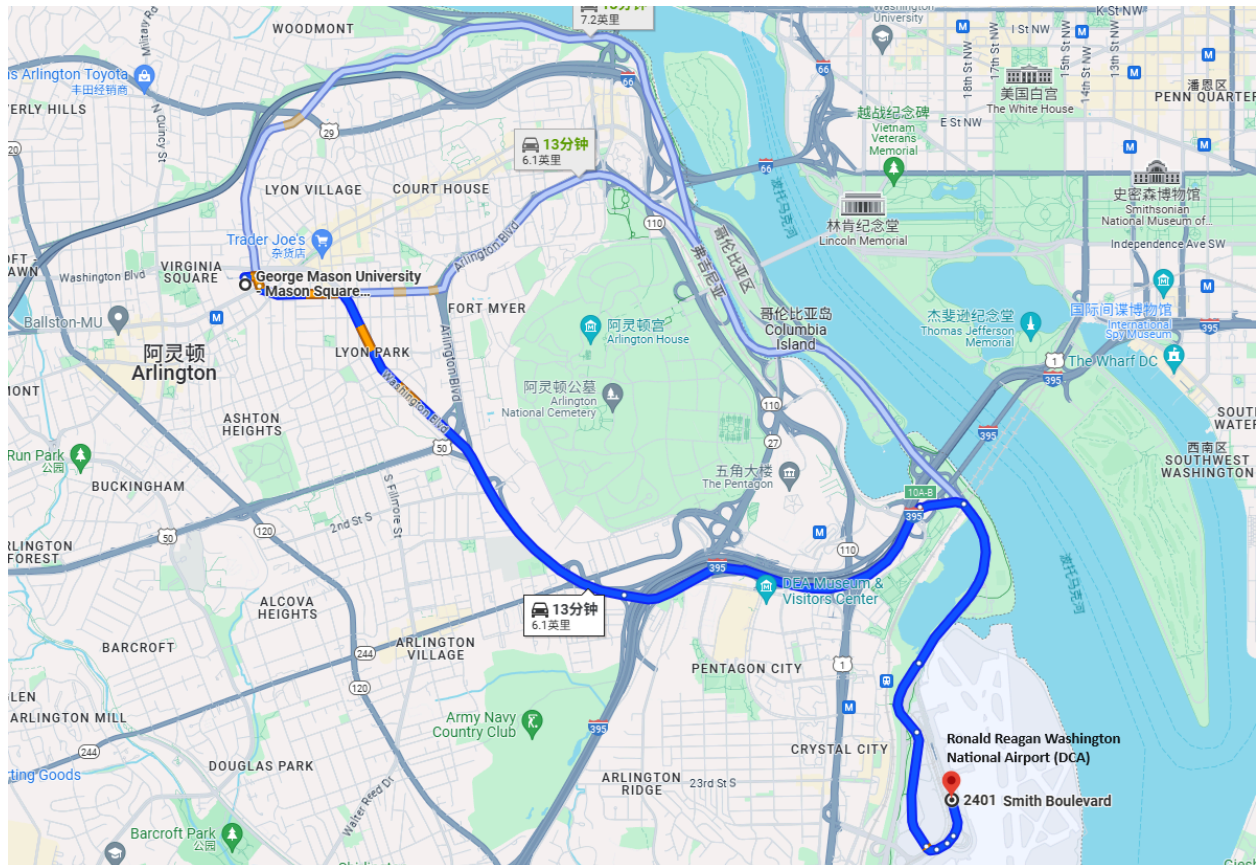
The pre-conference workshop on July 22: Virginia Tech Research Center, 900 N Glebe Rd, Arlington, VA 22203

The onsite symposium on July 23: George Mason Square, 3351 Fairfax Dr, Arlington, VA 22201



Transportation:

The Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) is the closest airport ([map](#)), which is about 5 miles away from George Mason Square (Arlington).



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