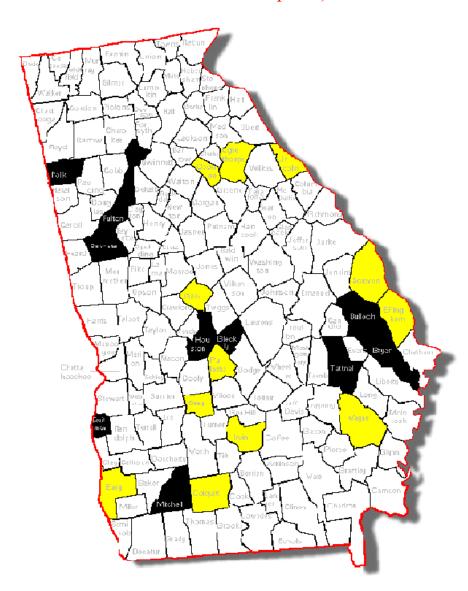
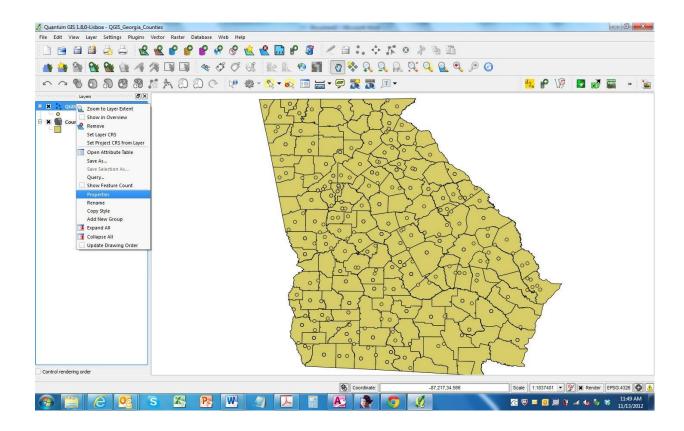
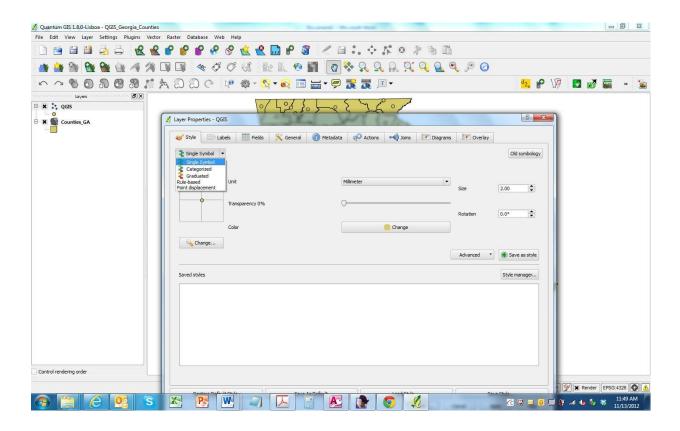
How can I construct a graduated color map (choropleth), a map where counties (or regions, or states) display different characteristics (e.g., type of event by different time period)?



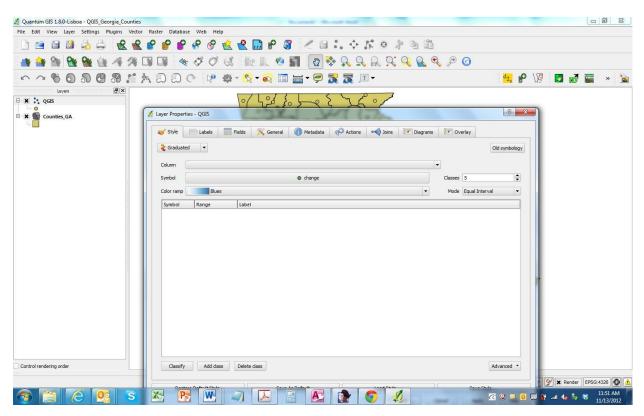
Right click on QGIS Properties



Then select Single symbol and GRADUATED.



Then select the column (attribute) and classes,



Bring in Michael Page's original file with different colors rather circles

These are the commands:

Add Vector Layer (Directory-Encoding "System"-Type "U.S. Census TIGER/Line") Vector/Geometry tools/Polygon centroids (Input polygon vector layer "Subcounties" - Output point shapefile "FREQUENCY" [After the creation of the output shapefile you add the new layer to the TOC] Select FREQUENCY LAYER Layer/Property/Style/

Graduated (Column "FREQUENCY OF LYNCHING")

Symbol "Simple marker" [here you have to play with the options and choose the ones you prefer]

Classes "3"

Color ramp "Greys"

Mode "Natural breaks (Jenks)"

Range "1-2;3-5;6-12" Label "1-2;3-5;6-12"

View/Decorations/North arrow (Default values: Angle 0, placement bottom left, enable north arrow, set directions automatically) View/Decorations/Scale bar (Default values) File/Save as image/tiff or jpg or bmp or other formats [tiff is the best] [Indeed, I did not use the simple solution of "Save as" but I used the File/New print composer command, but this means going manually working on the layout and I don't think this is what you need]