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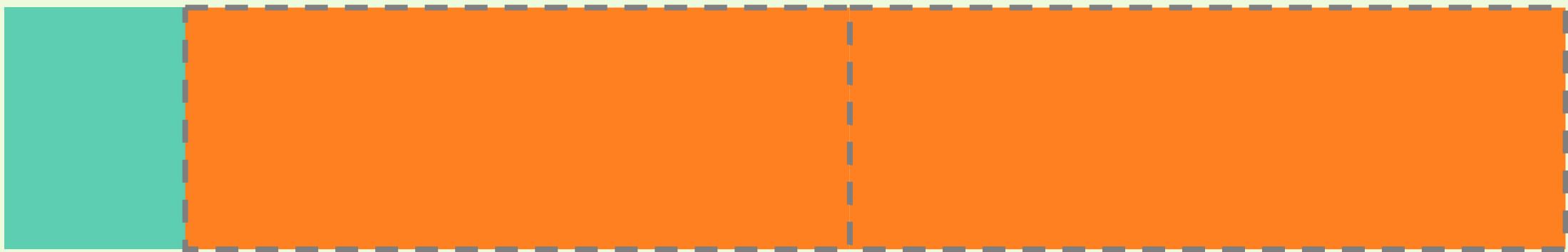
**Albert S. Kochaphum**

**Week 4 | April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

# Today's Agenda

Logistics

Visiting Voices and Q&A



# Logistics

- Course “Weekly” is up:  
<https://github.com/albertkun/21S-ASIAAM-191A/wiki>
- Emailing assignment feedback/grades this week
- No new lab assignment this week
- Extra credit thinking cap worth 50%
- New Group Assignment #3 “Survey” due **Thursday 4/29**

# General Thinking Cap Feedback

# Thinking Caps

**Mon.**

**20 points for post**

**Tues.**

**5 points per comment (x2)**

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**Total**

**30 points**

# Thinking Caps

- **5 missing thinking caps**
- **Many off-topic**



# Thinking Caps

- Please **respond to the prompt first before going in depth on other topics.**
- Ask for clarification on the prompt if you need help.

# Help in general



**Willing to work with you, but you have to reach out**

# **Week 3 ALwards**

1. [https://epham36.github.io/21S-ASIAAM-191A-Assessments/Week\\_02/](https://epham36.github.io/21S-ASIAAM-191A-Assessments/Week_02/)
2. [https://ktgreenler.github.io/21S-ASIAAM-191A-Assessments/Week\\_02/index.html](https://ktgreenler.github.io/21S-ASIAAM-191A-Assessments/Week_02/index.html)
3. [https://vcta99.github.io/21S-ASIAAM-191A-Assessments/Week\\_02/index.html](https://vcta99.github.io/21S-ASIAAM-191A-Assessments/Week_02/index.html)
4. [https://skarakas1.github.io/21S-ASIAAM-191A-Assessments/Week\\_02/index.html](https://skarakas1.github.io/21S-ASIAAM-191A-Assessments/Week_02/index.html)
5. [https://annyrviloria.github.io/21S-ASIAAM-191A-Assessments/Week\\_02/index.html](https://annyrviloria.github.io/21S-ASIAAM-191A-Assessments/Week_02/index.html)
6. <https://github.com/albertkun/21S-ASIAAM-191A/discussions/115>
7. <https://github.com/albertkun/21S-ASIAAM-191A/discussions/107>
8. <https://github.com/albertkun/21S-ASIAAM-191A/discussions/103>
9. <https://github.com/albertkun/21S-ASIAAM-191A/discussions/103#discussioncomment-631278>
10. <https://github.com/albertkun/21S-ASIAAM-191A/discussions/103#discussioncomment-631923>

# Alwards for Week 3



# Emily Pham

## **Wel-Crumb to My Portfolio!**

Emily Pham

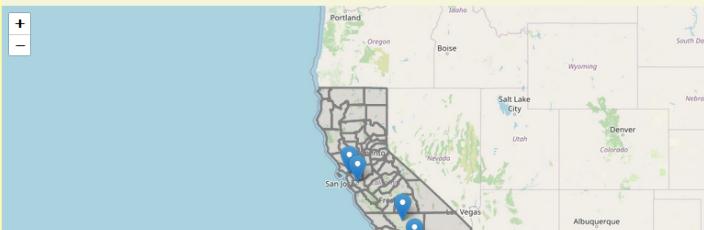
Hi! Welcome to my map portfolio! I have very minimal experience with coding, data analysis, and spatial data, but I'm very thankful for the chance to learn how to apply these skills ethically to benefit civil society, empower our communities, and uplift voices in [Asian American Studies 191A \(Spring 2021\)](#).

#### **My goals as a critical map maker:**

1. Use mapmaking to challenge the disempowerment of communities that has long been **baked** into societal systems and governance by mapping and institutional data
  2. Challenge the supposed objectivity and colonial gaze **engrained** in the traditional understanding of maps
  3. Collected, analyze, and visualize data ethically

## California: The Star of the West Coast and Other Puns

Please click on each of the map markers below for a treat!



## About Me



Bruin born, bruin bread



# Alwards for Week 3

## Excellent North Cascades(ing) Style Sheets

Katie Greenler



### Katie's Map Portfolio

#### A Little Bit About Me :)

My name is Kathryn but most people call me Katie. I am a sophomore at UCLA majoring in Geography and minoring in GIS&T and Urban/Regional Studies. I am a big fan of being outdoors, hiking, traveling, learning, and visiting family. These things are not especially possible during a pandemic and busy school year so I often find myself thinking about where I wish I could be. My favorite National Park **EVER** is Glacier located in Northwestern Montana (on the map below!), and if I could be anywhere it would be there.

# Alwards for Week 3

KATMAI Attention

Vanessa Ta



hello!

Hello World.  
I'm Vanessa Ta and  
I'm two letters short  
of being tall.

>About Me



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Keep a ZION this designer

Sam Karakas

**Heliocentric**

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My name is Sam Karakas, I am a geography major at UCLA with interests in GIS, critical cartography, urban geography, sustainability, and urban and regional planning.



This is me with my fiancé Emily. This photo is from the last time we were able to go to Songkran in Thai Town. I can't wait to go back post-pandemic!

Check out my [maps](#)!

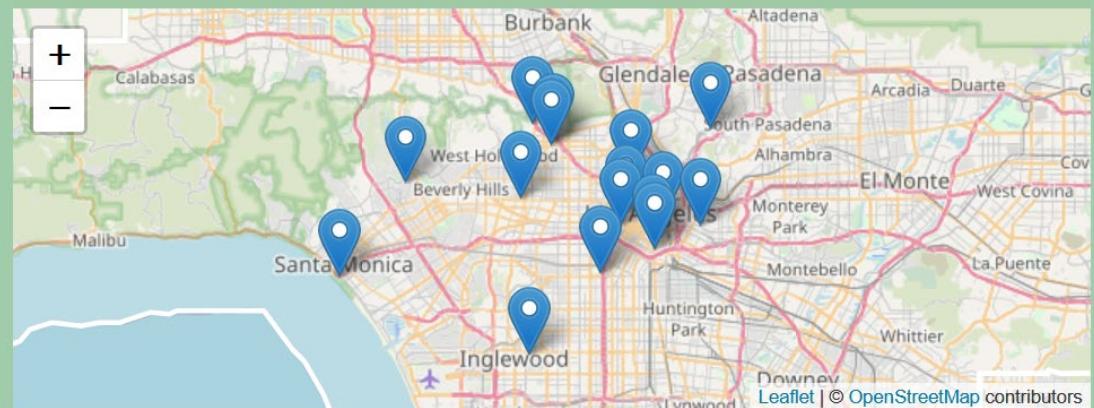


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Good use of DenoLeaflet JS

Alize Magaña

## Places I've Been To Concerts/Festivals



## Full List of Concert Venues and Artists I Saw

- Staples Center - Arctic Monkeys
- The Observatory Santa Ana - The Drums, Innervarve
- Moroccan Lounge - Kweku Collins
- Hollywood Bowl - Vampire Weekend, Kali Uchis
- The Forum Inglewood - Tame Impala



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Grand Can't Yawn about this portfolio

Anny Rodriguez Viloria



**Anny's Map Portafolio**

Bienvenidos a mi portafolio virtual! Mi nombre es Anny, and I am a graduate student in [Community Health Sciences at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health](#). I spend most of my time drinking tea, daydreaming about food, and plotting the demise of the capitalist, colonial, and neoliberal structures that keep the global majority poor, sick, and hungry. I came back to graduate school after having worked in the fields of international development and global health for a few years because I want to use my platform as a researcher to uplift the calls for liberation and equity in health globally. I am excited to use the tools of critical cartography to continue working toward this goal!

I had the chance to get started on my mapping journey last year when I took a course with the amazing Dr. Yoh Kawano on spatial data science. I was amazed and excited to learn about the power of mapping and data science to mobilize resources+attention to the issues that matter. [Check out my final project for that course here :o\)](#)

**About Me**

A list of random things that bring me joy:

- Free yoga videos on youtube
- Lemon-flavored seltzer
- When my plants that were almost-dying suddenly come back to life
- Garlic
- Universal health care

The artists currently on shuffle on my Spotify:

1. Bad Bunny
2. Kali Uchis
3. KAYTRANADA

Here's a map of all the places I've called home

North America  
Europe  
Asia  
Africa  
Australia  
South America  
Africa  
Monrovia, Liberia

# Alwards for Week 3

Haleakalā -mazing Thinking Cap

Lauren Valles

In a society that now runs on data, closed source tools rob folks of their individual liberties and freedom when it comes to how their data is being used. In many ways, closed source tools are harmful for civil society in the way they remove agency from the typical user and their data.



# Alwards for Week 3

**Joshua Treating the Thinking Cap Prompt Well**

**Nathakin Leepreecha**



When it comes to civil society, the above points also applies to civil society tools. One example of closed source tool is Google Maps API. Google advertises its product that there are 25 million updates daily and cover 99% of the world. Thus, closed source can be harmful in term of cost, while open source can be harmful in term of usability and service.

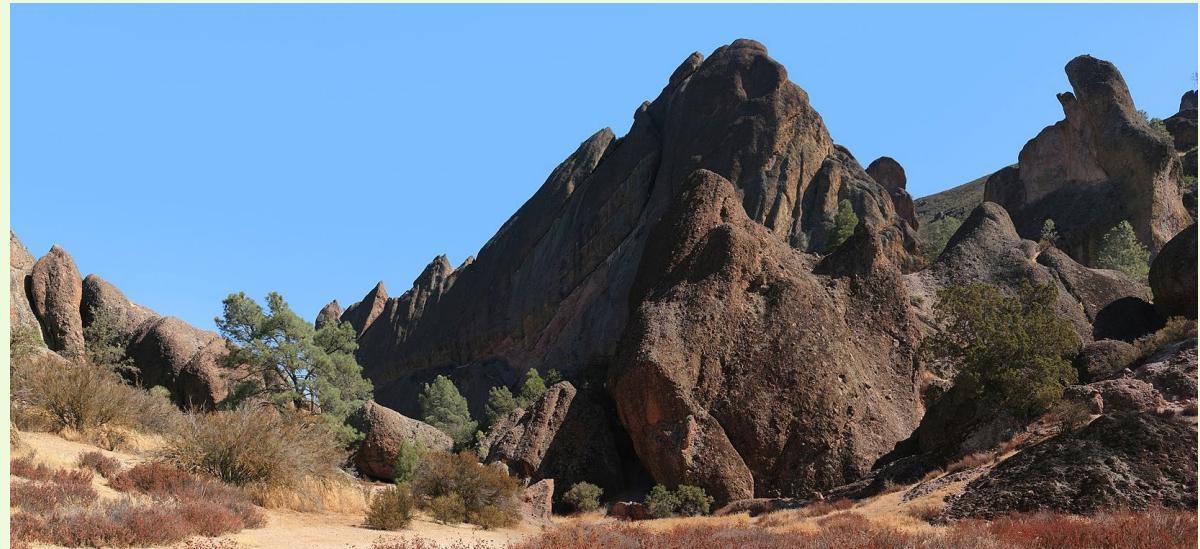
# Alwards for Week 3

## PinnacAlbert's Choice Award

Emily Pham



Moreover, the accessibility of open source software makes it an attractive tool for community-based organizations which may not have the budget for proprietary software that organizations in the private and public sector have.  
Open source software poses an alternative to proprietary, closed-source software that is frequently updated -- a quick turnover that is incentivized by commercial interests. They pose alternatives to corporate software that are widely used by the mainstream, which often are falsely framed as the sole choices for software uses.



# Alwards for Week 3

Nice Channel(ing Positive Vibes) Island

**Adhvaith Vijay and Michelle Nguyen**



↑ 1  
avaitt 17 hours ago

I loved your explanation! I think your description of the pros and cons of both open and closed sources was very thorough. I never realized that open-source software can sometimes stifle progress compared to closed-source solutions. The point you made about compatibilities across software was also interesting. We need to definitely find a middle-way that will promote the efficiencies and dependabilities of closed-source with the collaboration of open-source.

nnhimichelle 14 hours ago

Thank you for this explanation, I enjoyed reading it! I think your description of closed-source software and tying it into capitalism has shown significantly exclusivity of a variety of communities when putting up services at a cost. Not only that, it also shows how deeply ingrained it is into our collective consciousness that the little things, such as these services, just simply reinforce its place in society. I also like how you pointed the different benefits that open-source software provides and how community organizations can utilize it.

0 replies

**Next up:**

# **Theme of the week**

**Focusing on meaningful community engagement**

**Who is your target community?**

# Visiting Voices



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# Slido Q&A for Questions

We will choose top 10 upvoted questions!

# Visiting Voice: Nina Kin



[Nina Kin](#) works as the [Technical Lead at Los Angeles Metro](#) and active in spaces of civic tech and mapping for a long time.

# Visiting Voice: Carolanne Link



Carolanne Link works as the Project Manager for the UCLA Web Accessibility Initiative (UWAI) UCLA and is a disability advocate.

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## Audience Q&A Session

- ⓘ Start presenting to display the audience questions on this slide.

# **Extra Thinking Cap for the week:**

**How can local communities take ownership of technology?**

# Assignments

Due Thursday 4/22:

1. **Group Assignment #2**
2. **Lab Assignment #3**
3. **Pre-Lab:**
  - [https://github.com/albertkun/21S-ASIAAM-191A/blob/main/Week\\_4/Materials/pre-lab.md](https://github.com/albertkun/21S-ASIAAM-191A/blob/main/Week_4/Materials/pre-lab.md)