# **ALETHA SPANG**

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#### **EDUCATION**

2022 Master of Landscape Architecture and GIS Certificate

University of Colorado Denver, Denver, CO.

Thesis: Space, Play, and Resistance: Reconsidering Spatial Design from the Bottom Up.

2017 Bachelor of Science

Biology (major), Environmental Science and Physics (minors).

Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI.

Honors thesis: Mechanisms of algal and microplastic particle motion in the feeding current

of Pseudodiaptamus pelagicus.

#### RELATED EXPERIENCE

2022- Present	GIS Specialist
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Department of Geography, Dartmouth College

2020-2022 **Geospatial Consultant** 

Facility for Advanced Spatial Technology, University of Colorado Denver

2020-2022 Research Assistant

Learning Landscapes and University Technical Assistance Program,

University of Colorado Denver

#### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

2025	DAT/Artathon Fellow	PROFICIENCIES
2023	Student Research Award Honorable Mention Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture	ArcGIS Pro  ArcGIS Online  Adobe Illustrator
2021	Student Merit Award American Society of Landscape Architects CO/WY	Adobe InDesign  Adobe Photoshop  AutoCAD
2021	LAF Olmsted Scholar Landscape Architecture Foundation	AutoCAD  Google Earth Engine  HTML/CSS  ••••••
2021	Green Roof Professional Fellowship Green Roofs for Healthy Cities	JavaScript  Metashape  Python
2021	Segals AmeriCorps Education Award	QGIS ••••• R/RStudio
2017	Outstanding Senior Award	

Roger Williams University, Department of Biology

# PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

In Progress	"The Rural Rivers Project: A Community-Based Case for Critical Remote Sensing in Disaster Studies". <b>Spang, A.</b> , Alvarez-Leon, L., Kelly, S., Boke, C.
In Progress	"When COVID Brought Tech to Miami: Urban Transformation, Climate Risk, and the Birth of an Industrial Cluster". <b>Spang, A.</b> , Alvarez-Leon, L., and Ishika Jha.
In Progress	"Spatial Transformation Through Everyday-Event Relationships: A Hermeneutic-Dialectical Framework for Disasters and Beyond". <b>Spang, A.</b> .
Under Review	"Playing with Other Worlds: Rethinking the Playground in the Development of Children's Politics". <b>Spang, A.</b> Children's Geographies.
Under Review	"Assessing the 2023 Floods in Rural Vermont: Multimodal Methodology and Community Science for Mitigation in the Black River Valley". Boke, C., Kelly, S., <b>Spang, A</b> ., Sullivan, H., Valenciano Coronado, D., Reddy, E., Bezanson, N., Silvestro, A. Natural Hazards Center Weather Ready Report.
2022	"Contested Storytelling in Public Space: An Analysis of Art and Equity in Pueblo, Colorado". <b>Spang, A</b> . Confluence: the Student Journal of Geography and Environmental Science (1). University of Colorado Denver.

# **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Boke.

2025	"Mapping Beyond Boundaries: Creative Geographies as Tools for Interdisciplinary Research and Teaching". Panel with Thien-Bui Kim at the a2ru conference. Madison, Wisconsin.
2024	"Teaching with AI: Critical GIS Education for an Uncertain Future". Northeast Arc User Conference, Burlington, VT.
2024	"Integrating AI into the GIS Curriculum". Esri User Conference, San Diego, CA.
2022	"Subverting Spaces: the tactics and spatial ordering of civil resistance movements". American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
GRANTS	
2025	"Cooperation, Communication, and Networks in the Context of Inland Riverine Flooding". NSF Senior Cultural Anthropology Grant (\$350,000), PI Dr. Charis Boke, co-PI with Dr. Sarah Kelly.
2025	"Building a Community Science Tool for Inland Flooding in Vermont". Natural Hazards Center Weather Ready Research to Operations Grant (\$9,900), PI Dr. Sarah Kelly, co-PI with Dr. Sarah Kelly.
2025	"Quilting for Resilience: Stitching Together Stories of Mutual Aid from Vermont's Floods". Hopkins Center Arts Integration Grant (\$11,850), PI Dr. Sarah Kelly, co-PI with Dr. Charis

"Mutual Aid for Resilience: Mapping Vermont's 2023 Flood-Response Networks".

Natural Hazards Center Weather Ready Grant (\$10,000), PI Dr. Charis Boke, co-PI with Dr.

Sarah Kelly.

#### **TEACHING**

2022- Present **Lab Instructor**, Dartmouth College.

Introduction to Geographic Information Systems

Urban Applications of GIS

**Environmental Applications of GIS** 

GIS in Public Health Geovisualization

2022- Present **Teaching Assistant**, Dartmouth College.

Critical Analysis in GIS

Introduction to Geospatial Thinking Web Mapping and Applications

2020- 2022 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**. University of Colorado Denver.

Introduction to GIS

Introduction to GIS for Landscape Architects

2017 **Undergraduate Teaching Assistant**, Roger Williams University.

Biology I

#### **INVITED GUEST LECTURES**

2025	"Hand-drawn Map Design". Geovisualization, Dartmouth College.
2024	"The Rural Rivers Project". Designing for Disaster Seminar. Colorado School of Mines.
2024	"Quantitative Methods in Health Geographies". Introduction to Human of Geography, Dartmouth College.
2024	"Introduction to StoryMaps". Food and Power. Dartmouth College.
2023	"VGI and OpenStreetMap". Intro to Geospatial Thinking. Dartmouth College.
2023	"Coordinate Systems and Projections". Critical Analysis in GIS. Dartmouth College.
2023	"Countermapping and Alternative Cartographies". Critical Analysis in GIS. Dartmouth
2023	"Introduction to StoryMaps". Global Cities. Dartmouth College.
2023	"Mapping as Storytelling". Social Justice and the City. Dartmouth College.

### **WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS LED**

2025	Collecting, Mapping, and Analyzing Geospatial Data: Exploring the Upper Valley. Collaborative workshop with Jeremy Mikecz, Stephen Gaughan, Lucinda Hall, and Jonathan Chipman. Dartmouth College.
2023	Two Day GIS Intensive Training. Salem Sound Coastwatch.
2023	"Creative Cartographies and Care". Department of Geography, Dartmouth College.
2023	"Storymapping in ArcGIS and Beyond". Department of Geography, Dartmouth College.

#### **SERVICE**

2024- Present	Department of Geography Wellness Committee, Dartmouth College.
2024	Northeast Arc User Conference planning committee and Educator's Day planning committee.
2020-2022	Justice, Equity, and Diversity Working Group, University of Colorado Denver

# **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

2022- Present	Dartmouth Center for Academic Learning (DCAL) Faculty Workshops: Integrating Well-being into Teaching & Learning, Teaching in the Era of Generative AI, ChatGPT and AI in the Classroom, Grading for Equity, Unpacking Ungrading
2022- Present	Dartmouth Research Computing Workshops:  Software Carpentry: Plotting and Programming in Python; Software Carpentry with Python, Unix, GIT: Data Visualization for Health and Biology Possarch: Data

with Python, Unix, GIT; Data Visualization for Health and Biology Research; Data Visualization in Python; Python for Data Science; Python Scripting for Geospatial Data Science; R for Deep Learning.