
RESEARCH INTERESTS

- CyberInfrastructure & HPC
- CyberGIS & GIScience
- Health Geography
- Network Science
- Spatial Analysis & Statistics
- Transportation Geography

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL. 2025 (expected)
Informatics, Spatial concentration **Advisor:** Dr. Shaowen Wang
- M.S. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL. 2024 (expected)
Geography and Geographic Information Science
- B.S. Westminister College, New Wilmington, PA. 2019
Mathematics and Financial Economics

PUBLICATIONS (*Google Scholar, underline indicates student mentee*)

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- [1] **A. Michels**, A. Padmanabhan, Z. Li, and S. Wang. “EasyScienceGateway: A new framework for providing reproducible user environments on science gateways”. In: *Concurrency and Computation: Practice and Experience* 36.4 (Oct. 2023). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1002/cpe.7929>.
- [2] J. Park, **A. Michels**, F. Lyu, S. Y. Han, and S. Wang. “Daily Changes in Spatial Accessibility to ICU Beds and Their Relationship with the Case-Fatality Ratio of COVID-19 in the State of Texas, USA”. In: *Applied Geography* (Mar. 2023). ISSN: 0143-6228. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apgeog.2023.102929>.
- [3] J.-Y. Kang, B. F. Farkhad, M.-p. S. Chan, **A. Michels**, D. Albarracin, and S. Wang. “Spatial Accessibility to HIV Testing, Treatment, and Prevention Services in Illinois and Chicago, USA”. In: *PLOS ONE* 17.7 (July 2022), e0270404. ISSN: 1932-6203. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0270404>.
- [4] **A. Michels**, J.-Y. Kang, and S. Wang. “Particle Swarm Optimization for Calibration in Spatially Explicit Agent-Based Modeling”. In: *Journal of Artificial Societies and Social Simulation* 25.2 (Mar. 2022), p. 8. URL: <https://doi.org/10.18564/jasss.4796>.
- [5] J.-Y. Kang, **A. Michels**, A. Crooks, J. Aldstadt, and S. Wang. “An integrated framework of global sensitivity analysis and calibration for spatially explicit agent-based models”. In: *Transactions in GIS* 26.1 (Sept. 2021), pp. 100–128. URL: <https://doi.org/10.1111/tgis.12837>.
- [6] J.-Y. Kang, **A. Michels**, F. Lyu, S. Wang, N. Agbodo, V. L. Freeman, and S. Wang. “Rapidly Measuring Spatial Accessibility of COVID-19 Healthcare Resources: A Case Study of Illinois, USA”. In: *International Journal of Health Geographics* (2020). URL: <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12942-020-00229-x>.

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PAPERS

- [7] **A. Michels**, M. Kotak, A. Padmanabhan, and S. Wang. “Streamlined HPC Environments with CVMFS and CyberGIS-Compute”. In: *Forum 2023 - Harnessing the Geospatial Data Revolution for Sustainability Solutions*. Purdue e-Pubs. Oct. 2023. DOI: <https://docs.lib.purdue.edu/iguide/2023/presentations/8/>.
- [8] **A. Michels** and S. Wang. “An Agent-Based Modeling Approach to Spatial Accessibility”. In: *Forum 2023 - Harnessing the Geospatial Data Revolution for Sustainability Solutions*. Purdue e-Pubs. Oct. 2023. DOI: <https://docs.lib.purdue.edu/iguide/2023/presentations/9/>.
- [9] I. Haqiqi, W. Hu, R. Kumaran, P.-C. Li, N. Manning, **A. Michels**, A. Nassar, J. Park, J. Shi, A. Tonks, and Z. Wang. “I-GUIDE Climbers: A Model for Multidisciplinary Academic Labs for Early Career Development”. In: *Forum 2023 - Harnessing the Geospatial Data Revolution for Sustainability Solutions*. Purdue e-Pubs. Oct. 2023. DOI: <https://docs.lib.purdue.edu/iguide/2023/presentations/13/>.
- [10] **A. Michels**, J. Park, B. Li, J.-Y. Kang, and S. Wang. “Impacts of Catchments Derived from Fine-Grained Mobility Data on Spatial Accessibility”. In: *12th International Conference on Geographic Information Science (GIScience 2023)*. Ed. by R. Beecham, J. A. Long, D. Smith, Q. Zhao, and S. Wise. Vol. 277. Leibniz International Proceedings in Informatics (LIPIcs). Dagstuhl, Germany: Schloss Dagstuhl – Leibniz-Zentrum für Informatik, Sept. 2023, 52:1–52:6. URL: <https://doi.org/10.4230/LIPIcs.GIScience.2023.52>.
- [11] F. Baig, **A. Michels**, Z. Xiao, S. Y. Han, A. Padmanabhan, Z. Li, and S. Wang. “CyberGIS-Cloud: A Unified Middleware Framework for Cloud-Based Geospatial Research and Education”. In: *Practice and Experience in Advanced Research Computing*. PEARC ’22. Boston, MA, USA: Association for Computing Machinery, 2022. ISBN: 9781450391610. DOI: 10.1145/3491418.3535148. URL: <https://doi.org/10.1145/3491418.3535148>.
- [12] **A. Michels**, J.-Y. Kang, and S. Wang. “An Exploration of the Effect of Buyer Preference and Market Composition on the Rent Gradient Using the ALMA Framework”. In: *Proceedings of the 3rd ACM SIGSPATIAL International Workshop on GeoSpatial Simulation*. GeoSim ’20. Seattle, Washington: ACM, 2020, pp. 48–51. ISBN: 9781450381611. URL: <https://doi.org/10.1145/3423335.3428167>.
- [13] J.-Y. Kang, J. Aldstadt, **A. Michels**, R. Vandewalle, and S. Wang. “CyberGIS-Jupyter for Spatially Explicit Agent-based Modeling: A Case Study on Influenza Transmission”. In: *GeoSim ’19: Proceedings of the 2nd ACM SIGSPATIAL International Workshop on GeoSpatial Simulation*. Chicago, Illinois: ACM, 2019, pp. 32–35. URL: <https://doi.org/10.1145/3356470.3365531>.

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE EXTENDED ABSTRACTS

- [14] Z. Li, **A. Michels**, A. Padmanabhan, A. Nassar, D. G. Tarboton, and S. Wang. “CyberGIS-Jupyter for Water - An Open Geospatial Computing Platform for Collaborative Water Research”. In: *AGU Fall Meeting Abstracts*. Vol. 2022. Dec. 2022. URL: <https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2022AGUFMIN32A..05L>.

- [15] A. Padmanabhan, Z. Xiao, R. Vandewalle, F. Baig, **A. Michels**, Z. Li, and S. Wang. “CyberGIS-Compute for Enabling Computationally Intensive Geospatial Research”. In: *SpatialAPI’21: Proceedings of the 3rd ACM SIGSPATIAL International Workshop on APIs and Libraries for Geospatial Data Science*. Nov. 2021. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1145/3486189.3490017>.
- [16] **A. Michels**, A. Padmanabhan, Z. Li, and S. Wang. “Towards Reproducible Research on CyberGISX with Lmod and Easybuild”. In: *Gateways 2021*. Oct. 2021. URL: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5569659>.
- [17] A. Padmanabhan, Z. Xiao, R. Vandewalle, **A. Michels**, and S. Wang. “Enabling Computationally Intensive Geospatial Research on CyberGIS-Jupyter with CyberGIS-Compute”. In: *Gateways 2021*. Zenodo, Oct. 2021. URL: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5570056>.

RESEARCH GRANTS

- | | |
|------|--|
| 2023 | PI (Co-PI: Dr. Shaowen Wang), 400,000 credits
Advanced Cyberinfrastructure Coordination Ecosystem: Services & Support (ACCESS)
ACCESS Explore Allocation for “SPACTS: a spatial partitioning algorithm for computing travel-time zones at scale” (CIS230031) |
|------|--|

AWARDS

- | | |
|------|--|
| 2024 | SDOH & Place Fellowship, Healthy Regions & Policies Lab |
| 2023 | Teacher Ranked as Excellent By Their Students, Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning |
| 2023 | Student of the Year 2022, CyberGIS Center |
| 2022 | SESYNC Graduate Research Fellow, National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC) |
| 2020 | Third Place, UIUC GIS Day Virtual Student Poster Competition, UIUC Department of Geography & Geographic Information Systems |
| 2020 | Computational Research Techniques Fellowship, Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC) |
| 2020 | First Place, Robert Raskin Student Competition, Cyberinfrastructure Group, American Association of Geographers (AAG) |
| 2019 | UCGIS Prize for Advances in Geospatial Problem Solving, American Association of Geographers (AAG) / University Consortium for Geographic Information Science (UCGIS) |

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

INVITED TALKS

- 2022 “CyberGIS-Compute: Enabling Simplified Access to High Performance Computing for your Geospatial Computation” with Dr. Anand Padmanabhan. *NSF Institute for Geospatial Understanding through an Integrative Discovery Environment (I-GUIDE) - Virtual Consulting Office*. Virtual. Nov. 2, 2022.
- 2022 “CyberGIS-Compute: Geospatial Middleware for Simplifying Access to High-Performance Computing” with Dr. Anand Padmanabhan. *NSF Institute for Geospatial Understanding through an Integrative Discovery Environment (I-GUIDE) - Virtual Consulting Office*. Virtual. July 27, 2022.

CONFERENCE TALKS

- 2023 “Impacts of Catchments Derived from Fine-Grained Mobility Data on Spatial Accessibility”. *International Conference on Geographic Information Science (GI-Science)*, Leeds, UK, Sept 13, 2023
- 2023 “Exploring Road Infrastructure Inequities Across the Conterminous U.S.”. *American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting*, Denver, CO, March 25, 2023
- 2022 “SCAMEL: Spatial Accessibility Analysis at Scale”. *American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting*, Virtual, February 28, 2022
- 2021 “Towards Reproducible Research on CyberGISX with Lmod and Easybuild”. *Gateways*, Virtual. Oct 21, 2022
- 2020 “An Exploration of the Effect of Buyer Preference and Market Composition on the Rent Gradient using the ALMA Framework”. *3rd ACM SIGSPATIAL International Workshop on GeoSpatial Simulation*, Virtual. November 3, 2020
- 2020 “Particle Swarm Optimization for Calibration in Spatially Explicit ABMs”. *American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting*, Virtual. April 10, 2020

TUTORIALS & WORKSHOPS

- 2023 “CyberGIS-Compute: Geospatial Middleware for High-Performance Computing” with Anand Padmanabhan and Shaowen Wang. *I-GUIDE Forum 2023*. New York City, NY. Oct 4, 2023.
- 2023 “CyberGIS-Compute: Geospatial Middleware for Simplifying Access to High-Performance Computing” with Furqan Baig. *Accelerating Computing for Emerging Sciences (ACES) Workshop 2023*. League City, TX. July 15, 2023.
- 2023 “CyberGIS-Compute: Geospatial Middleware for High-Performance Computing”. *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG) 2023*. Denver, CO. March 24, 2023.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 “ScalableAccess: Travel-Time Polygons for Accessibility at Scale”. *UIUC GIS Day*, Champaign, IL. November 17, 2021
- 2021 “Rapidly Measuring Spatial Accessibility of COVID-19 Healthcare Resources: A Case Study of Illinois, USA”. *UIUC SESE Research Review*, Champaign, IL. April 23, 2021
- 2020 “Effect of Buyer Preference and Market Composition on the Rent Gradient”. *UIUC GIS Day*, Champaign, IL. November 18, 2020
- 2020 “Particle Swarm Optimization for Calibration in Spatially Explicit ABMs”. *UIUC SESE Research Review*, Champaign, IL. February 14, 2020
- 2019 “CyberGIS-Jupyter for Spatially Explicit Agent-based Modeling”. *UIUC GIS Day*, Champaign, IL. November 13, 2020
- 2018 “Computational Fact-Checking through Knowledge Graphs”. *Undergraduate Research Poster Session at 2019 Joint Mathematics Meeting*, Baltimore, MD. January 19, 2019

TEACHING AND MENTORING

Courses Taught as Instructor of Record

- Spring 2023 **Business Location Decisions (GGIS/BADM 205)**
Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science, UIUC
List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent By Their Students

Undergraduate Student Mentees

- 2023 - Ian Zhang
- 2023 - Jeffrey Huang
- 2023 - John Speaks
- 2022 - 2023 Taylor Ziegler, software engineering intern
- 2022 - 2023 Mit Kotak, pursuing PhD at MIT
- 2019 - 2022 Zimo Xiao, pursuing MS at CMU

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Association of Geographers (AAG)

Specialty Groups:

- Applied Geography
- Health and Medical Geography
- Cyberinfrastructure
- Spatial Analysis and Modeling
- GIScience & GIS
- Transportation Geography

Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)

Special Interest Groups:

- SIGSPATIAL (Spatial Information)

SERVICE

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2023-2024 **Symposium Program Co-Chair**, AAG 2024 Symposium on Geospatial Data Science for Sustainability
- 2023 **Reviewer**, Institute for Geospatial Understanding through an Integrative Discovery Environment (I-GUIDE) Forum
- 2022-2023 **Symposium Program Co-Chair**, AAG 2023 Symposium on Harnessing the Geospatial Data Revolution for Sustainability Solutions
- 2023 **Session Chair**, “Data-intensive and Computational Geography,” AAG 2023 Symposium on Harnessing the Geospatial Data Revolution for Sustainability Solutions
- 2022 **Session Organizer**, “Computation and Uncertainty of Spatial Accessibility,” AAG 2022 Symposium on Data-Intensive Geospatial Understanding in the Era of Cyber-GIS

JOURNAL REVIEWER

- Geocarto International, Taylor & Francis

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 2022-Present **Director, AAG CyberInfrastructure Specialty Group (CISG)**
- 2021-2022 **Student Director, AAG CyberInfrastructure Specialty Group**

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 2022 **Program Ambassador**, UIUC Informatics Program
Hosted Q&A sessions for prospective and incoming Informatics students