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PROFILE

Mr. Brunner is an experienced Scientist, Programmer, and Professor with a demonstrated history of solving problems involving big data, geographic data, and imagery. He is an expert in the fields of Geographic Information Systems, Geospatial Application Development, Remote Sensing, Big Data Analytics, Python, and ArcGIS. He is an excellent teacher who has taught undergraduate and graduate level geospatial programming courses at St. Louis University. He is an intelligent and passionate research professional with a Master of Science (MS) focused in Physics from Rice University. He has given presentations across the world on topic ranging from Green Infrastructure to Augmented Reality.

EXPERIENCE

Senior Scientist

Esri
St. Charles, MO

April 2016 – Present

Currently serves as the lead on multiple projects within Esri. He is the lead developer on an effort to develop data quality and data comparison algorithms. He is the lead scientist on an effort to implement large scale raster processing and machine learning algorithms using Amazon Web Services and ArcGIS Image Server. He is the lead developer for the Esri Python raster function development effort (<https://github.com/Esri/raster-functions/>). Has presented at numerous conferences, including, but not limited to Esri's Federal GIS Conference, Esri's Developer Summit, and Domino Data Lab's Data Science Pop-up.

Imagery Scientist

Esri
St. Charles, MO

July 2011 – Apr 2016

Led effort to develop a framework to evaluate large amounts of geographic content. Developed Python tools to automate content assessment. Developed imagery processing pipeline that extracted 3D pointclouds from oblique aerial photos. Has presented at numerous conferences on topics including, but not limited to 3D augmented reality, imagery analysis, and geographic data quality.

Adjunct Professor

St. Louis University
St. Louis, MO

Jan 2017 – Present

Teaches GIS 4091/5091 – *Advanced Programming for GIS and RemoteSensing* and GIS 4090/5090 – *Programming for Remote Sensing/GIS*. In GIS 4091/5091, students learn how to publish, consume, and analyze web services using Python, Javascript, and HTML. They are introduced to powerful, advanced Python libraries such as Pandas, Numpy, ArcGIS, and Folium in addition to learning advanced geographic data visualization techniques that leverage Python, Javascript, and web APIs. They also learn how to use the Javascript to create their first stand-alone web applications. This class builds on what students learned in GIS 4090/5090 and helps them develop knowledge and skills that they will use throughout their careers. GIS 4090/5090 introduces students to Python programming and its applications to remote sensing and GIS. Through completing this course, students are able to use Python to perform common GIS and remote sensing analysis tasks, automate workflows, and develop custom Python tools. Topics include describing data, manipulating data, automating spatial analysis tasks, creating Python scripts and tools, and using Python for imagery analysis.

GeoSLU Advisory Board

St. Louis University
St. Louis, MO

Aug 2018 – Present

Currently serving on the advisory board for the GeoSLU Big Idea; an initiative to enhance geospatial research, training, and innovation at St. Louis University.

Geospatial Advisory Board Kaskaskia College Aug 2015 – May 2018
Centralia, IL

Served on the Advisory Board for the Kaskaskia College (KC) GIS Program which was awarded a NSF-ATE grant linking a new geospatial technology program at KC to local/regional industry in South-Central, IL.

Associate Scientist Sensing Strategies, Inc. Mar 2008 – July 2011
Pennington, NJ

Developed algorithms for the analysis of space-based and ground-based sensor data in MATLAB. Implemented algorithms in data analysis software written in C++. Designed user interface for viewing sensor data. Implemented geographic information system software TatumGIS and Google Maps in graphical user interface for analyzing sensor data. Performed analysis on LiDAR sensor data. Constructed images from sensor data. Calibrated sensors in laboratory. Participated in field tests of remote sensing equipment.

Graduate Student Researcher Rice University June 2005 – Mar 2008
Houston, TX

Completed multiple astronomy research projects in collaboration with scientists across the world that led to publications and conference presentations. Developed computational algorithms to analyze large volumes of spectral data. Composed a research grant and received approval from Spitzer Science Center and the NASA Jet Propulsion Lab.

Visiting Research Fellow Spitzer Science Center, Caltech Aug 2006 – Feb 2007
Pasadena, CA

Worked with *Spitzer Space Telescope* Infrared Spectrograph instrument team to develop data reduction pipeline that decomposes spectroscopic data cubes into maps. Wrote paper summarizing our analysis of spectra from nearby galaxies.

EDUCATION

Rice University, Houston, TX
M.S., Physics, 2008

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
B.S., Physics, 2005
Minor in Earth and Planetary Science

HONORS AND AWARDS

Certificate of Appreciation from the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's Geospatial Analyst Hub (GA Hub) for *Capturing and Sharing Technical How – To*, June 2018.

Certificate of Appreciation from the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's Geospatial Analyst Hub (GA Hub) for *Excellence in Using Statistics in Python*, July 2017.

Certificate of Appreciation from the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's Geospatial Analyst Hub (GA Hub) for *Python Party Presenting – Sharing Scripting Expertise with Others in an Engaging Manner*, June 2016.

Spitzer Visiting Graduate Student Fellow, Spitzer Science Center, 2006–2007

NASA Undergraduate Student Research Program Fellow, NASA Jet Propulsion Lab, Summer 2004

Caltech Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow, California Institute of Technology, Summer 2004

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

The American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, ASPRS (2011 - 2018)
Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, AUVSI (2014 - 2016)
ASPRS Heartland Region Director (2015 - 2016)
ASPRS Heartland Region President (2013 - 2014)
The American Astronomical Society (2006 - 2011)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Extensive knowledge of software for Windows, Mac OS X, UNIX, and Linux.
Proficient programming skills in C, C++, Python, MATLAB, and IDL.
Expert with commercial GIS software such as Esri ArcGIS and TatukGIS.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

GeoPlanner for ArcGIS: Use in Green Infrastructure Planning and Beyond. Esri Federal GIS Conference. Washington, DC. March 2018.

Making Data Science Tangible Domino Data Pop-up. Chicago, IL. November, 2017.

Enabling Apps for Green Infrastructure Planning. Esri Federal GIS Conference. Washington, DC. February 2017.

Thunder Up! Mapping Russell Westbrook's Shots with Python and ArcGIS. Oklahoma South Central ArcGIS User Group. Oklahoma City, OK. September 2016.

Global Data Management Using Content Suitability Indicators. 2016 Esri International User Conference. San Diego, CA. July 2016.

Writing Image Processing Algorithms with the Python Raster Function. 2016 Esri Developer Summit. Palm Springs, CA. March 2016.

What's the State of the Data? 2015 Esri International User Conference. San Diego, CA. July 2015.

GeoPlanner for ArcGIS: An Overview. 2015 Esri Federal User Conference. Washington DC. February 2015.

Not a Web-Developer? Not a Problem! Using Open, Free, Configurable GIS Web-Applications to Jumpstart Your GIS Application Development Project. ASPRS 2014 Annual Conference. Thought Leader Presentation. Louisville, KY. March 2014.

Managing Airport Airspace Using 3D Augmented Reality. Air Traffic Controllers Association International Conference. Amsterdam, the Netherlands. March 2013.

Graduate Education and Careers in Science. Holy Ghost Preparatory School Senior Career Day. Bensalem, PA. October 2008, 2009, and 2010.

Mapping the Spatial Distribution of H_2 and PAH Emission in Nearby Galaxies with the Spitzer IRS. 211th meeting of the American Astronomical Society. Austin, TX. January 2008.

Mapping the Spatial Distribution of Warm H_2 in Nearby Galaxies with the Spitzer IRS. Spitzer Conference on the ISM in the Milky Way and Nearby Galaxies. Pasadena, CA. December 2007.

Mapping Ne, S, and H_2 across M51 with the Spitzer IRS. Deep Spectroscopy and Modeling of Nebular Emission Workshop. Beijing, China. April 2007.

Spitzer IRS Spectral Maps of Spatially Resolved Molecular Hydrogen in NGC5194. 209th Meeting of the American Astronomical Society. Seattle, WA. January 2007.

PUBLICATIONS, CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS, AND PRESS RELEASES

Mapping the Spatial Distribution of Warm H₂ in Nearby Galaxies with the Spitzer Infrared Spectrograph. **Brunner, G.**, Dufour, R., Sheth, K., Armus, L., Wolfire, M., Vogel, S., and Schinnerer, E. 2009. The Evolving ISM in the Milky Way and Nearby Galaxies.

Observations of M33 H II Regions: The Ne/S Ratio, Metallicity, and Ionization Variations. Rubin, R.H., Simpson, J.P., McNabb, I.A., **Brunner, G.**, Colgan, S.W.J., Dufour, R., Pauldrach, A.W.A., Browne, A.D., Zhang, R., and Csongradi, E.J. 2009. The Evolving ISM in the Milky Way and Nearby Galaxies.

Warm Molecular Gas in M51: Mapping the Excitation Temperature and Mass of H₂ with the Spitzer Infrared Spectrograph. **Brunner, G.**, Sheth, K. Armus, L., Wolfire, M., Vogel, S.N., Helou, G., Dufour, R.J., Smith, J.D.T., and Dale, D.A. 2008. The Astrophysical Journal. 675, 316.

Spitzer Finds Cosmic Neon's Sweet Spot. Rubin, R., Simpson, J., Colgan, S., McNabb, I., Erickson, E., Haas, M., Citron, R., Dufour, D., **Brunner, G.**, Pauldrach, A. 16 May 2008.
<http://www.spitzer.caltech.edu/Media/happenings/20080516/>

Spitzer Observations of M33 and the Hot Star, HII Region Connection. Rubin, R.H., Simpson, J. P., Colgan, S. W. J., Dufour, R. J., **Brunner, G.**, Ray, K. L., Erickson, E. F., Haas, M. R., Pauldrach, A. W. A., and Citron, R. I. 2008. The Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society. 387, 45.

REFERENCES

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