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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate	Nov. 2017 - present
Center for Geospatial Analytics, NC State University	
Ph.D. Student	Jan. 2015 - Nov. 2017
Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources, NC State University	
Master of Science	2011 - 2014
Department of Geography, Michigan State University	
Bachelor of Arts	2004 - 2009
Program in the Environment, University of Michigan	

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Published and In Preparation	2013 - 2018
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Articles in Preparation in support of Dissertation

- **Matney, J. A.**, Supak, S. K., van Berkel, D. B., Reich, B. J., & Tieskens, K. F. (2018) (In Preparation). Decision support for parks and protected areas: Leveraging big social media data to estimate visitation and examine visitor behavior. Manuscript being prepared for Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America.
- **Matney, J. A.**, Slocumb, W. S., Smith, J. W., Bonsall, P., & Supak, S. K. (2018) (In Preparation). Implementation and Evaluation of a Geospatial Management Solution for the U.S. National Park Service's Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program. Manuscript submitted to the Journal of Park and Recreation Administration.
- **Matney, J. A.**, Supak, S. K. (2018) (In Preparation). An overview of Web-GIS applications in natural resource management. Manuscript being prepared for the Journal of Map & Geography Libraries.
- Smith, J. W., Slocumb, W. S., Smith, C., & **Matney, J.A.** (2015). A Needs-Assessment Process for Designing Geospatial Data Management Systems within Federal Agencies. Journal of Map & Geography Libraries, 11(2), 226-244.
- Babcock, C., **Matney, J. A.**, Finley, A. O., Weiskittel, A., & Cook, B. D. (2013). Multivariate spatial regression models for predicting individual tree structure variables using LiDAR data. IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing, 6(1), 6-14.

TECHNICAL AND PROJECT REPORTS

Submitted	2017 - 2018
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- **Matney, J. A.**, Slocumb, W. S., Hipp, A. J. (2018). Feasibility study and report to assess migration of a web GIS portal for geospatial data management to service the National Park Service Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Branch and Related Programs. Raleigh, NC: Center for Geospatial Analytics, NC State University.
- **Matney, J. A.**, Slocumb, W. S., Smith, J. W., Hipp, A. J., Smith, C. T., & Vatsavai, R. (2017). Needs assessment and guidance to define a clear vision for a geospatial mapping system to service the needs and opportunities of the National Park Service Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Branch and Related Programs. Raleigh, NC: Center for Geospatial Analytics, NC State University.

PROJECTS

Growers - Precision Agriculture	Spring 2018
<i>Management Zone Administration</i>	

- Implemented Management Zones across 1000+ acres for a startup precision agriculture company, using SMS software.

- Offered insights from extensive experience with deploying web mapping applications to CEO while working to develop a novel agriculture mapping and data analysis mobile tool.
- Reported to Chief Data Scientist while assessing influence of crop production covariates (Mg, S, etc.) for generation of planting and seeding prescriptions.

North Carolina Department of Transportation

Spring 2018

Tax parcel and Easement mapping project

- Collaborated with project managers to assess tax implications of NCDOT propose construction throughout the Raleigh-Durham region
- Performed precise geospatial analysis, including manual digitization based on converted CAD data, on heterogeneous GIS layers acquired from various regional websites
- Spatially-Joined tax parcel data with state easement and right-of-way requests, producing an operational data table for organizational assessment
- Overlapped and mapped CAD polyline data, NC orthoimagery rasters, and CAD polygon easement requests, eliminating anomalies throughout data collection

Markov Chain Monte Carlo visualization: Gerrymandering in real-time

November 2017

Hackathon Project

- Synthesized socio-political and legal gerrymandering issues into a visual web app for public consumption.
- Distilled spatial Bayesian MCMC procedures into a simulated geographic representation of redistricting.
- Integrated Leaflet into a Shiny application for mapping support within an R web application.
- Collaborated with leading experts from academia and geospatial industries.
- Project available for open source contribution at <https://github.com/gerrymandr/mcmcviz>

Geospatial Management Solution

January 2015 - present

NPS-funded Project

- Designed, developed, and delivered a three-application suite for the National Park Service that provides geospatial data upload, storage, view, edit, and delete functionality for over 2,000 funded projects nationwide.
- Facilitated productive communication between NPS decision-makers, NC State faculty and IT staff for a competitive, grant-funded project. Liaisoned with multiple stakeholders to arrive at product development compromises.
- Administered a Qualtrics survey of web GIS suite users with the goal of improving customer satisfaction.
- Took needed troubleshooting action based on feedback, including implementing Esri product updates in real-time, adding requested functionality like project monitoring, and implementing custom web proxies for secure GET requests.
- Produced a novel geospatial solution for natural resource management agencies to improve data management - results collected into research paper for publication.

Park and Protected Area visitation estimation

January 2017 - present

Dissertation Project

- Consolidated heterogeneous data sources (social media, shapefile, raster) into a multivariate regression workflow.
- Juxtaposed modeling paradigms and realized quantifiable improvements in visitation estimation accuracy.
- Contributed to a multidisciplinary research team to better understand explanatory covariance relationships.

LiDAR Uncertainty and Classification on ROGER

May 2017

UCGIS Project

- Unified a suite of classification tools for efficient LiDAR classification using distributed computing resources.
- Implemented remote Hadoop calls on the ROGER supercomputer for analyzing massive LiDAR rasters.
- Was selected from a number of competitive groups to present findings to leading CyberGIS researchers.

Modeling Alaskan permafrost using spBayes

January 2013 - May 2014

Master's Thesis

- Implemented complex algorithms for improving permafrost prediction based on derived environmental variables.
- Reported to a global leader in spatially-explicit ecoinformatics, working closely to arrive at novel insights.

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Geospatial Analyst & PhD Student

January 2015 – present

NC State University, Raleigh

- Designed and deployed a comprehensive suite of Web-enabled GIS applications for the US National Park Service.
- Worked closely with federal agency staff while customizing software in the ESRI suite using the JavaScript for ArcGIS 4.X API.
- Identified on-demand solutions for clients using advanced tools to visualize and track over 2000 funding streams valued at millions of dollars throughout the nationwide NPS system.
- Excelled in technical courses like Spatial Data Mining in R, Geoprocessing in Python, GRASS GIS, & Enterprise Server management in ArcGIS 10.5.

Course Developer – Introduction to Geoprocessing with ArcPy

January 2016 – January 2017

Michigan State University, East Lansing

- Managed the creation of a new Introduction to Geoprocessing course for MSU's onGEO Online initiative.
- Developed a curriculum focused on automating tasks with Python for ArcGIS batch processing.
- Delivered instructional video support, comprehensive lesson plan, and novel assignments to the MSU onGEO team.

R Programming Instructor

June 2014 - August 2014

DevBootcamp, New York City

- Provided instructional sessions on R programming to students and staff of a Ruby on Rails bootcamp free of charge.
- Lead 25-person lessons to advanced programmers, detailing syntax, use cases, and statistical concepts.
- Identified value-added curricular interventions to maximize efficiency in order to respect tight timelines.

Graduate Student

October 2011 – April 2014

Michigan State University, East Lansing

- Front-end scripting in R - implementing the spBayes package alongside MySQL database management.
- Improved prediction of environmental covariates extracted from LiDAR datasets using spatial Bayesian models.
- Developed charts using ggplot2 and reprojected remote sensing data via R's Raster package on GNU/Linux systems.
- Excelled in technical courses like Spatial data analysis, probability theory, Linear algebra, & Landscape Use and Land Cover simulation.

COURSES TAUGHT

Co-Instructor – Introduction to Geographic Information Systems

Sept. 2015 – present

NC State University, Raleigh

- Managed new content production for a 200-person online course required for all students matriculated within the Master of Geospatial Science and Technology program.
- Modernized the curriculum by integrating ArcGIS web-mapping applications, Spatial Data Analysis in R, and video tutorials throughout the curriculum.
- Fielded continuous troubleshooting requests by leveraging triaged feedback strategies while prioritizing student success and interactive engagement with the material.

Co-Instructor – WebGIS Frontiers: Protocols, Services, and Applications

Sept. 2017 – present

NC State University, Raleigh

- Delivered insight into real-time GIS using GeoEvent Server to advanced graduate students.

- Improved breadth of the course by developing instructional material for custom hosted web apps using ArcGIS API 4.X for JavaScript.
- Supported distance education students through standardized feedback and assistance, including one-on-one google hangout consultation sessions.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

ISSRM – <i>Park and Protected Area visitation estimation</i>	2018
UCGIS – <i>LiDAR Uncertainty and Classification on ROGER</i>	2017
NCGIS – <i>Web GIS For Federal Agencies With The National Park Service RTCA Program</i>	2017
PSAC-CESU – <i>A Geospatial Database and Web Mapping Application for the NPS</i>	2015
ISSRM – <i>A Needs Assessment for Geospatial Data Management Systems in Federal Agencies</i>	2015
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AWARDS

Hackathon Specialist – Geometry of Redistricting workshop at Duke University	2017
UCGIS Summer School – Collaborative Problem Solving with CyberGIS and Geospatial Data Science	2017
Columbia University Visiting Researcher – Spatial Bayesian models for biomass prediction using LiDAR	2013
NASA-MSU Award – Professional Enhancement	2013

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Skills	Geospatial data analysis, web app customization, online technical instruction
Interests	Applied web mapping, machine learning, big data, and distributed computing
Design Software	Adobe Illustrator
Platforms	ArcGIS, R (Shiny, Leaflet), JavaScript (D3, React), Python (ArcPy, Pandas), GRASS
Databases	PostgreSQL, PostGIS, MSSQL Management Studio, Hive, Hadoop

GEOSPATIAL ANALYTICS COURSES

ST 590 Applied Bayesian Analysis	Spring 2016
ST 590 Statistical Learning and Data Mining	Spring 2016
GIS 595 Advanced Environmental Remote Sensing	Spring 2016
GIS 550 Geospatial Data Structures and Web Services	Fall 2015
MEA 582 Geospatial Modeling	Fall 2015
GIS 540 Geospatial Programming	Spring 2015
CSC 791 Spatial and Temporal Data Mining	Spring 2015