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EDUCATION

2023	Ph.D., Geography The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH <i>Dissertation: Privacy and Utility of Geographic Data: Revealing, Evaluating, and Mitigating the Externalities of Geographic Privacy Protection</i>
2022	M.A., Geography The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
2022	Graduate Certificate in College and University Teaching The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
2019	B.S., Geographic Information Science Wuhan University, Wuhan, China

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Main Appointments

2025–present	Assistant Professor, Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
2023–2025	Assistant Instructional Professor, Center for Spatial Data Science, University of Chicago

Other Appointments

2025–present	Faculty Affiliate, Center for Social and Behavioral Science, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
2025–present	Faculty Affiliate, National Center for Supercomputing Applications, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
2024–2028	Director, Cartography and Geographic Information Society (CaGIS) Board
2022–2023	Graduate Research Associate, Center for Urban and Regional Analysis, The Ohio State University
2019–2022	Graduate Teaching Associate & Instructor of Record, Department of Geography, The Ohio State University

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Geographic Information Science; Spatial Data Science; Social Impacts of Algorithmic Systems; Geoprivacy

PUBLICATIONS (MENTEE)

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2026 Zhao, B. & **Lin, Y.** GeoAI Collapse? Ethical Implications of Synthetic Geospatial Data Use. *International Journal of Geographical Information Science*, Published Online.
- 2025 **Lin, Y.**, Bae, C., & Talen, E. How Would AI Define Neighborhood Boundaries? A Comparison With Human-Crowdsourced Data. *Environment and Planning B: Urban Analytics and City Science*, Published Online.
- 2025 **Lin, Y.** & Zhao, B. Posthuman Cartography? Rethinking Artificial Intelligence, Cartographic Practices, and Reflexivity. *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, 115(3), 499–512.
- 2025 **Lin, Y.**, Robinson, C., Yeap, Q.F., & Michael, H. Optimizing Air Pollution Sensing for Social and Environmental Justice. *Applied Geography*, 178, 103606.
- 2025 Xiao, N., Kim, M.J., & **Lin, Y.** A Multistart and Recombination Algorithm for Finding Many Unique Solutions to Spatial Aggregation Problems. *Geoinformatica*, 29, 53–91.
- 2025 **Lin, Y.** & Grekousis, G. Can Geodemographic Clustering Be Fair? Incorporating Social Fairness in Crisp and Fuzzy Approaches Through a Unified Framework. *International Journal of Geographical Information Science*, 39(6), 1270–1295.
- 2024 **Lin, Y.** You Are Where You Live? Evaluating the Racial and Ethnic (Mis)representation in Geodemographic Classification. *Applied Geography*, 165, 103244.
- 2024 **Lin, Y.** Moving Beyond Anonymity: Embracing a Collective Approach to Location Privacy in Data-Intensive Geospatial Analytics. *Environment and Planning F*, 3(1–2), 45–63.
- 2024 **Lin, Y.** & Xiao, N. Exploring the Tradeoff Between Privacy and Utility of Complete-Count Census Data Using a Multiobjective Optimization Approach. *Geographical Analysis*, 56(3), 427–450.
- 2024 **Lin, Y.** Synthetic Population Data for Small Area Estimation in the United States. *Environment and Planning B: Urban Analytics and City Science*, 51(2), 553–562. [[data](#)]
- 2023 **Lin, Y.** & Xiao, N. Generating Small Areal Synthetic Microdata From Public Aggregated Data Using an Optimization Method. *The Professional Geographer*, 75(6), 905–915.
- 2023 **Lin, Y.** Geo-Indistinguishable Masking: Enhancing Privacy Protection in Spatial Point Mapping. *Cartography and Geographic Information Science*, 50(6), 608–623.
- 2023 **Lin, Y.** & Xiao, N. Assessing the Impact of Differential Privacy on Population Uniques in Geographically Aggregated Data: The Case of the 2020 U.S. Census. *Population Research and Policy Review*, 42(5), 81.
- 2023 **Lin, Y.** & Xiao, N. A Computational Framework for Preserving Privacy and Maintaining Utility of Geographically Aggregated Data: A Stochastic Spatial Optimization Approach. *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, 113(5), 1035–1056.
- 2023 **Lin, Y.**, Li, J., Porr, A., Logan, G., Xiao, N. & Miller, H. Creating Building-Level, Three-Dimensional Digital Models of Historic Urban Neighborhoods From Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps Using Machine Learning. *PLOS ONE*, 18(6), e0286340.
- 2023 **Lin, Y.**, Xu, C., & Wang, J. Sandwichr: Spatial Prediction in R Based on Spatial Stratified Heterogeneity. *Transactions in GIS*, 27(5), 1579–1598. [[R package](#)]
- 2022 **Lin, Y.** & Xiao, N. Identifying High Accuracy Regions in Traffic Camera Images to Enhance the Estimation of Road Traffic Metrics: A Quadtree-Based Method. *Transportation Research Record*, 2676(12), 522–534.

- 2021 Zhang, X., **Lin, Y.**, Cheng, C., & Li, J. Determinant Powers of Socioeconomic Factors and Their Interactive Impacts on Particulate Matter Pollution in North China. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 18(12), 6261.
- 2021 **Lin, Y.**, Kang, M., & He, B. Spatial Pattern Analysis of Address Quality: A Study on the Impact of Rapid Urban Expansion in China. *Environment and Planning B: Urban Analytics and City Science*, 48(4), 724–740.
- 2020 **Lin, Y.**, Kang, M., Wu, Y., Du, Q., & Liu, T. A Deep Learning Architecture for Semantic Address Matching. *International Journal of Geographical Information Science*, 34(3), 559–576.
- 2020 **Lin, Y.**, Wang, J., & Xu, C. Theoretical and Empirical Comparative Evaluations on Measures of Map Association. *Journal of Geographical Systems*, 22, 361–390.
- 2019 **Lin, Y.**, Cai, Y., Gong, Y., Kang, M., & Li, L. Extracting Urban Landmarks From Geographical Datasets Using a Random Forests Classifier. *International Journal of Geographical Information Science*, 33(12), 2406–2423.

Refereed Conference Proceedings

- 2025 Otto, P. & **Lin, Y.** The Roaring '20s Project: Mapping Pre-Renewal Built Environments in Chicago From Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps Using a Computational Workflow. 32nd International Cartographic Conference (ICC 2025), August 16–22, Vancouver, CA.
- 2024 **Lin, Y.** A Multi-Objective Optimization Approach to Balancing Utility and Equity in Location-Allocation Problems. *CaGIS-UCGIS 2024 Symposium*, June 3–6, Columbus, OH.
- 2023 **Lin, Y.** & Xiao, N. Investigating MAUP Effects on Census Data Using Approximately Equal-Population Aggregations. 12th International Conference on Geographic Information Science (GIScience 2023), September 12–15, Leeds, UK.
- 2022 **Lin, Y.** & Xiao, N. Developing Synthetic Individual-Level Population Datasets: The Case of Contextualizing Maps of Privacy-Preserving Census Data. *AutoCarto 2022*, November 2–4, Redlands, CA.

Book Chapters

- 2025 **Lin, Y.** & Kim, J. Pillars of GeoAI in Human Geography. In Huang, X., Wang, S., Wilson, J., & Kedron, P. (Eds.), *GeoAI and Human Geography – The Dawn of a New Spatial Intelligence Era*. Springer Cham.

Other Publications

- 2026 **Lin, Y.** Limits of Accuracy-Based Metrics in GeoAI Model Evaluation. *Arizona State University, Spatial Analysis Research Center*.
- 2021 **Lin, Y.** Towards Ethical and Transparent Mobility Data Products: Estimation of Road traffic Metrics from Publicly Available Camera Feeds. *OSU Geography Blog*.
- 2020 Kar, A., Liu, L., **Lin, Y.**, & Xiao, N. Exploring the Spatio-Temporal Dynamics of Socio-Economic Dimensions of the COVID-19 Pandemic: An Interactive Dashboard Approach. *OSU Geography Blog*.

In Submission

- [1] Lin, Y., Yeap, Q.F., Zhang, H. Citizen Science and Geoprivacy: Empirical Analysis of Location Masking in Large-Scale Crowdsensing Networks.
- [2] Otto, P. & Lin, Y. The Chicago Urban Heritage Project: Mapping Pre-Renewal Built Environments in Chicago From Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps.
- [3] Lin, Y. The Problem of Imbalance in Geospatial Artificial Intelligence.
- [4] Lin, Y., & Xiao, N. Can Large Language Models Be Used to Replace Human Subjects in Geographic Surveys? A Case of Vague Cognitive Regions.
- [5] Lin, Y., & Zhao, B. GeoAI Embracing Place? Earth Embeddings and The Pitfall of Digital Placelessness.

AWARDS AND HONORS

External

- 2025 IGS Research Grant Award, *Illinois Geographical Society*
- 2025 NACIS Travel Grants, *North American Cartographic Information Society*
- 2025 Third Place (Team: [Roof Mappers](#)), I-GUIDE Spatial AI Challenge 2024-25, *Institute for Geospatial Understanding through an Integrative Discovery Environment (I-GUIDE)*
- 2024 ICA Scholarship (CaGIS-UCGIS 2024 Symposium), *International Cartographic Association*
- 2024 Honorable Mention, William L. Garrison Award for Best Dissertation in Computational Geography, *American Association of Geographers*
- 2023 CaGIS Doctoral Student Scholarship Award, *Cartography and Geographic Information Society*
- 2023 IJGI Travel Award, *ISPRS International Journal of Geo-Information*
- 2023 Grad WINGS (Women+ in Geospatial Science) Fellow, Training and Retaining Leaders in STEM - Geospatial Sciences (TRELIS-GS) Program, *University Consortium of Geographic Information Science*
- 2022 Community Champion, *University Consortium for Geographic Information Science & NSF I-GUIDE Institute*
- 2022 Third Place Doctoral Student Paper Award, *East Lakes Division of the American Association of Geographers*
- 2022 ICA Scholarship (AutoCarto 2022), *International Cartographic Association*
- 2022 Third Place Student Lightening Talks Award, *University Consortium for Geographic Information Science*
- 2022 Student Travel Award, *Spatial Analytics and Modeling Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers*
- 2021 First Place Doctoral Student Paper Award, *East Lakes Division of the American Association of Geographers*
- 2021 First Place Student Paper Award, *University Consortium for Geographic Information Science*
- 2021 First Place Award, AAG Robert Raskin Student Competition, *Cyberinfrastructure Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers*
- 2020 AAG Kauffman Runner-Up Award for Best Student Paper in Geography & Entrepreneurship, *American Association of Geographers*

Internal

2023	E. Willard and Ruby S. Miller Award, <i>The Ohio State University</i>
2022	Career Development Grant Award, <i>Council of Graduate Students, The Ohio State University</i>
2022	Fenburr Travel Scholarship for Outstanding PhD Student, <i>The Ohio State University</i>
2019	Outstanding Bachelor's Thesis Award, <i>Wuhan University</i>
2019	Outstanding Graduate Award, <i>Wuhan University</i>
2018	Wang Zhizhuo Innovative Talent Scholarship (First Class), <i>Wuhan University</i>
2017	Zhonghaida Scholarship (First Class), <i>Wuhan University</i>
2016–2018	Outstanding Student Award, <i>Wuhan University</i>
2016	Second Class Scholarship, <i>Wuhan University</i>

GRANTS

2025–2026	University of Chicago, AI Initiative Teaching and Learning Seed Grant. “Fooling Ourselves Less With AI? Exploring AI-Assisted Scientific Reasoning With Students to Improve, Not Diminish, Their Reasoning Skills in Final Projects.” \$9,540. Role: Co-PI.
2025 & 2024	University of Chicago, Chicago Studies Experiential Learning Grant. “GIS Practicum.” \$5,500. Role: PI.
2024	University of Chicago, Chicago Studies Experiential Learning Grant. “History of Cartography.” \$2,500. Role: PI.
2020	Ohio Supercomputer Center. “Automatic Vehicle Detection Using Camera Feeds: Exploring Deep Learning Approaches.” \$1,000. Role: Co-PI.

PRESENTATIONS († PRESENTING AUTHOR, MENTEE)

Invited Talks

2026	GeoAI in Human Geography: Data, Algorithms, and Critical Futures. <i>Summer 2026 Speaker Series, Center for Urban and Regional Analysis, The Ohio State University</i> , May 15, Virtual.
2025	The Hidden Risks of Synthetic Data in Urban AI. <i>Urban AI Conversations, Urban AI</i> , November 27, Virtual.
2025	Harnessing OpenStreetMap Data for Roof Material and Shape Prediction (Co-Present With Julian Huang). <i>I-GUIDE Virtual Consulting Office Webinar Series</i> , November 12, Virtual.
2025	Responsible Spatial Data Science: Privacy, Fairness, and Equity. <i>Graduate Colloquium, Department of Earth, Atmosphere, and Environment, Northern Illinois University</i> , September 19, DeKalb, IL.
2025	Posthuman Cartography? Rethinking Artificial Intelligence, Cartographic Practices, and Reflexivity. <i>UCGIS Webinar Series</i> , May 15, Virtual.
2024	Reexamining Geoprivacy: From Anonymity to a Harm-Based Approach. <i>I-GUIDE Virtual Consulting Office Webinar Series</i> , June 19, Virtual.

- 2023 Privacy and Utility of Geographic Data: Revealing, Evaluating, and Mitigating the Externalities of Geographic Privacy Protection. *Shijian Forum, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences*, August 10, Beijing, China.
- 2021 Towards Transparent and Ethical Human Mobility Data (Co-Present With Ningchuan Xiao). *Geospatial Fellows Webinar Series, Geospatial Software Institute*, June 28, Virtual.

Invited Guest Lectures

- 2025 Next Wave in Geoinformation Technology: GeoAI and Ethical Considerations. *Introduction to Geoinformation Technologies*, George Mason University, November 18, Virtual.

Invited Workshops

- 2026 Spatial Data Science Summit (SDSS26). *Berkeley Institute for Data Science (BIDS), University of California, Berkeley*, March 15–16, Berkeley, CA.
- 2026 The Critical Challenges of GeoAI. *Spatial Analysis Research Center (SPARC) Workshop, Arizona State University*, February 5–6, Tempe, AZ.

Invited Panels

- 2026 Convergent GeoAI and Cyberinfrastructure for Ethical, Sustainable, and Human-Environment Resilience. *The 2026 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*, March 17–21, San Francisco, CA.
- 2026 Open Source Spatial Data Science: Education. *The 2026 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*, March 17–21, San Francisco, CA.
- 2026 Generative Geographies: Mapping the Imaginative Power of Generative AI. *The 2026 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*, March 17–21, San Francisco, CA.
- 2026 AI and Cartography: Limits, Possibilities, and Futures. *The 2026 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*, March 17–21, San Francisco, CA.
- 2026 Symposium on Spatial AI and Data Science: Frontiers and Applications: Spatial AI and Data Science for Advancing Geographic Research. *The 2026 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*, March 17–21, San Francisco, CA.
- 2026 Symposium on Spatial AI and Data Science: Frontiers and Applications: UCGIS Humans and Geospatial AI Book Club: Exploring Human Experience, Ethics, and Creativity. *The 2026 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*, March 17–21, San Francisco, CA.
- 2025 Symposium on Spatial AI & Data Science for Sustainability: Grand Challenges of Spatial AI and Data Science. *The 2025 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*, March 24–28, Detroit, MI.

Papers Presented at Professional Meetings

- 2026 Lin, Y*. Can Large Language Models Be Used to Replace Human Subjects in Geographic Surveys? A Case of Vague Cognitive Regions. *The 2026 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*, March 17–21, San Francisco, CA.

- 2025 Lin, Y.[†], Yeap, Q.F., Zhang, H. Citizen Science and Geoprivacy: Empirical Analysis of Location Masking in Large-Scale Crowdsensing Networks. *The 6th Spatial Data Science Symposium*, December 4–5, Virtual.
- 2025 Lin, Y.[†], Zhao, B. Posthuman Cartography? Rethinking Artificial Intelligence, Cartographic Practices, and Reflexivity. *2025 North American Cartographic Information Society Annual Meeting*, October 14–18, Louisville, KY.
- 2025 Otto, P.[†], Lin, Y. The Roaring '20s Project: Mapping Pre-Renewal Built Environments in Chicago From Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps Using a Computational Workflow. *32nd International Cartographic Conference (ICC 2025)*, August 16–22, Vancouver, CA.
- 2025 Lin, Y.[†]. You Are Where You Live? Evaluating the Racial and Ethnic (Mis)Representation in Geodemographic Classification. *The 2025 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*, March 24–28, Detroit, MI.
- 2024 Lin, Y.[†]. Geo-Indistinguishable Masking: Enhancing Privacy Protection in Spatial Point Mapping. *The 5th Spatial Data Science Symposium*, October 23–24, Virtual.
- 2024 Lin, Y.[†]. A Multi-Objective Optimization Approach to Balancing Utility and Equity in Location-Allocation Problems. *CaGIS-UCGIS 2024 Symposium*, June 3–6, Columbus, OH.
- 2024 Lin, Y.[†]. Geo-Indistinguishable Masking: Enhancing Privacy Protection in Spatial Point Mapping. *The 2024 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*, April 16–20, Honolulu, HI.
- 2023 Lin, Y. & Xiao, N.[†]. Investigating MAUP Effects on Census Data Using Approximately Equal-Population Aggregations. *12th International Conference on Geographic Information Science (GIScience 2023)*, September 12–15, Leeds, UK.
- 2023 Lin, Y.[†] & Xiao, N. Exploring the Tradeoff Between Privacy and Utility of Geographic Data Using a Multiobjective Optimization Approach. *The 2023 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*, March 23–27, Denver, CO.
- 2023 Lin, Y., Li, J., Porr, A., Logan, G., Xiao, N. & Miller, H.[†]. Creating High Resolution, Three-Dimensional Digital Models of Historic Urban Neighborhoods From Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps Using Machine Learning. *The 2023 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*, March 23–27, Denver, CO.
- 2022 Miller, H.[†], Lin, Y., Xiao, N. & Logan, G. Reconstructing Historical Neighborhoods from historic Sanborn Maps Using Machine Learning. *Big Ten GIS Conference 2022*, November 15, Virtual.
- 2022 Lin, Y.[†] & Xiao, N. Developing Synthetic Individual-Level Population Datasets: The Case of Contextualizing Maps of Privacy-Preserving Census Data. *AutoCarto 2022, The 24th International Research Symposium on Cartography and GIScience*, November 2–4, Redlands, CA.
- 2022 Lin, Y.[†] & Xiao, N. Exploring Tradeoffs Between Privacy and Utility of Geographic Data Using a Multiobjective Optimization Approach. *The 2022 Annual Meeting of the East Lakes Division of the American Association of Geographers*, October 27–28, Muskegon, MI.
- 2022 Lin, Y.[†] & Xiao, N. Spatial Optimization for Protecting Privacy and Preserving Utility of Geographically Aggregated Data. *UCGIS Symposium 2022: GIScience Forward: Meeting the Challenge*, June 7–9, Syracuse, NY.
- 2022 Lin, Y.[†] & Xiao, N. Examining Threats to Location Privacy in Geographically Aggregated Data With the Protection of Differential Privacy. *The 2022 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*, February 25–March 1, Virtual.

- 2021 Lin, Y.[†], Xu, C., & Wang, J. Sandwich: An R Package for Spatial Interpolation Based on Spatial Stratified Heterogeneity. *The 2021 Joint Annual Meeting of Applied Geography Conference/East Lakes AAG/West Lakes AAG*, October 14–16, Virtual.
- 2021 Lin, Y.[†] & Xiao, N. Traffic Density Estimation From Camera Feeds Using Deep Learning and High Accuracy Regions. *UCGIS Symposium 2021: Advancing GIScience-Informed Policy Solutions*, June 7–11, Virtual.
- 2021 Lin, Y.[†] & Xiao, N. Using Deep Learning and High Accuracy Regions for Vehicle Detection and Traffic Density Estimation From Traffic Camera Feeds. *The 2021 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*, April 7–11, Virtual.
- 2021 Lin, Y.[†], Kang, M., Wu, Y., Du, Q., & Liu, T. A Deep Learning Architecture for Semantic Address Matching. *The 2021 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*, April 7–11, Virtual.
- 2020 Lin, Y.[†], Cai, Y., Gong, Y., Kang, M., & Li, L. Extracting Urban Landmarks From Geographical Datasets Using a Random Forests Classifier. *Symposium on AI and Social Good, Carnegie Mellon University*, April 23–24, Virtual.

Campus and Departmental Talks

- 2025 AI Ethics in GGIS Classrooms. *GGIS Annual Ethics Seminar, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*, October 31, Urbana, IL.
- 2023 Responsible Spatial Data Science: Privacy and Fairness in Data and Algorithms. *GIS Day, University of Chicago*, November 15, Chicago, IL.
- 2023 Creating Building-Level, Three-Dimensional Digital Models of Historic Urban Neighborhoods From Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps Using Machine Learning. *Center for Spatial Data Science, University of Chicago*, November 13, Chicago, IL.
- 2023 Navigating Tradeoffs Between Privacy and Utility in Geographic Data Releases. *Graduate Colloquium, The Ohio State University*, January 20, Columbus, OH.
- 2021 Does Differential Privacy Protect Unique Geo-Identities? Evaluating Spatial Reidentification Risks in Geographically Aggregated Data Publication Under Differential Privacy. *3C GIS Day(s), The Ohio State University*, November 15–19, Virtual.

Poster Presentations

- 2026 Mei, J.[†], Lin, Y. Evaluation of Satellite Embedding Data for Land Use Analysis Using Machine Learning. *2026 SESE Research Review, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*, February 23, Urbana, IL.
- 2025 Nguyen, N.[†], Madani, E.[†], Koschinsky, J., Lin, Y. Adversarial Collaboration as Pedagogy: Enhancing Spatial Reasoning Through Chatbot Dialogue. *DSI Summer Programs 2025: Research Symposium, University of Chicago*, August 8, Chicago, IL.
- 2024 Michael, H.[†], Lin, Y. Optimizing Air Pollution Sensing: An Intersectional Approach to Race, Poverty, and the Smart City. *DSI Summer Programs 2024: Research Symposium, University of Chicago*, August 2, Chicago, IL.
- 2024 Atlas, Y.[†], Lin, Y. Socially Fair Regionalization. *DSI Summer Programs 2024: Research Symposium, University of Chicago*, August 2, Chicago, IL.

2024	Mostafavisabet, M. [†] , Tokey, A., Alam, M., Lin, Y., Xiao N., & Miller, H. 3D Urban Modeling of Historic Black Neighborhoods Using GIS and Machine Learning: Poindexter Village, Columbus, in 1940. <i>CaGIS-UCGIS 2024 Symposium</i> , June 3–6, Columbus, OH.
2023	Lin, Y. [†] & Xiao, N. Exploring Tradeoffs Between Privacy and Utility of Geographic Data Using a Multiobjective Optimization Approach. <i>The 37th Edward F. Hayes Advanced Research Forum, The Ohio State University</i> , February 24, Columbus, OH.
2022	Lin, Y. [†] & Xiao, N. Generating Small Area Synthetic Microdata for Public Use: Towards Accessible and Reproducible Spatial Data Science. <i>2022 Interdisciplinary Research Fall Forum, The Ohio State University</i> , November 7–9, Columbus, OH.
2022	Lin, Y. [†] , Li, J., Porr, A., Logan, G., Xiao, N. & Miller, H. Ghost Neighborhoods of Columbus: Reconstructing Historical Neighborhoods From Sanborn Maps Using Machine Learning. <i>2022 Interdisciplinary Research Fall Forum, The Ohio State University</i> , November 7–9, Columbus, OH.
2022	Lin, Y. [†] & Xiao, N. A Stochastic Spatial Optimization Approach to Privacy and Utility of Geographically Aggregated Data. <i>UCGIS Symposium 2022: GIScience Forward: Meeting the Challenge</i> , June 7–9, Syracuse, NY.

TEACHING

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

2025–present	GGIS 527: Geospatial Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning (Autumn 2025) GGIS 403: Geographic Information Science and Systems (Spring 2026)
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University of Chicago

2023–2025	GISC 28100: Introduction to Geocomputation (Winter 2024, Winter 2025) GISC 28300: Topics in Geographic Information Science (Autumn 2023) GISC 28400: GIScience Practicum (Spring 2024, Spring 2025) GISC 28800: History of Cartography (Winter 2024) GISC 25900: Introduction to Location Analysis (Winter 2025) GISC 27106: Geospatial Data Science for Urban Applications (Autumn 2024) SOCI 20253: Introduction to Spatial Data Science (Summer 2024, Autumn 2024) SOSC 13320: Social Science Inquiry: Spatial Analysis III (Spring 2024, Spring 2025)
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The Ohio State University

2022	Instructor of Record GEOG 5201: Geovisualization (Spring 2022)
2019–2021	Graduate Teaching Associate GEOG 4103: Introductory Spatial Data Analysis (Spring 2021) GEOG 5201: Geovisualization (Spring 2020, Autumn 2021) GEOG 5222: GIS Algorithms and Programming (Autumn 2019) GEOG 5226: Spatial Simulation and Modeling in GIS (Autumn 2020)

MENTORSHIP

Master's Thesis Advisor

2024–2025 Ashlynn Wimer. "Traffic and the Racialized Built Environment: Applying a New Lens on HOLC 'Redlining' Maps to Understand Traffic Safety Outcomes." Computational Social Science, University of Chicago

Other Graduate Research Supervision

2024 Louis Cai (University of Chicago)

Undergraduate Research Supervision

2026 Angela Li (UIUC), Janice Mei (UIUC, Roepke), Oviya Muthukumaran (UIUC, Roepke)

2025 Janice Mei (UIUC), Julian Huang (University of Chicago), Enrico Madani (University of Chicago, DSI), Na Nguyen (Brown University, DSI), Qian Fang Yeap (University of Chicago, SISRM)

2024 Yassir Atlas (University of Illinois Chicago, DSI), Marcus Kuo (University of Chicago, SISRM), Helen Michael (University of Texas at Austin, DSI), Qian Fang Yeap (University of Chicago, SISRM)

SERVICE

Reviewer

Grant Panels: NSF Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (2026)

Journals: Annals of the American Association of Geographers (2), Annals of GIS (1), Applied Geography (1), Cartography and Geographic Information Science (4), China Population and Development Studies (1), Computational Urban Science (1), Environment and Planning B: Urban Analytics and City Science (1), Geographical Analysis (1), GeoHealth (1), Geo-spatial Information Science (1), Global Environmental Politics (1), ISPRS International Journal of Geo-Information (5), International Journal of Digital Earth (1), International Journal of Geographical Information Science (2), Journal of Spatial Information Science (1), Journal of Spatial Science (1), PLOS ONE (1), Scientific Data (1), The Professional Geographer (3), Transactions in GIS (3), Urban Informatics (1)

Conferences: CaGIS Conference (2026), CaGIS-UCGIS Symposium (2024), GIScience (2023)

Book Chapters: Springer Nature (2)

Conference and Workshop Organization

2026 Program Committee, *CaGIS Conference*, September 8–11, St. Louis, MO.

2026 Session Chair & Co-Organizer, "GISER Symposium: AI & Ethics in Geography Education." *The 2026 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*, March 17–21, San Francisco, CA.

2026 Session Co-Organizer, "GISER Symposium: Ethics in GIScience." *The 2026 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers*, March 17–21, San Francisco, CA.

2026	Session Co-Organizer, “GeoAI and Deep Learning Symposium: AI Ethics and Spatial Equity.” <i>The 2026 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers</i> , March 17–21, San Francisco, CA.
2026	Session Co-Organizer, “Symposium on Spatial AI and Data Science: Frontiers and Applications: UCGIS Humans and Geospatial AI Book Club: Exploring Human Experience, Ethics, and Creativity.” <i>The 2026 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers</i> , March 17–21, San Francisco, CA.
2026	Organizing Committee, “GISER Symposium: GIScience for Human Experience and Responsibility.” <i>The 2026 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers</i> , March 17–21, San Francisco, CA.
2025	Session Co-Organizer, “Location Privacy in the Digital Society.” <i>The 6th Spatial Data Science Symposium</i> , December 4–5, virtual.
2025	Session Chair & Co-Organizer, “GeoAI and Deep Learning Symposium: Spatial Data Science and GeoAI Ethics: Bridging Research and Education.” <i>The 2025 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers</i> , March 24–28, Detroit, MI.
2024	Program Committee, <i>CaGIS-UCGIS 2024 Symposium</i> , June 3–6, Columbus, OH.
2024	Session Co-Chair & Co-Organizer, “GeoAI and Deep Learning Symposium - Responsible GeoAI II: Justice and Accuracy.” <i>The 2024 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers</i> , April 16–20, Honolulu, HI.
2024	Session Co-Chair & Co-Organizer, “GeoAI and Deep Learning Symposium - Responsible GeoAI I: Privacy and Fairness.” <i>The 2024 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers</i> , April 16–20, Honolulu, HI.
2022	Co-Chair, AAG 2022 Summer Series Graduate Forums. <i>American Association of Geographers</i> , June 14–August 9, virtual.

Departmental Service

2026	Capricious Grading Committee, <i>University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign</i>
2020–2021	Ph.D. Representative on Graduate Studies Committee, Graduate Geography Organization, <i>The Ohio State University</i>

University Service

2026	Faculty Mentor, Students Pushing INnovation (SPIN) Summer Internship Program, National Center for Supercomputing Applications, <i>University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign</i>
2026	Poster Judge, SESE Research Review, <i>University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign</i>
2024 & 2025	Faculty Mentor, Data Science Institute Summer Lab Program, <i>University of Chicago</i>
2024	Faculty Partner, Summer Institute in Social Research Methods, <i>University of Chicago</i>

Professional Service

2026–2027	Co-Chair, Scholarship Committee, <i>Cartography and Geographic Information Society</i>
2025	Mentor, NACIS Mentor Program, <i>North American Cartographic Information Society</i>
2023–2024	Mentor, Women+ in Geospatial Mentorship Programme, <i>Women+ in Geospatial</i>

2023	Research Mentor, Research Mentoring Sessions, The 2023 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, <i>American Association of Geographers</i>
2022–2023	Education Committee, <i>University Consortium for Geographic Information Science</i>
2022	Student Assistant, AutoCarto 2022, The 24th International Research Symposium on Cartography and GIScience, <i>Cartography and Geographic Information Society</i>
2021–2022	Award Committee, Graduate Student Affinity Group (GSAG), <i>American Association of Geographers</i>

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