Mackenzie Kane

Curriculum Vitae

Biographical Information & Statement:

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I grew up in Monument, CO to mountains and trees and snow. In my personal time, I love to go backpacking (Maroon Bells 4-pass, Escalante/Glen Canyon, San Isabel National Forest, etc.) mountain biking, alpine touring, and rock climbing. I am a big fan of Seinfeld – the best show ever made. I am actively enrolled at the University of Wisconsin, Madison for a M.S. degree in Cartography and GIS - Online GIS Development Program. I have a B.A. degree in Geography & Environmental Studies & a GIS Certificate – Graduated Magna Cum Laude & with Departmental Honors Highest Distinction (May of 2018) at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. I am eager to explore creative GIS solutions. I believe geospatial computing & GIS web integration is invaluable in todays data driven industry. My favorite GIS components are in geovisualization, database management, risk modeling, & scripting.

Academic Achievements:

M.S. University of Wisconsin, Madison

Actively Enrolled Major: Cartography and GIS - Online GIS Development

Program – (4.0 GPA)

B.A. University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, USA, 2018

Major: Geography & Environmental Studies - (3.8 GPA),

Magna Cum Laude & Departmental Honors with Highest

Distinction

Certificate: University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, USA, 2018

Geographic Information Science Certificate

Major Course Work:

- GIS Analysis
- Graphic Design in Cartography
- Geospatial Database Design & Development
- Interactive Cartography & Geovisualization
- Intro to GIS
- Intro to Remote Sensing
- Intro to Geospatial Computing
- Advanced GIS

- Biogeography
- Applied Hydrology
- Honors in Geography
- Geovisualization
- FSRI Mooc

Teacher Aid/Grader Course List:

- Intro to GIS, GES UCCS
- Intro to Remote Sensing, GES UCCS
- Spatial Database, GES UCCS
- Advanced GIS, GES UCCS
- Internet GIS, GES UCCS
- Digital Earth, GES UCCS

Academic Awards:

2017	2017 Summer Research Assistantship Grant
2018	Undergraduate Travel Award, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, offered by the Dean of Letters of Arts & Sciences College
2018	Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award Recipient for the Department of Geography & Environmental Studies
2018	Departmental Honors with Highest Distinction

Academic Service:

- Advisory Committee as Volunteer (Pikes Peak Outdoor Recreation Alliance)
 UCCS, 2018
- Education & Volunteer Management Committee (Pikes Peak Outdoor Recreation Alliance) – UCCS, 2018
- Communications Chair for Green Action Fund UCCS, 2016 -17
- C & R Committee Student Voice (LAS Ambassador) UCCS, 2017
- LAS Peak Ambassadors (GES Department chair nomination) UCCS 2016-18

Education:

09/2021 - In-progress

M.S. Cartography and GIS - Online GIS Development Program GPA: 4.0

University of Wisconsin, Madison - Online

08/2015 - 05/2018

B.A. Geography & Environmental Studies, GIS Certificate (2018). Departmental Honors with Highest Distinction

GPA: 3.8

University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs, CO

08/2012 - 10/2012

Industrial Designs

Metropolitan State University, Denver, CO

08/2011 - 05/2012

Undeclared

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

Employment History:

9/2022 - Present

GIS Analyst (Applications & Integrations), Black Hills Energy - Nebraska

- Develop scripts/models for schema changes and data analysis (python/SQL)
- Design and maintain services, web apps/maps, and dashboards using ArcGIS Pro, Portal, Server Manager, and Online Assistant
- Responsible for managing several database and workflow enhancement projects
- Maintain users, permissions, access, and licensing through ArcGIS Online and Portal

11/2020 - 9/2022

Senior GIS Technician (Gas GIS), Black Hills Energy - Nebraska

- Created dozens custom script tools for process automation
- Designed and maintained services, web apps/maps, and dashboards
- Redesigned and managed the data quality assurance and control program utilized Data Reviewer and Access
- Trained eight new employees and contractors on gas gis asbuilting

5/2019 - 11/2020

GIS Technician, Aerotek (Contract for Black Hills Energy) - Nebraska

- Reviewed and edit gas utility assets in GIS
- Wrote scripts/models to create custom tools for process automation
- Ensured data integrity and customer safety

09/2018 - 4/2019

Imaging Technician II, Sanborn Map Company - Colorado

- Performed aerial telemetry, orthorectification, and review high-resolution aerial imagery
- Scripted tools to streamline/automate repetitive workflows
- Facilitated a pilot imagery processing project utilizing drones

06/2018 - 07/2018

Research Fellowship, The Center for Spatialtemporal Thinking, Computing & Applications at George Mason University (National Science Foundation Funded) REU Summer - Virginia

- Assisted in the development of deep learning models to identify/predict tropical cyclone movement
- Utilized Python scripting to collect and preprocess data for model training
- Created several geo-visualizations for project

09/2017 - 05/2018

GIS Student Lab Assistant, Geography & Environmental Studies (GES) Department UCCS – Colorado

- Assisted students to perform and execute GIS lab/course work
- Graded/Tutored students on upper division course/lab work

11/2016 - 05/2018

Building Manager, University Center & Events Services

- Managedd several buildings for security & operations
- Manage several teams to ensure proper workflow
- Responsible for A/V technology implementation at UCCS events
- Confirmed proper setup of floor/room layouts for hundreds of UCCS events throughout school year

7/2016 – 11/2016

Events Assistant, University Center & Events Services

- Coordinated between several teams to ensure proper event flow/production
- Responsible for A/V technology implementation at UCCS events
- Conducted/confirmed proper setup of floor/room layouts for hundreds of UCCS events throughout the semester
- Workedd close with clients in a professional manner

1/2018 - 05/2018

Volunteer, Pikes Peak Outdoor Recreation Alliance

- Assisted in web content development
- Wrote blog reports & press releases
- GIS integration projects

02/2015 - 11/2016

Assistant, Colorado Canine Orthopedics

- Assisted surgeons & techs during surgery
- Prepped over 6 patients for surgery daily
- Ensured proper workflow between surgeries, prep, sterilization, & other procedures

• Performed proper sterilization methods to surgical tools & packs

07/2014 - 02/2015

Laborer/Assistant Tech., Abacus Technology Corporation (Government Contractor with the United Air Force Academy 10th Communication Squadron)

- Led trouble shooting & testing for data/phone communications at four host sites
- Implemented thousands of copper & fiber optic drops
- Trained on new innovations (copper, fiber, & locating technologies)

Major Academic Projects:

• Honors in Geography – Undergraduate Thesis: Field research was conducted in the summer of 2017 that resulted in an undergraduate honors thesis. Funding provided by the LAS College at UCCS: 2017 Summer Research Assistantship Grant. The research evaluated the impact of ecosystem ecology within North Cheyenne Canyon in Colorado Springs, CO. The research investigated defoliation impact of moths on coniferous trees using Thiessen polygon, spline interpolation, & linear regression models. Results indicated that defoliation was negatively correlated to proximity of a water source & an indirect apparent interaction was found resulting in higher defoliation occurring with the presence of white fir conifers. Wildfire & erosion potential was the main concern of the City of Colorado Springs, so they conducted an aerial spraying of the canyon with a biological pesticide.

GIS Student Lab Assistant – Teacher Aid Project Assistance: Mountain Metro ridership data, UCCS student usage over several different time periods, was analyzed & represented using ArcGIS & Adobe Illustrator to the Office of Sustainability. The Office of Sustainability was interested in the results, so they could promote the continuation of a free-pass trial period to enrolled UCCS students.

Forum Poster Presentation: A qualitative analysis on the growth & changes of map geovisualization in modern times with the introduction to recent innovations in GIS platform applications/software/online production. This study compared past data visualization works with modern data visuals, & it integrated three interviews with professors at UCCS that are experts in the field of GIS & data-visual rhetoric. Results paralleled with that of similar studies. A static situation of maintaining old visual concepts & structures was still in place, but interactive abilities has allowed for user generated hypotheses, insights, & presentation in a greater level. I presented the study at the Colorado Springs Undergraduate Research Forum (CSURF) in 2016 at the Air Force Academy.

SOFTWARE

Python • SQL Server Management Studio • ESRI (ArcGIS Enterprise, ArcPro/Map, Online) • PowerBI • Microsoft (Excel/ Word/VisualStudioCode/Access) • Notepad ++ • pgAdmin • Adobe Photoshop/Illustrator • HTML/CSS/JavaSript • QGIS • Global Mapper • SimActive • Ultramap • Tableau • GeoDa

Membership & Affiliation:

Association of American Geographers (2018) • Geo-Club member (2016-18) • National Society of Leadership & Success inducted honors member (2016-18) • Gamma Theta Upsilon Honors Society member (2017-18) • "A-Team" Leadership Speaker Series (departmental nomination through student employment), UCCS, (2017-18)

Personal Interests/Hobbies:

Biogeography • Ecology • Risk Modelling • Geovisualization • Scripting • Mountain Biking • Backpacking • Skiing/Snowboarding/Backcountry Skiing • Rock Climbing • Longboarding • Lacrosse • Basketball • Seinfeld