

# KAYLA A. PATEL

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Town of Acton, MA

#### Webmaster/GIS Technician | October 2015 – Present

- Performing geospatial analysis and creating static maps for town departments and public town meetings as needed.
- Creating and updating the Town's geospatial data.
- Implementing ArcOnline Maps for inter-department and public use.
- Project managing an update to the Town's website.
- Coordinating web content across Town affiliated websites, working with staff to ensure up-to-date information.

### NASA Develop National Program

#### Geospatial Researcher | June 2015 – August 2015

- Wrote the python script used to calculate a series of vegetation indices that derived shoreline changes, assessed wetland health, and created map outputs on a time series of 56 Landsat scenes.
- Presented the results to the partner organization, APNEP, and at NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

### Town of Acton, MA

#### GIS Assistant | September 2014 – May 2015

- Assisted organizing and managing the 2013 and 2014 updates to the Town's geospatial database.
- Assisted in the implementation of electronic permit tracking involving six departments.
- Assisted in the coordination of a six department move out of Town Hall for renovations.

#### GIS Intern | June 2014 – August 2014

- Updated the Town drainage dataset.
- Created crosswalk, accident history, traffic rules and orders, and subdivision datasets and maps for the Town.

### Greater Worcester Land Trust

#### GIS Intern | September 2012 – December 2012

- Determined a pathway linking Greater Worcester Land Trust protected land to the Midstate Trail using GIS.

## EDUCATION

### M.S. in GIS, August 2015

Clark University, 4.0/4.0

Thesis Title: *Evaluating conflict surrounding mineral extraction in Ghana: Assessing the spatial interactions of large and small-scale mining.*

Article in press, *Extractive Industries and Society*.

### B.A. in Geography and Sociology, May 2014

Clark University, 3.77/4.0

Thesis Title: *The participation of civil society in the formation of Boston's Rose Kennedy Greenway.*

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Spring 2013

Valparaíso, Chile. International Study Abroad.

## SKILLS

**Raster and vector data analysis** | Data preprocessing, land cover classification and change, spatial statistics

**Programming** | Python, R, HTML/CSS, javascript, git

**High quality map production** | Slippy and static web maps, printed paper maps

**Communication skills** | High level research and writing skills, teamwork and collaboration, professionally fluent in Spanish

## HONORS AND AWARDS

### Addams-Mills Award

Clark University Sociology Department, May 2014

*One to two recipient(s) a year who who have shown a dedicated commitment to community service and made strong academic contributions.*

### High Honors in Geography

Clark University Geography Department, May 2014

### GTU International Geography Honor Society

Clark University, May 2014

### Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society

Clark University, May 2014