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Current Position

ICS Associate
PennState Institute for CyberScience

Research Associate
Social Science Research Institute
The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, 16802, USA

Previous Position

Postdoctoral Research Associate
CyberGIS Center for Advanced Digital and Spatial Studies
Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science
National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA)
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL, USA

Research Interests

Spatial Analysis; Urban Complexity and Human Mobility; (Geo) Visual-Analytics;
Location Based Social Media Big Data Analytics; Geo-Computing and Spatial Interaction
(High-performance, Web and Mobile GIS)

Education

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| 2009 - 2013 | <i>Ph.D</i> in Spatial Information Science, Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland
<i>Advisors: Dr. James D. Carswell (Dublin Institute of Technology), Dr. Michela Bertolotto (University College Dublin)</i> |
| 2006 - 2009 | <i>MSc</i> in Geomatics, University of Gävle, Sweden
<i>Advisor: Dr. Bin Jiang (University of Gävle)</i> |
| 2002 - 2006 | <i>BSc</i> in Electronic Engineering, University of Electronic Science and Technology of China |

Academic Experience

2016-present	Social Science Big Data research scientist, Pennsylvania State University, USA
2016	Lecturer, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA
2014-2016	Postdoctoral research associate, CyberGIS Center for Advanced Digital and Spatial Studies; Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science; National Center for Supercomputing Applications; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA
2013-2014	Senior demonstrator, Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland
2007-2008	Research assistant, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong SAR, China

Research Grants

Co-I. “Cognitive Changes Associated with Hormonal Treatment for Breast Cancer”. Health & Environment initiative seed grant, lead I: Prof. Sheri A. Berenbaum, \$49,972. Project dates: 07/01/2017–06/30-2019

Co-PI. “Ecological Migration in a Large-Scale Quasi-Experiment Design in China: Implications of Climate Change, Landscape Structure, Ecosystem Services and Government Intervention”. IEEE Seed Grant Program, lead PI: Prof. Guangqing Chi, \$25,000. Project dates: 04/15/2017–06/30-2018

PI. “Mining Twitter User Demographics as a First-Step in Big Data for Population Research”. XSEDE (Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment) Startup computational resource allocation award, 50,000 SUs & 40 TB storage (estimated \$2,794.78). Project dates: 03/27/2017–03/26-2018

PI. “A cloud computing enabled GIS platform for the integration and synthesis of multi-layer geospatial data sources in urban studies: Understanding urban dynamics from geospatial Big Data”. Microsoft Azure Data Science Research Award, \$20,000. Project dates: 12/04/2016–12/03/2017.

Publications

WORK IN PROGRESS

2017	Gao, Y., Wang, S. Padmanabhan, A., Yin, J. and Cao, G. (2017). Mapping Spatiotemporal Patterns of Events Using Social Media: A Case Study of Influenza Trends. International Journal of Geographical Information Science (forthcoming)
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PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

2017	Yin, J. , Soliman, A., Yin, D. and Wang, S. (2017). Delineate Urban Boundaries in Great Britain from the Network of Large Scale Twitter User Spatial Interactions International Journal of Geographical Information Science., 31(7), pp. 1293-1313, DOI:10.1080/13658816.2017.1282615
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- 2017 Soliman, A., Soltani, Q., **Yin, J.**, Padmanabhan, A., and Wang, S. Social sensing of urban land use based on analysis of Twitter users' mobility patterns. PLoS ONE, 12(7): e0181657. DOI:10.1371/journal.pone.0181657
- 2017 Zheng, K., Kwan, M.P., Fang, L., **Yin, J.**, Gu, D. and Fu, Y. (2017). A Topology-concerned Spatial Vector Data Model for Column-oriented Databases. International Journal of Database Theory and Application, 10(5), pp. 33-46, DOI:10.14257/ijdt.2017.10.5.04
- 2016 **Yin, J.**, Gao, Y., Du, Z. and Wang, S. (2016). Exploring Multi-Scale Spatiotemporal Twitter User Mobility Patterns with a Visual-Analytics Approach ISPRS International Journal of Geo-Information, 5(10):187.
- 2016 Jiang, B., Ma, D., **Yin, J.** and Sandberg, M. (2016). Spatial Distribution of Tweet Numbers and Densities in Cities. Geographical Analysis, DOI: 10.1111/gean.12096
- 2015 Jiang, B., **Yin, J.** and Liu, Q. (2015). Zipf's Law for All the Natural Cities around the World. International Journal of Geographical Information Science, 29(3), pp. 498-522
- 2014 Jiang, B. and **Yin, J.** (2014). Ht-Index to Quantify the Fractal or Scaling Structure of Geographic Features. Annals of the Association of American Geographers, 104(3), pp. 530-540, DOI:10.1080/00045608.2013.834239
- 2013 **Yin, J.** and Carswell, J.D. (2013). Spatial Search Techniques for Mobile 3D Queries in Sensor Web Environments. ISPRS International Journal of Geo-Information, 2(1): pp.135-154
- 2010 Carswell, J. D., **Yin, J.** and Gardiner, K. (2010). 3DQ: Threat Dome Visibility Querying on Mobile Devices GIM International, 24(8)
- 2010 Carswell, J.D., Gardiner, K. and **Yin, J.** (2010). Mobile Visibility Querying for LBS. Transactions in GIS, 14(6): pp. 791-809, Wiley online library
- 2009 Jiang, B., **Yin, J.** and Zhao, S. (2009). Characterizing the human mobility pattern in a large street network. Physical Review E, 80(2), 021136
- 2008 Jiang, B., Zhao, S. and **Yin, J.** (2008). Self-organized natural roads for predicting traffic flow: a sensitivity study. Journal of statistical mechanics: Theory and experiment, P07008, IOP Publishing

PEER REVIEWED CONFERENCES AND LECTURE NOTES

- 2017 **Yin, J.** (2017). Mining sequential mobility pattern from semantics enriched Twitter user trajectories. *NSF Mobility Workshop on Analyzing Movement and Mobility within Geographic Context*, May 11-12, 2017, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
- 2016 **Yin, J.**, Lu, B., Yin, D. and Wang, S. (2016). A scalable visual-analytics approach for studying mobility networks: Revealing hierarchical structures in taxi mobility flows of New York, *The Third International Conference on CyberGIS and Geospatial Data Science*, July 26-28, 2016, Urbana, Illinois
- 2016 **Yin, J.**, Gao, Y. and Wang, S. (2016). Urban Sensing from Volunteered Citizen Participation using Mobile Devices. In *Seeing Cities through Big Data: Research, Methods and Applications in Urban Informatics*, Springer (forthcoming)
- 2015 Soliman, A., **Yin, J.**, Soltani, K., Padmanabhan, A., and Wang, S. (2015). Where Chicagoans tweet the most: Semantic analysis of preferential return locations of Twitter users, 1st International Workshop on Smart Cities and Urban Analytics 2015, 23rd ACM SIGSPATIAL International Conference on Advances in Geographic Information Systems
- 2014 **Yin, J.** and Wang, S. (2014). Understanding the Evolvments of Natural Cities from Night-

time Light Images: A CyberGIS-Enhanced Approach to Large Scale Geospatial Data Analysis, *The Second International Conference on CyberGIS and Geodesign*, August 19-21, 2014, Redlands, California

- 2014 **Yin, J.**, Gao, Y. and Wang, S. (2014). CyberGIS Enabled Urban Sensing from Volunteered Citizen Participation using Mobile Devices. Workshop on Big Data and Urban Informatics 2014
- 2013 Truong-Hong, L., Thi, T.T.P, **Yin, J.** and Carswell, J.D. (2013). Detailed 3D building models for Google Earth integration. In Proceedings of the 13th International Conference on Computational Science and Its Applications (ICCSA 2013), Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam: Springer(*Best paper award)
- 2013 Thi, T.T.P, Truong-Hong, L., **Yin, J.** and Carswell, J.D. (2013). Exploring Spatial Business Data: A ROA based eCampus application. In Proceedings of the 11th International conference on Web and Wireless Geographical Information Systems, Banff, AB: Springer Berlin Heidelberg, pp. 164-179
- 2012 **Yin, J.** and Carswell, J.D. (2012). Effects of Variations in 3D Spatial Search Techniques on Mobile Query Speed vs Accuracy. Web and Wireless Geographical Information Systems, Naples, Italy. (*Best paper award)
- 2012 Carswell, J.D. and **Yin, J.** (2012). Mobile Spatial Interaction in the Future Internet of Things. In Proceedings of the 20th International Conference on Geoinformatics (GEOINFORMATICS), 2012, pp. 1-6
- 2012 **Yin, J.** and Carswell, J.D. (2012). MobiSpatial: Open-source for Mobile Spatial Interaction. SAC, 12 Proceedings of the 27th Annual ACM Symposium on Applied Computing, pp. 572-573
- 2012 **Yin, J.** and Carswell, J.D. (2011). Touch2Query enabled mobile devices: A case study using OpenStreetMap and iPhone. Web and Wireless Geographical Information Systems, pp. 203-218, Springer
- 2009 Gardiner, K., **Yin, J.** and Carswell, J.D. (2009). EgoViz: A mobile based spatial interaction system. Web and Wireless Geographical Information Systems, pp. 135-152, Springer

BOOKS

- 2009 **Yin, J.** (2009), The Topological Patterns of Urban Street Networks: Exploring the topological patterns of urban street networks from analytical and visual perspectives, VDM: Germany, ISBN: 3639161734

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 **Yin, J.** (2017). A mobility network approach to modelling urban spatial interactions: Insights from the movement Big Data in New York City. The Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, April 5 – 9, 2016, Boston, Massachusetts, USA
- 2016 **Yin, J.** and Wang, S. (2016). Mining Mobility Patterns From Semantic Twitter User Trajectories. The Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, March 29 – April 2, 2016, San Francisco, California, USA
- 2015 **Yin, J.** and Wang, S. (2015). Finding community structures of UK cities based on large-scale Twitter user mobility patterns, *Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2015*, April 21-25, 2015, Chicago, Illinois, USA

2011 **Yin, J.** (2011), Web-service based Mobile Geospatial Application Development using Python, *PyCon 2011*, Dublin, Oct 8-9

Teaching Experience as Instructor

2016 - GEOG 479: Advanced Topics in GIS – CyberGIS, Spring, 2016, *course*, Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science, UIUC

2015 - Parallel Databases, *workshop/short course*, CyberGIS Center, UIUC

2015 - Interactive Visualization of Large-scale Movement Data using Apache Spark, *Summer school series*, CyberGIS Center, UIUC

2015 - Introducing the CyberGIS Toolkit in high performance computing environment, *workshop/short course*, CyberGIS Center, UIUC

2015 - Taming with geospatial Big Data with Hadoop, *workshop/short course*, CyberGIS Center, UIUC

2014 - Getting to know CyberGIS, *workshop/short course*, CyberGIS Center, UIUC

2014 - now Education and outreach at the CyberGIS Commons, *secretary*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2014 - now

2013 Programming in C, *senior demonstrator/assistant lecture*, Dublin Institute of Technology, 2013 - 2014

2013 Object oriented programing for game development, *senior demonstrator/assistant lecture*, Dublin Institute of Technology, 2013 - 2014

2013 User interface design and GUI programing with Java, *senior demonstrator/assistant lecture*, Dublin Institute of Technology, 2013 - 2014

Honors and awards

2013 Fiosraigh Head of School Research Award: for excellence in research, Dublin Institute of Technology

2013 EU Future Internet Award: for excellence in Future Internet research

2009 PhD scholarship from Science Foundation Ireland (SFI): StratAG PhD scholarship

2006 Outstanding Graduate Student Award: University of Electronic Science and Technology of China

2006 Best Undergraduate Dissertation Award: Department of Electronic Engineering, University of Electronic Science and Technology of China

2005 National Undergraduate Electronic Design Contest: Second prize: Embedded system for Multi-channel and frequency wave generating, (Team: Yu Chen, Junjun Yin and Xia Yu)

Service to the Profession

PROGRAM COMMITTEES

Session Chair for Big Movement Data for Geospatial Analytics on Urban Interactions, Symposium on Human Dynamics in Smart and Connected Communities, 2017 AAG Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, April 5 - April 9, 2017

Session Chair for Understanding Urban Dynamics Based on Movement Big Data, 2016
AAG Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, March 29 - April 2, 2016
Program committee member for International Conference on Location-based Social Media
Data, Athens, Georgia, USA, March 5-7, 2015

REVIEWER FOR JOURNALS

Reviewer for International Journal of Geographical Information Science (IJGIS) (2010, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)
Reviewer for Computers, Environment and Urban Systems (CEUS) (2009, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)
Reviewer for Geographical Analysis (2016, 2017)
Reviewer for Cluster Computing (2017)
Reviewer for Journal of Geographical Systems (2016)
Reviewer for Demography (2016)
Reviewer for Environment and Planning B: Planning and Design (2016, 2017)
Reviewer for Science China Information Science (2015)
Reviewer for PLOS One (2013, 2015, 2017)
Reviewer for Cities (2014)
Reviewer for ISPRS International Journal of Geo-Information (2013, 2014, 2015)
Reviewer for Journal of Location Based Services (2013)

REVIEWER FOR CONFERENCES

Reviewer for GIScience 2014, 2016
Reviewer for UbiComp 2016

Referees

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