

# GIS Day(s) Palooza Extravaganza 2013

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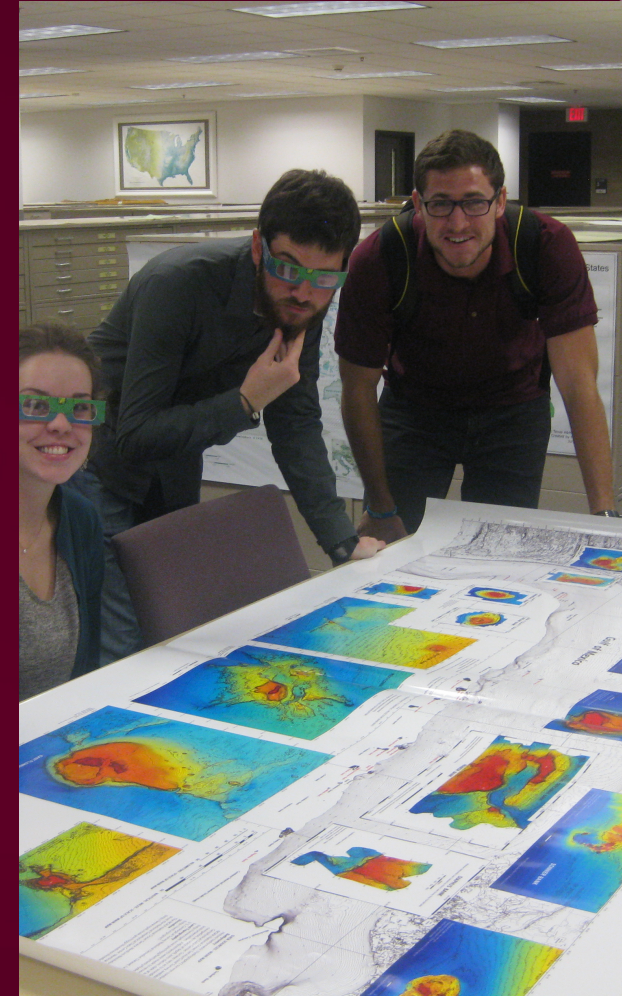
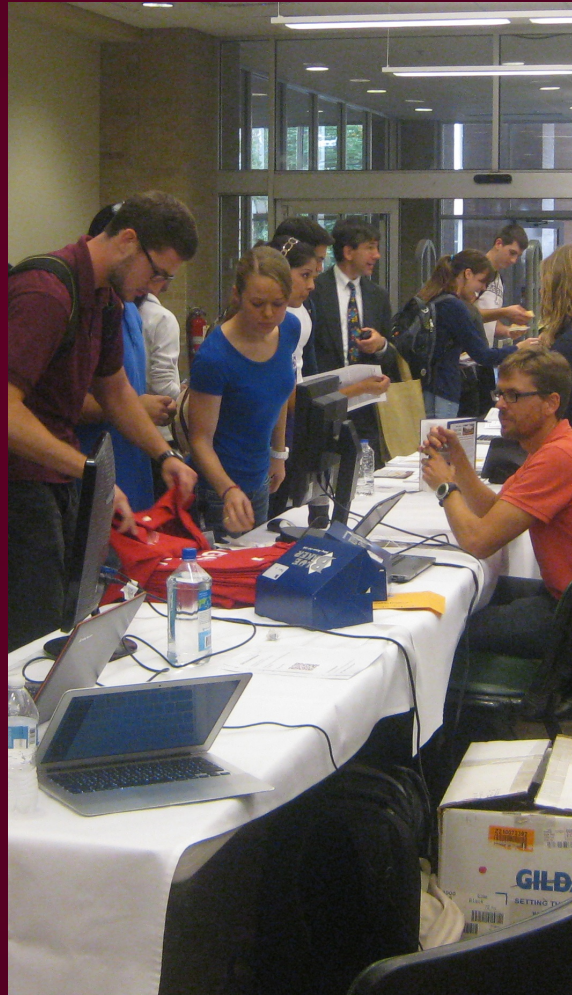
*December 10, 2013*

*Kathy Weimer*

## What is GIS Day?

- International forum for users of GIS to demonstrate real-world applications
- Part of Geography Awareness Week

# Posters, Demos, Open House





# Invited Speakers

*Dr. Joseph Kerski*

*Dr. Jorge Vanegas*

*Dr. Laxmi*

*Ramasubramanian*

*Dr. Dan Goldberg*

*Dr. Walt Peacock*





# Three Keynote Speakers

- **Laxmi Ramasubramanian, Ph.D., AICP**
  - President, University Consortium for Geographic Information Science
  - Associate Professor, Dept. of Urban Affairs and Planning
  - Director, Urban Sustainability Extension Service (Hunter College)
- **Walter Gillis Peacock, Ph.D.**
  - Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning and the Sustainable Margins Program
  - Director, Texas A&M Hazard Reduction and Recovery Center
  - Sr. Research Fellow, Center for Texas Beaches and Shores TAMUG
- **Joseph J. Kerski, Ph.D.**
  - Education Manager, Esri
  - Adjunct Instructor at University of Denver and many others
  - Co-Instructor of 1<sup>st</sup> GIS MOOC “Maps and the Geospatial Revolution” with ~27,000 virtual students
  - Past President of the National Council for Geographic Education

## Many New Events for 2013!

- 3 Days!!
- 2 National Speakers
- Crowdsourcing data collection
- Technology development
  - Beta testing phase
- Poster exhibition → Judged competition
- Multiple training sessions
- Internship opportunities
- Keynote lectures TTVN
  - Live stream & Archived

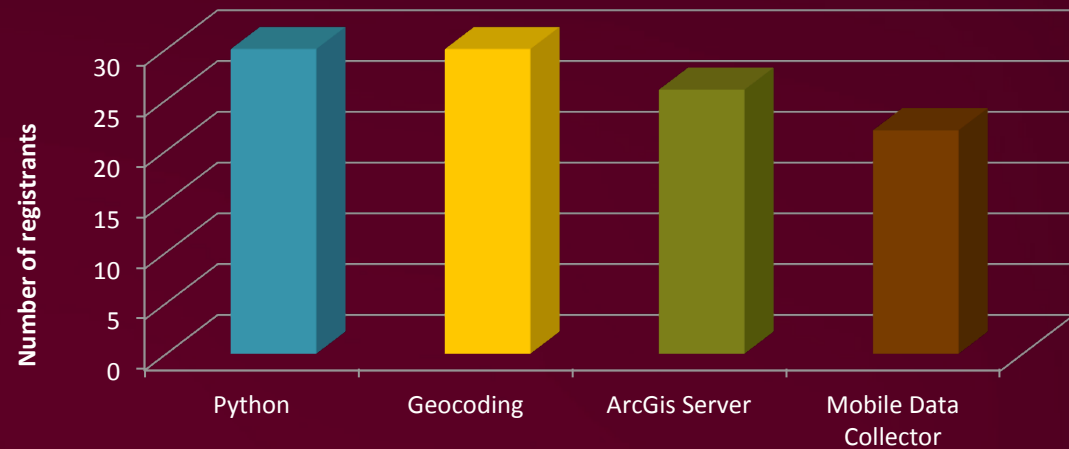
27 Events!

Total Events	
Hands-on Interactive Map Workshops	5
Technology Crash Courses	4
Presentation	2
Lunch with Dr. Kerski	1
Keynote Lectures	3
Student Poster Competition	1
Demonstrations (GIS, 3D, Vehicles)	5
Crowdsourcing for Sustainability	1
Map & GIS Library Open House	1
Reception	1
Award Ceremony	1
Internship overview and interviews	1

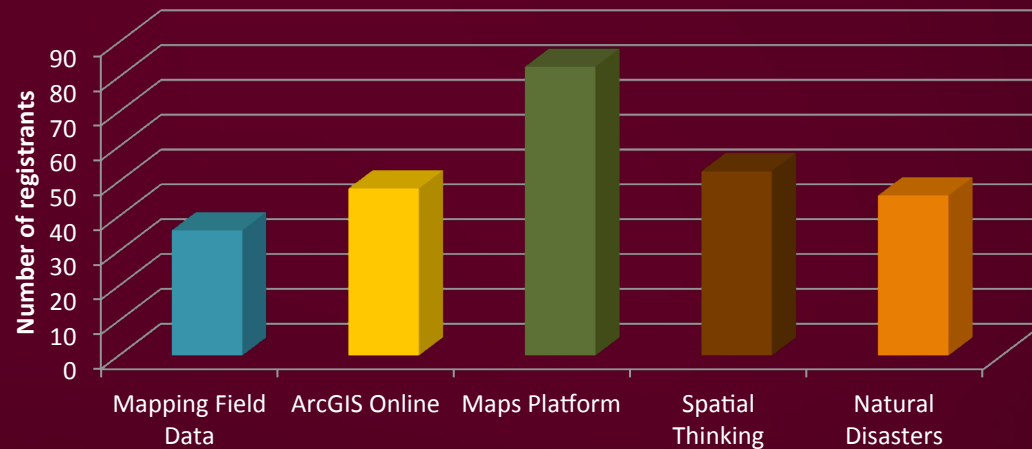


Training  
Enrollment:  
**374**  
registrants

### Crash Courses

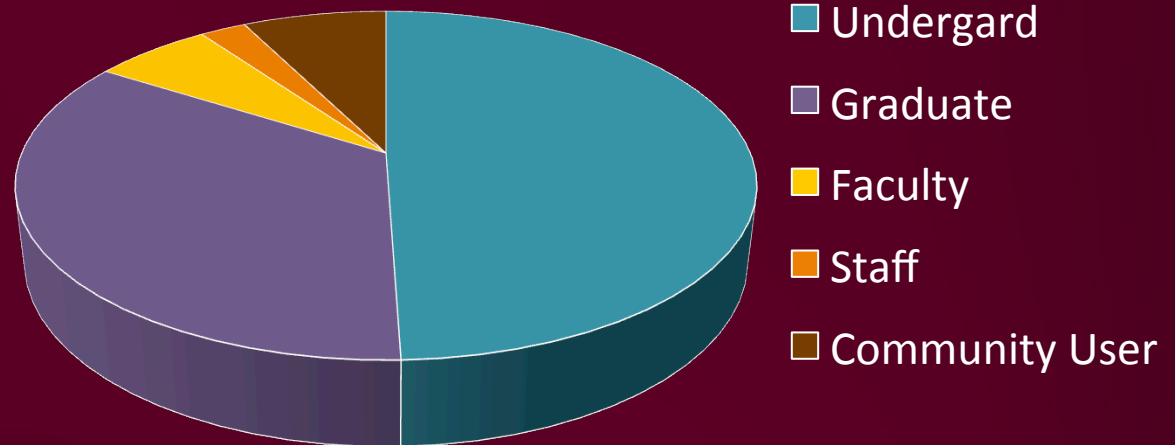


### Workshops



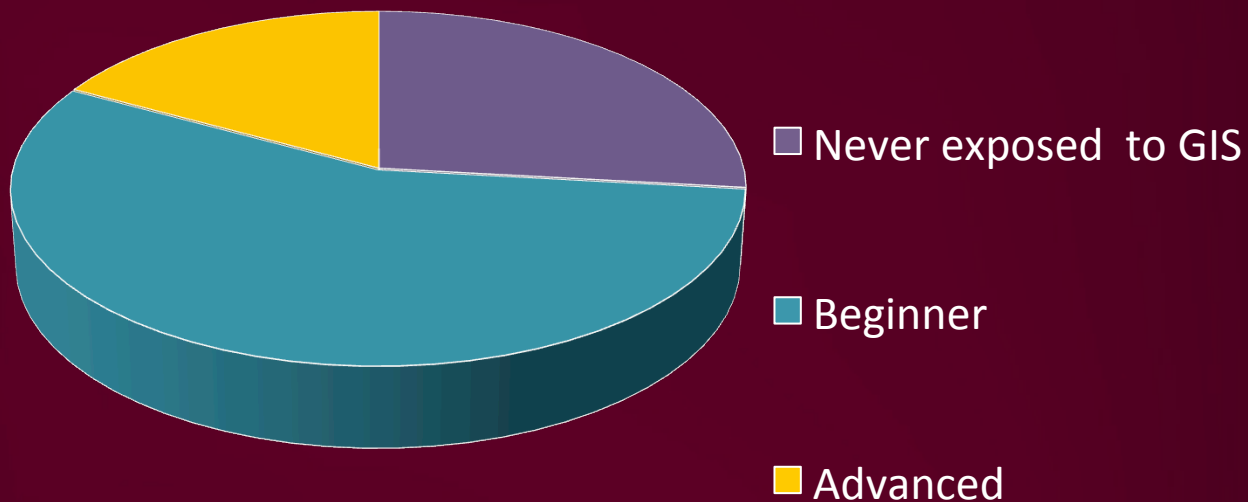
# Hands On Workshop Registrants

## TAMU Classification



Hands On  
Workshop  
Registrants

## GIS Skills





# Poster Competition

- 54 entries
- Numerous Majors:
  - Architecture, Biological Engineering, Computer Science, Civil Engineering, Ecosystem Science and Management, Electrical Engineering, Geography, Geology, Health, International Affairs, Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning, Recreation, Parks and Tourism, Visualization, Water Management, Wildlife & Fisheries
- 26 Doctoral Students
- 19 Master Students
- 9 Undergraduate Students

## Facilitating Networking

## Enabling Research

- Stronger collaboration with the Department of Geography
- Facilitated connection between Dept. of Geography and the Office of Sustainability
- One student got hired in a Houston-based GIS company
- Hazard Reduction & Recovery Center planning to launch a crowdsourcing data collection project

## Future Plans & Lessons Learned

- Students want:
  - Longer training sessions
  - Record and archive training sessions
  - Recruiters at the reception in an informal environment
- Continue collaborations with departments across campus



- Map & GIS Library staff
- And many others throughout the library and campus!

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