GIS Day(s) Palooza Extravaganza 2013

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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 1st 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
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27 Events!
Training Enrollment: 374 registrants
Hands On Workshop Registrants

TAMU Classification

- Undergrad
- Graduate
- Faculty
- Staff
- Community User
Hands On Workshop Registrants

GIS Skills

- Never exposed to GIS
- Beginner
- Advanced
Poster Competition

- 54 entries
- Numerous Majors:
- 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
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- Map & GIS Library staff
- And many others throughout the library and campus!

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