

PROFILE

Accomplished professional with proven success in connecting with on and off campus groups to produce successful recruitment efforts, funded grants, and captivating campus events. Goal-oriented mentor committed to establishing meaningful and lasting professional relationships with students, staff, and local community members.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Grant Proposals
- Budget Management
- Community Outreach
- Instructor Development
- Student Engagement
- Recruitment
- Course Development
- Project Coordination
- MS Office

EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Geography

Kent State University
Kent, OH

Bachelor of Science in History

John Carroll University
University Heights, OH

Geospatial Technology Skills Certificate

Lakeland Community College
Kirtland, OH

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Geospatial Technology Program Assistant, July 2014 to Present

Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, OH

Oversee all aspects of the Professional Network, Women in GIS, Geospatial Technology Advisory Board, and department events, activities, and meeting coordination. Lead and mentor student interns completing GIS projects. Facilitate grant organization from partnering with peers to write grant proposals to tracking grant funds, ensuring any budgets and reports are up-to-date and detailed.

- Conceptualized and launched successful GIS Day events for eight years through collaboration with community members, vendors, students, and staff.
- Spearheaded diverse outreach program that recruited K-12 and potential students, veterans, and other appropriate groups.

Part-Time Instructor of Geography, January 2010 to Present

Lorain County Community College, Elyria, OH

Develop engaging content to connect with students through online geography classes in a way that is motivating and encourages growth. Partner with department staff to ensure geography courses are aligned with program goals and textbook selections for courses are appropriate.

- Devised and revamped curriculum to accommodate an online setting that strengthened student engagement.

Part-Time Instructor of Geography, January 1997 to Present

Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, OH

Administer five geography classes through a mix of in person, online, and hybrid teaching in a way that fosters an environment that supports student learning and establishes meaningful relationships. Collaborate with department chair and college groups to produce program outcomes, course outcomes, and course schedules.

- Empower and guide new staff by evaluating effective teaching styles that lead to improved methods of resolving student conflict.
- Strengthen staff and college engagement as a member of the Part-Time Faculty Development Committee, Part-Time Faculty Advisory Committee, and the Vice President's Academic Advisory Council.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, CONTINUED

CCStars! PI and Program Assistant, January 2016 to December 2017

Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, OH

Orchestrated STEM recruitment and education efforts through creating campus events, organizing field trips to other educational institutions and local companies, and facilitating a Women in STEM group that all lead to student retention in STEM on campus programs and encouraged off campus students to enter the STEM field.

- Spearheaded and oversaw grant project from start to finish including research, writing, and execution of all components.

Additional Experience

Assistant to the Director, Academic Consulting Service, Beachwood, OH

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church, Coordinator of ECF Program, September 1992 to June 2020

Eparchy of Parma, Internship Supervisor, March 2020 to June 2020

Lake County YMCA, Water Exercise Instructor, 2018 to Present

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

National Council for Geographic Education, Member, 1994 to Present

Association of American Geographers, Member, 1998 to Present

Pennsylvania Geographical Society, Member, 2013 to Present

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, "Location Analysis for a New Merged Parish", Pennsylvania Geographical Society Annual Meeting, November 6, 2020.

Participant, "Working with ArcGIS Pro, UAS and Earth Imagery", GeoTech Center Regional Workshop, August 4 – 6, 2020.

Presenter, "Incorporating Geospatial Technologies and Service Learning into a Human Geography Course: An Example", East Lakes Division of AAG Regional Meeting, October 11, 2019.

Participant, Esri T3G Institute- Teachers Teaching Teachers GIS, July 20 and 27, 2019.

Exhibitor, Northeast Ohio GIS Symposium, May 9, 2019; August 31, 2017; August 25, 2016.

Presenter, "Measuring the Impact of Depopulation and the Foreclosure Crisis: Land Cover Change in East Cleveland, OH (2006-2016)", Pennsylvania Geographical Society, November 10, 2017.

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS, CONTINUED

Presenter, "Understanding Space or just Spaced Out: The Development of the Spatial Thinking Course Module for GIS Students", National Council of Geographic Education, July 28 – 31, 2016.

Moderator, "Best Practices of Excellence in Teaching Award Winners", Part-time Faculty Development Workshop, November 21, 2013

Presenter, "Field Trips- Not Just for Elementary School", Pennsylvania Geographical Society, October 25, 2013.

Presenter, "Using Field Trips to Promote Student Success and Keep them Creatively Engaged", OATYC Conference, October 11, 2013.

Invitee, Esri T3G Institute- Teachers Teaching Teachers GIS, June 16 – 21, 2013.

AWARDS

International Endowment Fund for Faculty 2020 Winner, September 2020.

OATYC Conference Part-Time Teacher of the Year Nominee, October 2013

Distinguished Service Award – Part-Time Faculty at Lakeland Community College, May 2013