Department of Geography
Research concentrations

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• **Environmental Geography**
  – Physical Geography, Geomorphology
  – Biogeography
  – Environmental Hazards
  – Climatology
  – Water resources, hydrology, water policy

• **GIScience**
  – Remote Sensing, Cartography and Geovisualization, GIS, Web
  – Spatial analysis and spatial statistics
  – Spatial Humanities
  – Land Us/Land Cover Change

• **Human Geography**
  – Political, Urban, Economic
  – Migration
  – Mexico and Central America

• **Geography Education**
  – K-12
  – Spatial learning
  – Education policies

• **Interdisciplinary**
  – Across disciplines
  – Across universities, national and international
Environment, Climate, Hazards, Physical Geography, Geology

- **Thomas Ballinger**, Ph.D., Kent State, 2015, Assistant Professor — climatology, climate and environmental change, cryosphere-climate interaction, synoptic meteorology
- **R. Denise Blanchard**, Ph.D., Colorado at Boulder, 1992, Professor — natural and environmental hazards, economic, environmental studies, historical, research methods
- **David R. Butler**, Ph.D., Kansas, 1982, Texas State University Regents’ Professor — geomorphology, natural hazards, mountain environments and environmental change, biogeography
- **Rebecca Davio**, Ph.D., Texas at Austin, 2001, Assistant Professor of Practice — solid waste management, land management
- **Rene DeHon**, Ph.D., Texas Tech, 1970, Senior Lecturer — geology, mineralogy, petrology, planetary geology
- **Richard A. Earl**, Ph.D., Arizona State, 1983, Professor — water resources, environmental change and management, field methods, physical
- **Ronald Hagelman, III**, Ph.D., Texas State, 2001, Associate Professor and Associate Chair — environmental, hazards and disaster, historical, land management and conservation, urban environment/agriculture
- **Donald A. Huebner**, Ph.D., Texas at Austin, 2002, Senior Lecturer — Texas, environmental management, field methods, quantitative methods
- **Suzon Jammes**, Ph.D., Université de Strasbourg, France, 2009, Senior Lecturer — geology, geophysics
- **Jason Julian**, Ph.D., North Carolina, 2007, Associate Professor — water resources, environmental services, fluvial geomorphology
- **Dolores van der Kolk**, Ph.D., University of Texas, 2015, Lecturer — geology, sedimentology, stratigraphy
- **Neil Kucera**, J.D., Houston, 1986; M.A.G., Texas State, 2001, Lecturer — environmental law, energy and resource management
- **Tim Loftus**, Ph.D., Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 2000, Professor of Practice and Meadows Endowed Chair in Water Conservation — water conservation and efficiency, water supply planning and policy, watershed planning
- **Robert Mace**, Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin, 1998 — water policy and science, water resources and conservation, stakeholder processes, numerical groundwater flow modeling, innovative water technologies
- **Kimberly Meitzen**, Ph.D., South Carolina, 2011, Assistant Professor — fluvial processes, geomorphology, river basin management, biogeography
- **Colleen Myles**, Ph.D., California at Davis, 2012, Assistant Professor — environmental management, cultural ecology, urban-rural fringe, qualitative methods
- **Andrew Sansom**, Ph.D., Texas State, 2013, Professor of Practice — water resources, parks and protected places, conservation leadership
- **Christi Townsend**, Ph.D., Texas State, 2012, Senior Lecturer — physical, research methods, world
- **John P. Tiefenbacher**, Ph.D., Rutgers, 1992, Professor — hazards, human dimensions of wildlife, environmental problems, Mexico borderlands, States of the Former Soviet Union, air quality
GIScience

**Edwin Chow**, Ph.D., South Carolina, 2005, Associate Professor — GIScience, internet GIS, GIS based-modeling, GIScience programming

**Nathan Currit**, Ph.D., Pennsylvania State, 2003, Associate Professor — remote sensing and land cover change, GIScience, uncertainty and change in human-environment systems

**Alberto Giordano**, Ph.D., Syracuse, 1999, Professor and Chair — cartography, historical GIS, Holocaust and genocide, spatial applications of forensic anthropology

**Jennifer Jensen**, Ph.D., Idaho, 2009, Associate Professor — Lidar, remote sensing, biogeography, land use/land cover change

**Yongmei Lu**, Ph.D., SUNY at Buffalo, 2001, Professor — GIScience, urban and regional studies, crime, health, China and East Asia

**Alexander Savelyev**, Ph.D., Pennsylvania State, 2015. Assistant Professor — geovisualization and geovisual analytics, cartography, and visual cognition

**Yihong Yuan**, Ph.D., California at Santa Barbara, 2013, Assistant Professor — GIScience, spatio-temporal data mining, GIScience programming

**F. Benjamin Zhan**, Ph.D., SUNY at Buffalo, 1994, Professor — GIScience, health and the environment, transportation and network science

Geographic Education

**Richard G. Boehm**, Ph.D., Texas at Austin, 1975, Professor and Jesse H. Jones Distinguished Chair of Geographic Education

**Injeong Jo**, Ph.D., Texas A&M, 2011, Assistant Professor — geographic education, geospatial technologies for education, assessment in geography

**Osvaldo Muniz**, Ph.D., Tennessee, 1991, Professor — geographic education, Latin America, online learning methods, global collaboration, international flows

**Michael Solem**, Ph.D., Colorado at Boulder, 1999, Research Professor — geographic education

Human Geography

**Sarah Blue**, Ph.D. UCLA, 2004, Associate Professor — Latin America, population, migration, qualitative methods

**Mark L. Carter**, M.A.G., Texas State, 1994, Senior Lecturer — land use analysis, quantitative methods, energy

**Brian Cooper**, Ph.D., Texas State, 2012, Senior Lecturer — world regional, U.S. and Canada, economic

**Jennifer Devine**, Ph.D., California at Berkeley, 2013, Assistant Professor — political, Latin America, nature and heritage tourism, qualitative methods

**Lawrence E. Estaville**, Ph.D., Oklahoma, 1984, Professor — ethnic, business, geographic education

**Eric Sarmiento**, Ph.D., Rutgers, 2015. Assistant Professor — nature/society analysis, urban, cultural

**Rusty Weaver**, Ph.D., University at Buffalo, 2012, Assistant Professor — urban change and decline, GIScience, quantitative methods