

Texas Alliance for Geographic Education

part of the Grosvenor Center for Geographic Education

Exciting News for Educators!

Two new opportunities are coming to Texas State University for educators to enrich their geographic knowledge!

Texas State University will be offering a new online Master's degree program beginning in **Fall 2020**. The **Master of Applied Geography (M.A. Geo) with a Geographic Education** concentration degree is **100% ONLINE** and offers an outstanding opportunity for current and future teachers of geography, AP Human Geography, social studies, and earth and environmental science to advance their knowledge, effectiveness, and career as an educator. For more information, visit the [website](#). For any specific questions, click on the "**Contact Us**" button from the website.

MASTER OF APPLIED GEOGRAPHY (GEOGRAPHY EDUCATION)

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6-9 CREDITS
PER SEMESTER
FINISH IN
TWO YEARS
(INCLUDING SUMMER)

THERE IS NO BETTER PLACE TO STUDY GEOGRAPHIC EDUCATION THAN TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

FOCUS

Designed for educators, this degree emphasizes teaching effectiveness, curriculum leadership, professional development, and online education.

RECOGNITION

The department is ranked 1st in Texas and 13th in the nation as a “best value for the money” program by College Factual (2019). More than 60% of Ph.D. holders in geographic education nationwide in the last 15 years are alumni of the department.

PRESTIGE

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APPLY NOW

For more information and application instructions visit:
geo.txstate.edu/degrees-programs/geoedonline



Jeremy Lippert, M.A. Geo. student, Texas State University; Social Studies Chair, Harmony Science Academy – Pflugerville, Texas

The courses in this online degree program were designed by Texas State’s internationally recognized faculty members in geography education. The degree program is based on cutting-edge research and state-of-the-art approaches to teaching, learning, and professional development in geography. Course topics include active learning, geospatial technologies and spatial thinking, curriculum and standards, online professional development, field-based learning, geography jobs and careers, and inquiry-based teaching. The program also includes materials developed in partnership with the National Geographic Society.

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Texas State University is also planning to offer a new **Hybrid Online Ph.D. degree program** with an **anticipated start date of Summer 2020**. The **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Geographic Education** is currently under review and seeking approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. This degree would be perfect for those that want to pursue a more research-based career in education and/or administrative position within the school districts. Questions concerning the Hybrid Online degree program can be directed to [Allison Glass](#). Information about the current in-residence degree program can be found [here](#).

Proposed Hybrid Online PhD Program in Geography Education Planned for Summer 2020*

Tentative Suggested Path of Coursework:

- I. Nine (9) hours in-residence – Summer 2020
- II. Ten (10) hours online – Fall 2020 - Spring 2021
(includes electives)
- III. Twelve (12) hours online – Summer 2021 - Spring 2022
(includes electives)
- IV. Fifteen (15) hours of dissertation online – Summer 2022 and beyond

There will be at least one (1) intensive research preparation meeting scheduled once a year on weekends with major advisor throughout the program.

Geography Education Faculty includes:

Dr. Richard G. Boehm
Dr. Injeong Jo
Dr. Osvaldo Muniz
Dr. Michael Solem

Other Core PhD Geography Faculty includes:

Dr. Tom Ballinger	Dr. Nancy Li
Dr. Denise Blanchard	Dr. Yongmei Lu
Dr. Sarah Blue	Dr. Kimberly Meitzen
Dr. Edwin Chow	Dr. Colleen Myles
Dr. Nathan Currit	Dr. Eric Sarmiento
Dr. Jennifer Devine	Dr. Alexander Savelyev
Dr. Richard Dixon	Dr. John Tiefenbacher
Dr. Alberto Giordano	Dr. Russell Weaver
Dr. Ronald Hagelman	Dr. Yihong Yuan
Dr. Jennifer Jensen	Dr. F. Benjamin Zhan
Dr. Jason Julian	

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For current status contact Allison Glass at am13@txstate.edu

Let me introduce myself!

My name is Sherri Driscoll and I am the new supervisor of the Texas Alliance for Geographic Education (TAGE) in the Gilbert M. Grosvenor Center for Geographic Education at Texas State University. I come to the position with 17 years of experience in education, 15 years of those at The Alamo in San Antonio. While my focus at the Alamo was history, we all know that you can't understand that famous battle without understanding the issues of land in 1836, as well as the people who came from a wide variety of locations to take up residence in Texas. In other words, Geography!

When the opportunity to work at Texas State came to my attention, I knew that was the next step in my professional career. I could not resist the combination of working with subject matter experts at the University, while supporting our State's classroom teachers. I look forward to working with each of you in the coming years. There have been changes in the structure and programming of TAGE, but our focus and commitment to the classroom teacher still guides our efforts. Please know that I am only a phone call or email away!



On October 19th, the Grosvenor Center hosted a Powerful Geography workshop in San Marcos with 15 participants from across the state of Texas. This was the second workshop for these participants following a workshop back in February. Our participants (pictured below) included Education Service Center Social Studies Consultants, district social studies coordinators, and geography teachers from across the state! During the one-day workshop these geography experts created Powerful Geography lesson plans and learning materials, helping us in our next step in implementing Powerful Geography within the state of Texas.

To learn more about Powerful Geography visit our website [here](#).



PREPARE FOR THE 2019 NCSS/NCGE/TCSS CONFERENCE



National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS), Texas Council for the Social Studies (TCSS), and National Council for Geographic Education (NCGE) invite you to attend the

largest annual gathering of K-12 social studies classroom teachers, college and university faculty members, curriculum designers and specialists, district and state social studies supervisors, international educators, and social studies discipline leaders.

- Network with 3,500 colleagues
- Attend over 600 sessions to increase your professional learning
- Get the latest in social studies and geography education
- Gain valuable CEUs and college credit
- Learn about the revised social studies Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)
- Visit more than 175 exhibitors highlighting the latest social studies products and services

[Advanced Rates for Registration](#) is still open through November 15th.

Learn more about the [Texas Alliance for Geographic Education](#)

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