

# SWAAG 2023

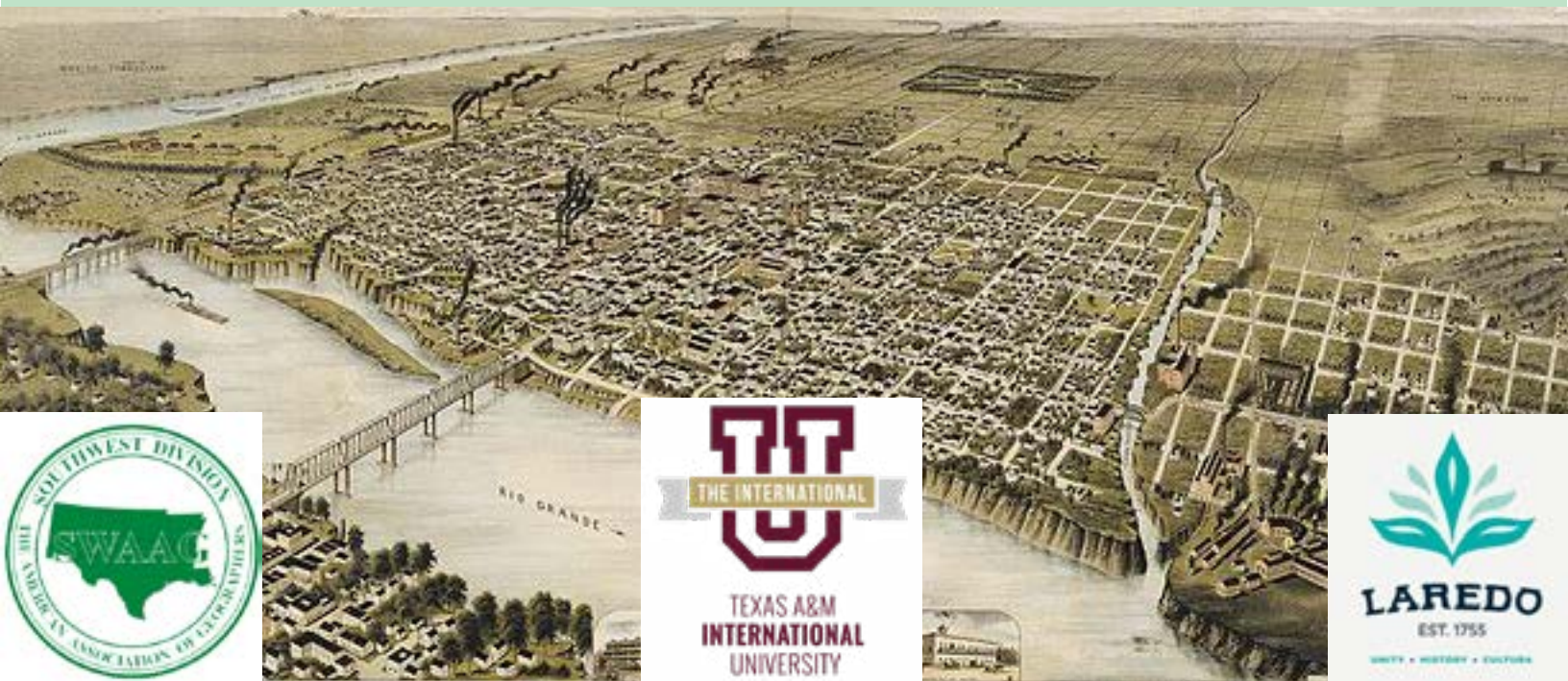
## Meeting Program



### Annual Meeting of the Southwest Division of the American Association of Geographers

La Posada Hotel - Laredo, Texas - Nov 1-4, 2023

Hosted by Texas A&M International University and the City of Laredo



# **SWAAG Officers and Hosts**

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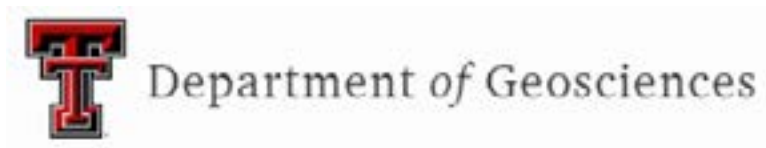
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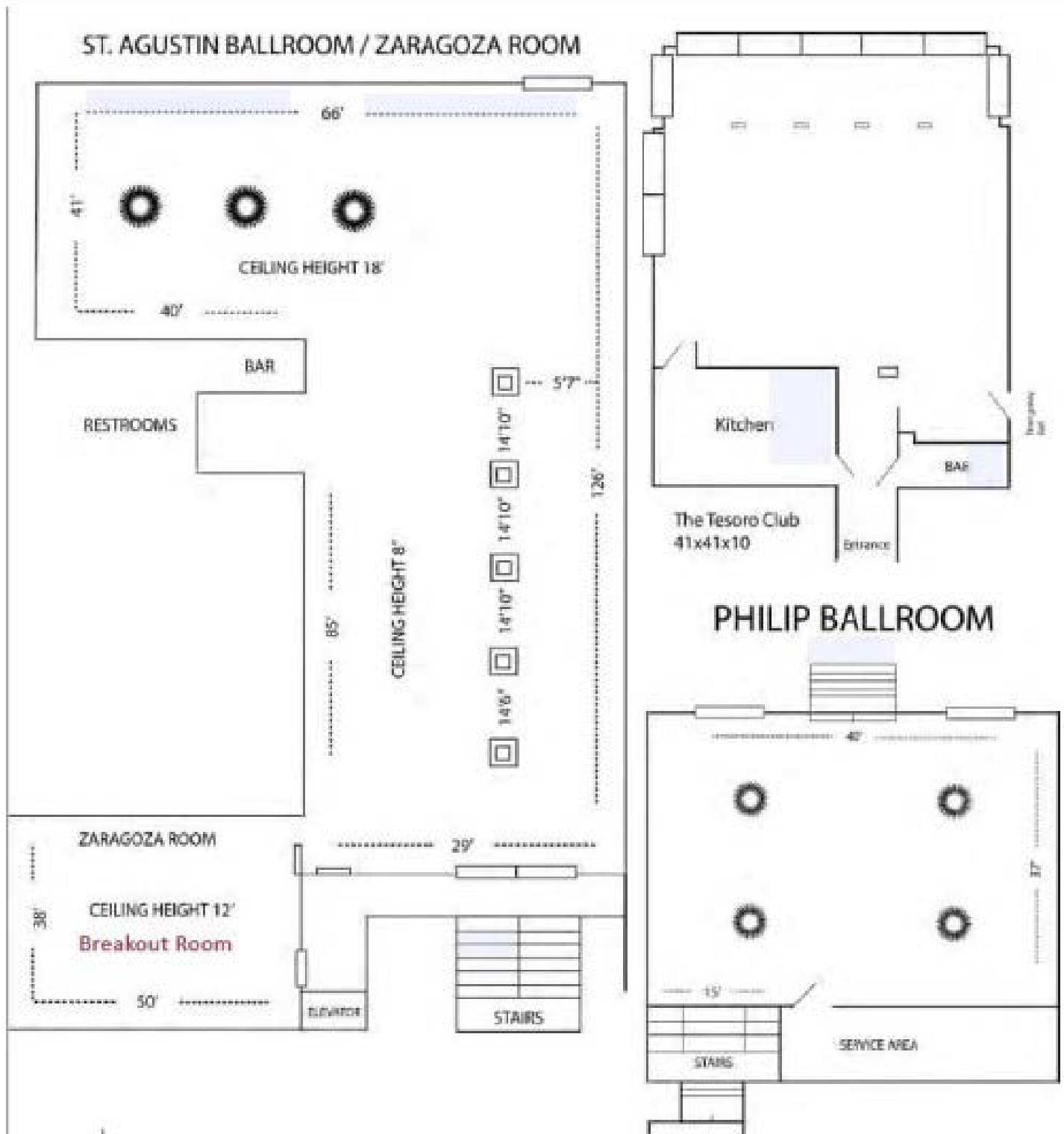


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# Conference Room Maps



St. Agustin Ballroom (left): Lunch, banquet, paper/poster sessions, Geobowl

Tesoro Club (top-right): Paper sessions, Geobowl, top floor main building

Philip Ballroom (bottom-left): Paper sessions, Geobowl, middle floor main building

# Schedule Overview

## WEDNESDAY

**6:00 - 8:00 pm** Meet and Greet Party and Early Registration

Villa Antigua - Webb County  
Heritage Museum - 810 Zaragoza  
Street

## THURSDAY

**8 am** Registration

**8:45 - 9:05 am** Introductory Remarks

**9:15 - 10:55 am** Sessions - First Round

**11:15 am - 12:45 pm** Carne Asada Luncheon w. Key-note by Dr. Gary Langham

**1:00 - 2:40 pm** Sessions - Second Round

**3:00 - 4:40 pm** Sessions - Third Round

**5:00 - 5:45 pm** Grad Student Meet Up

**6:15 - 9:15 pm** SWAAG Geobowl

## FRIDAY

**9:15 - 10:55 am** Registration

**9:15 - 11:15 am** Sessions - First Round

**11:15 am - 12:30 pm** Lunch Break on Your Own

**12:30 - 2:10 pm** Sessions - Second Round

**2:30 - 4:10 pm** Sessions - Third Round

**4:30 - 5:30 pm** SWAAG Business Meeting

**6:00 - 7:30 pm** BBQ Dinner and Awards  
Caminarte Art Walk

## SATURDAY

**8:00 am - 12:30 pm** Field Trip to El Corazon  
Ranch and Solar Farm

# Wednesday, November 1, 2023 Schedule

## Pre-Meeting Reception and Early Registration

**Location:** Border Heritage Museum - 810 Zaragoza Street - just diagonal (200m ENE or to the right and across the street) from the front entrance of La Posada

**Time:** 6 - 8 pm



**Food Courtesy of TAMIU Department of Social Sciences**

**Beverages Courtesy of Ad-Hoc Committee**



# Thursday, November 2, 2023 Schedule

**8:00 am - 'Til**

**Registration**

Outside of St. Agustin Ballroom

**8:45 am - 9:05 am**

**Welcoming Remarks**

St. Agustin Ballroom

8:45ish am *Bienvenidos a Laredo!!!*

Andy Hilburn - Texas A&M International University; Alison Hadley - Texas A&M International University

**9:15 am - 10:55 am**

**Graduate Student Paper Competition -  
Session 1**

Tesoro Club

9:15 am

*Improving Urban Flyways for Bats: The Importance of Tree Canopy Structure*

Manuel de Oyarzabal Barba - Texas Christian Univ.

9:35 am

*Neighborhood-Scale Wildfire Evacuation Vulnerability in Hays County, TX*

Chad Ramos - Texas State University

9:55 am

*Empowering Disaster Resilience through Cyber-infrastructure: A CyberGIS for Multi-Scale Visualization and Management of Urban Resilience to Climatic Hazards*

Debayan Mandal - Texas A&M University

10:15 am

*Discovering co-location patterns in space using Simulation-tested Spatial Association Mining*

Yalin Yang - UT- Dallas

10:35 am

*Identify geographical environments influencing emergency response performance*

Yanan Wu - UT- Dallas

**Session Chair: Randy Peppler**

# Thursday, November 2, 2023 Schedule

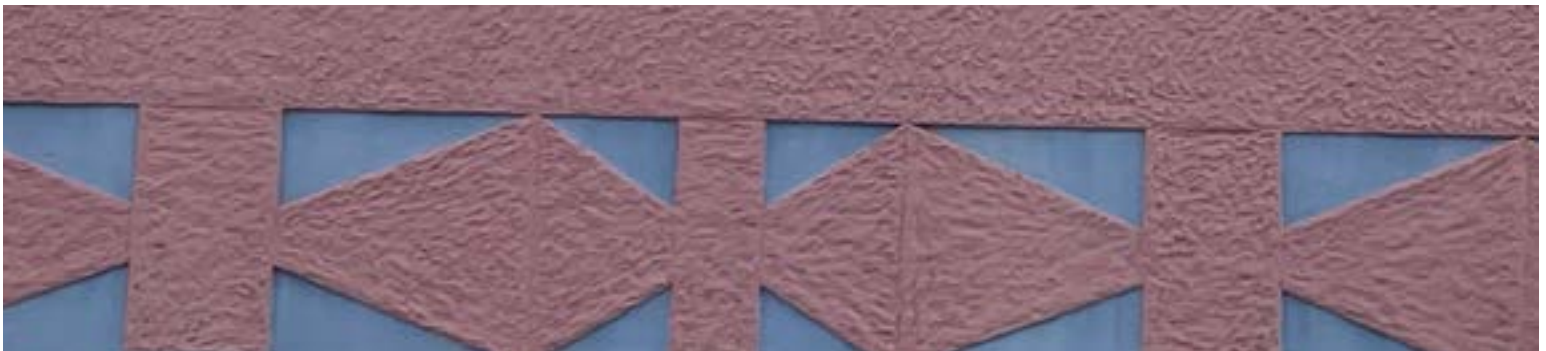
**9:15 am - 10:55 am**

Philip Ballroom

## Mapping Violence and Social Movements

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| <b>9:15 am</b>  | <i>Mapping violence risk with survey data in Mexico</i>   | <b>Eugenio Arima - UT-Austin</b>                               |
| <b>9:35 am</b>  | <i>Visualizing and Exploring Holocaust Narratives and Testimonies: Towards an Integrated Geography of the Holocaust</i> | <b>Alberto Giordano - Texas State University</b>               |
| <b>9:55 am</b>  | <i>The Woman Life Freedom Social Movement in Iran: A Geospatial and Historical Analysis</i>                             | <b>Najmeh Heidarian - Texas State University</b>               |
| <b>10:15 am</b> | <i>The Cattle-Cocaine Economy in Central America's Protected Areas</i>  | <b>Jennifer Devine - Texas State University</b>                |
| <b>10:35 am</b> | <i>Measurement of Spatial Displacement/Diffusion of Benefits of Burglar Alarms on Residential Burglary</i>              | <b>Seungmug (Zech) Lee - Texas A&amp;M International Univ.</b> |

**Session Chair: Eugenio Arima**



# Thursday, November 2, 2023 Schedule

**11:30 am - 12:45 pm**

San Agustin Ballroom

## Carne Asada Luncheon

*Sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences of Texas A&M International University*

### *Guest Speaker: Dr. Gary Langham*

*Executive Director of the AAG*

Join AAG's Executive Director, Dr. Gary Langham, to talk about the latest programs and issues facing geographers. Learn more about the AAG's analysis of the discipline of geography in North America, hear about new programs to elevate the discipline with the public and policymakers, explore career and professional development resources, and discuss concerns relating to the next annual meeting in Honolulu.



**1:00 - 2:40 pm**

Philip Ballroom

## Bracing for and Forging Ahead with Climate Change

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| <b>1:00 pm</b> | <i>The role of conflict in agricultural climate resilience and vulnerability, a Kosovo wine cross-case study.</i>   | <b>Dustin Sanchez - Texas State University</b>                     |
| <b>1:20 pm</b> | <i>Assessing the Impact of Micromobility Programs on Climate Change Mitigation in the U.S.: A Systematic Review - Poster Presented in Room During Time Slot</i> | <b>Hananeh Omidi - University of Oklahoma</b>                      |
| <b>1:40 pm</b> | <i>Evaluating the Urban Heat Mitigation Potential of the San Antonio Cool Pavement Pilot* - UG Student Paper Competitor</i>                                     | <b>Tyler Pursch - UT-San Antonio - UG Student Paper Competitor</b> |
| <b>2:00 pm</b> | <i>Indigenous Local Knowledge and Climate Action</i>  | <b>Binay Thapa - Texas State University</b>                        |

**Session Chair: Dustin Sanchez**

# Thursday, November 2, 2023 Schedule

**1:00 - 2:40 pm**

Tesoro Club

## Graduate Student Paper Competition - Session 2

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| <b>1:00 pm</b> | <i>Barriers to Climate Justice in Small-to-Medium-Sized Cities: A Case Study of Tulsa, Oklahoma</i> | <b>Olivia Van Buskirk - University of Oklahoma</b>        |
| <b>1:20 pm</b> | <i>Behind the Discourse on Plastic Waste Pollution</i>  | <b>Abigail Cervenka - University of Oklahoma</b>          |
| <b>1:40 pm</b> | <i>Health-Related Quality of Life in Fracking Communities: A Case Study in the Eagle Ford Shale</i> | <b>Erica Kronenberger - University of Oklahoma</b>        |
| <b>2:00 pm</b> | <i>Assessment of climate change vulnerability in Rio Grande Indigenous reservation communities</i>  | <b>Tabytha Clearwater - UT-San Antonio</b>                |
| <b>2:20 pm</b> | <i>Westernization Patterns of Indigenous Achuar Communities in the Amazon Rainforest of Ecuador</i> | <b>Luis Felipe Flores Garzon - University of Oklahoma</b> |

**Session Chair: Randy Pepler**





# Thursday, November 2, 2023 Schedule

**1:00 - 2:40 pm**

**San Agustin Ballroom**

## Poster Session 1 - Student Research

\*indicates student poster competition participant

*Drought Dynamics in the Canadian River Basin, United States\**

**Priyanjali Bose - Texas State University**

*Assessing Heat Vulnerability in Philadelphia using Geographically Weighted Principal Component Analysis (GWPCA): A Big Data-driven Approach\**

**Ehsan Foroutan - Oklahoma State University**

*A Day in the Life of Copperhead Snakes in Tennessee\**

**Akpoeze Ononeme - University of Oklahoma**

*The long-run effect of redlining practice on social vulnerability in major U.S. cities\**

**Yujian Lu - University of New Mexico**

*Beyond Conventional Proximity Metrics: Using Smartphone Mobility Data to Unveil Health Access Disparities\**

**Lixiaona Yu - Oklahoma State University**

*Urban Park accessibility assessment using human mobility data: A systematic review\**

**Michaelmary Chukwu - University of Arkansas**

*Left Behind Places and the Ogallala Aquifer in Texas\**

**Matt Saldana - Texas Tech University**

*Resurveying the Faynan: Using GIS and remote sensing to monitor contemporary threats to an ancient landscape\**

**Michael Boyles - Texas State University**

*A Comparison of South Central Plains Capital cities Sustainability Efforts with Respect to Health and Environmental Justice\**

**Sage Lail - University of Oklahoma - UG Student Competitor**

*Identifying the Dead: Developing a Center in South Texas for the Identification of Remains of Undocumented Border Crossers*

**Samantha Olvera - Texas A&M International University**

*Deep in the Heart: Homeschooling in the Lonestar State*

**Grace Martin-Young - University of North Texas**

*An Equity Analysis of Tree Canopy in Tarrant County, Texas*

**Adam Buckmeier - Texas Christian University**

*Land use land cover change detection analysis: A case study of Lekhnath Metropolitan city, Kaski, Nepal*

**Mina Ojha - University of North Texas**

*Innovative Approaches to Sustainable Food Systems: A Case Study Exploration*

**Phoebe Godfrey - University of Connecticut**

# Thursday, November 2, 2023 Schedule

**3:00 - 4:40 pm**

Tesoro Club

## Borders and Social Justice Struggles

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| 3:00 pm | <i>Bounded, Surveilled, Isolated, and Imperiled: Spatial Dimensions of Environmental Injustice in a US-Mexico Border City</i>   | Andrew Hilburn - Texas A&M International Univ.                       |
| 3:20 pm | <i>“Death is Everywhere”: Migrant Death in South Texas</i>  | Molly Miranker - Texas State University                              |
| 3:40 pm | <i>Safe Haven for Asylum Seekers: Differential Treatment at the US-Mexico Border</i>  | Sarah Blue - Texas State University                                  |
| 4:00 pm | <i>Exploring Between-State Ecologically Unequal Exchange: Network Analysis of Interstate Commodity Flows and Their Impact on Environmental &amp; Public Health Outcomes</i> | Peyman Hekmatpour - Oklahoma State University                        |
| 4:20 pm | <i>An Organizational Geography of Anti-hunger Work in Central Oklahoma</i>  | Amelia Landry - University of Oklahoma - UG Student Paper Competitor |

Session Chair: Sarah Blue



# Thursday, November 2, 2023 Schedule

**3:00 - 5:00 pm**

San Agustin Ballroom

## Human-Environmental Systems

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| <b>3:00 pm</b> | <i>Weakly Forced Thunderstorms in the Southeast US Are Stronger Near Urban Areas</i>  | Neil Debbage - UT - San Antonio                  |
| <b>3:20 pm</b> | <i>Multi-criteria Analysis of Climate-Driven Compound Risks across Travis County, Texas</i>                                       | Julie Brooks - Texas State University            |
| <b>3:40 pm</b> | <i>Delineation of the basic units of Social-Environmental Systems for Landscape Planning: An Approach towards Regionalization</i> | Mohammad Shahriyar Parvez - Univ. of Oklahoma    |
| <b>4:00 pm</b> | <i>Testing "Global Terrestrial Stilling" with ERA-5 Reanalysis Data</i>   | Shaikh Sadique Rahman - Texas Tech University    |
| <b>4:20 pm</b> | <i>Land cover changes in the Darién Gap of Panama before and during the COVID-19 pandemic</i>                                     | Michaela Buenemann - New Mexico State University |
| <b>4:40 pm</b> | <i>Estimation of Hurricane Harvey washover fan thicknesses on Matagorda Peninsula, Texas, using pre- and post-Lidar DEMs</i>      | Harry Williams - University of North Texas       |

Session Chair: Michaela Buenemann

# Thursday, November 2, 2023 Schedule

**3:00 - 4:40 pm**

**Philip Ballroom**

## Energy Geographies

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| <b>3:00 pm</b> | <i>Using logistic regression-cellular automata to project future sites for commercial wind energy development</i>  | <b>Joshua Wimhurst - University of Oklahoma</b>                                   |
| <b>3:20 pm</b> | <i>Coupling Fire, Energy and Social Vulnerability in the Anthropocene: The Hazardous Nature of Public Safety Power Shutoffs in Butte County, California.</i> | <b>Thomas Ptak - Texas State University</b>                                       |
| <b>3:40 pm</b> | <i>A Modern Framework for Venting and Flaring Oversight in Texas</i>   | <b>Virginia Palacios - Commission Shift</b>                                       |
| <b>4:00 pm</b> | <i>A GIS Web-based Application for Identifying and Evaluating Effects of Natural Gas Pipelines in Erath County, Texas*</i>                                   | <b>Esmeralda Simpson - Tarleton State University- UG Student Paper Competitor</b> |
| <b>4:20 pm</b> | <i>National Comparative Analysis of Coal and Fracking on Drinking Water Quality</i>  | <b>Madelyn Verno - University of Oklahoma</b>                                     |

**Session Chair: Thomas Ptak**







# Friday, November 3, 2023 Schedule

**9:15 - 11:15 am**

**Tesoro Club**

## **Land and Life in Nepal**

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| <b>9:15 am</b>  | <i>Deformation Model of Central Nepal Caused by the 2015 Gorkha Earthquake</i>  | <b>Prashant Thapaliya - University of North Texas</b>  |
| <b>9:35 am</b>  | <i>Assessment of Rangeland Biodiversity Shift to Higher Altitude Areas in Upper Mustang, Nepal</i>  | <b>Injal Bhattarai - University of North Texas</b>     |
| <b>9:55 am</b>  | <i>Comparison of Esri's Global Land Cover Products at Regional Level Using Sentinel Images and Machine Learning Algorithms: A Case Study of Nepal</i> | <b>Suman Singh Thakuri - University of North Texas</b> |
| <b>10:15 am</b> | <i>Climate Change Impact on Water Resource and Associated Adaptation Strategies in the Middle Mountain Region of Western Nepal</i>                    | <b>Suraj Sharma - University of North Texas</b>        |
| <b>10:35 am</b> | <i>Complexities in the Food System: The Case of Nepal</i>   | <b>Keely Patelski - Texas Tech University</b>          |
| <b>10:55 am</b> | <i>Preparation of Flood Hazard Map and Review of Flood Hazard Warning and Danger Level at Terai Region of Karnali River, Nepal</i>                    | <b>Shushant Koirala- University of North Texas</b>     |

**Session Chair: Prashant Thapaliya**

# Friday, November 3, 2023 Schedule

**9:15 - 11:15 am**

**Philip Ballroom**

## **Cultural Geographies**

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| <b>9:15 am</b>  | <i>Ride or Die: A Two-Wheeler's Ethnography</i>  | <b>Dane Atkins - Texas State University</b>                 |
| <b>9:35 am</b>  | <i>Obfuscating Gender and Race in the American Frontier through Embodied Affect: Historical Fiction Tourism at the Ingalls Homestead in Desmet, South Dakota</i> | <b>Rebecca Sheehan - Oklahoma State University</b>          |
| <b>9:55 am</b>  | <i>Murder Amid the Orange Groves: South Texas and Settler Colonialism in the Mystery Novels of Todd Downing</i>  | <b>Nathaniel Racine - Texas A&amp;M International Univ.</b> |
| <b>10:15 am</b> | <i>Framing the Russian Invasion of Ukraine for US Audiences through Humor</i>  | <b>Darren Purcell - University of Oklahoma</b>              |
| <b>10:35 am</b> | <i>Revisiting Vrin: Romansh culture and Death</i>  | <b>Erik Prout - Texas A&amp;M University</b>                |
| <b>10:55 am</b> | <i>Black Bears in Big Bend National Park</i>   | <b>Don Jonsson - Austin Community College</b>               |

**Session Chair: Erik Prout**

# Friday, November 3, 2023 Schedule

**12:30 - 2:10 pm**

**Philip Ballroom**

## Urban Geographies

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| <b>12:30 pm</b> | <i>The Port of Victoria, Texas: A Case Study of Regional Transportation and Industrial Development</i>                        | <b>Michael Yoder - University of Texas - Austin</b>    |
| <b>12:50 pm</b> | <i>Navigating heterogeneous sanitation configurations: How off-grid technologies work and are reworked by urban residents</i> | <b>Gloria Nsangi Nakayaba - University of Oklahoma</b> |
| <b>1:10 pm</b>  | <i>The Desert and the Frontier: The Redevelopment of Oklahoma City</i>  | <b>Emily Rhodes - Texas State University</b>           |
| <b>1:30 pm</b>  | <i>Valuing Property over the Environment: Municipal Landscaping Ordinances in Texas</i>                                       | <b>Matthew Fry - University of Utah</b>                |
| <b>1:50 pm</b>  | <i>Racial Capitalism and the Birth of Urban Planning in Texoma</i>  | <b>Eric Sarmiento - Texas State University</b>         |

**Session Chair: Matthew Fry**





# Friday, November 3, 2023 Schedule

**12:30 - 2:10 pm**

Tesoro Club

## Geographic Education, Visualization, and Epistemology

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| <b>12:30 pm</b> | <i>Bringing atlases back into the classroom: reflections on teaching world regional geography</i>              | <b>Melissa Wynn - Oklahoma State University</b>          |
| <b>12:50 pm</b> | <i>Advanced Placement Human Geography: Program Access and Effectiveness by Grade Level, 2001–2020</i>          | <b>Bren Vander Weil - Texas State University</b>         |
| <b>1:10 pm</b>  | <i>Preparing bilingual pre-service teachers for the social studies exam with National Geographic resources</i> | <b>Haibin Su - Texas A&amp;M University - Kingsville</b> |
| <b>1:30 pm</b>  | <i>Geodesign and Digital Twins: The Road Ahead</i>   | <b>Eric Lomeli - ESRI</b>                                |
| <b>1:50 pm</b>  | <i>What Did We Say and Just Who Were “We”? A Study of the Geographical Review</i>                              | <b>Alyson Greiner - Oklahoma State University</b>        |

**Session Chair: Alyson Greiner**



# Friday, November 3, 2023 Schedule

**12:30 - 2:10 pm**

**San Agustin Ballroom**

## Poster Session 2 - Environment and Society

<i>Network Algorithms and Modeling Movement of the Ancient Maya</i>	<b>Amy Thompson - University of Texas - Austin</b>
<i>Everything's bigger in Texas: Tracing the geography of (fine) wine in Texas</i>	<b>Colleen Myles - Texas State University</b>
<i>How technology can help: A case study of using Geographical Information Systems (GIS) for environmental interpretation in San Marcos, TX</i>	<b>Lauren Thompson - Texas State University</b>
<i>How Freeway Capacity Influences Urban Traffic Delays</i>	<b>Matthew Kenney - UTSA</b>
<i>Disaster Resilience in the Age of Cyberinfrastructure: A Customizable Approach</i>	<b>Rohan Singh Wilkho - Texas A&amp;M University</b>
<i>The Effectiveness of Austin's Watershed Regulations in Protecting Water Quality of Urban Creeks</i>	<b>Evangeline Dwelle - University of North Texas</b>
<i>Oil and Gas Explorations and Extractions: Evaluating the Landscape Effects in the Permian Basin</i>	<b>Nastaran Abdoli - University of Oklahoma</b>
<i>Post-fire Shrub Recovery in West Texas</i>	<b>Travis Clark - Texas Tech University</b>
<i>Connecting Texas: The Geography of Water Transfers</i>	<b>Sophia Staska - Texas State University</b>
<i>Impacts of Land Cover Change on Urban Heat Island (UHI) in Denver from 1985-2020</i>	<b>Sadia Islam Ritu - Texas State University</b>
<i>Spatial clustering pattern of wildfires in California, USA</i>	<b>Fahmina Ibrahim - Texas State University</b>
<i>Geodemographics and Spatial Inequity of Urban Blue and Green Spaces in San Marcos, Texas</i>	<b>Anupa Bhatta - Texas State University</b>
<i>Record Hot Weather during Summer of 2022 and 2023: Evidence of Climate Change</i>	<b>Kent McGregor - University of North Texas</b>

# Friday, November 3, 2023 Schedule

**2:30 - 4:10 pm**

Tesoro Club

## Exciting Frontiers in Student Research

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| <b>2:30 pm</b> | <i>Measuring Sustainability of the Mezcal Industry in San Dionisio Ocotopéc, Oaxáca, Mexico.</i>         | <b>Miguel Barajas - Texas State University</b>    |
| <b>2:50 pm</b> | <i>Contested Development as Urban Transformation: The Case of Accra, Ghana</i>                           | <b>Saide Mahama - University of North Texas</b>   |
| <b>3:10 pm</b> | <i>Becoming the Church Bell Tower</i>  | <b>Greg Turner - Texas State University</b>       |
| <b>3:30 pm</b> | <i>Spatiotemporal dynamics of Dengue vulnerability in Bangladesh: A GIS based approach</i>               | <b>Nusrat Zahan Jarin - Texas Tech University</b> |
| <b>3:50 pm</b> | <i>Mapping the Divide: A Spatial Analysis of Air Pollution Disparities Across Income Groups in Texas</i> | <b>Omid Mansourihanis - Texas Tech University</b> |

Session Chair: Jennifer Koch



# Friday, November 3, 2023 Schedule

**2:30 - 4:10 pm**

**Philip Ballroom**

## **People, Place, and Environment in the Lone Star State**

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| <b>2:30 pm</b> | <i>Falcon Reservoir and the Geography of Archeology</i>   | <b>Mark Howe - New Mexico State University</b>                                |
| <b>2:50 pm</b> | <i>Listening to Laredo: A Border City in a Globalized Age</i>   | <b>Mehnaaz Momen - Texas A&amp;M International Univ.</b>                      |
| <b>3:10 pm</b> | <i>Crafting Water Stewardship: Texas craft breweries at catalytic sites for water conservation</i>                            | <b>Delorean Wiley - Texas State University</b>                                |
| <b>3:30 pm</b> | <i>Texas State Parks: A century of connecting nature, history, and society</i>  | <b>Jason Julian - Texas State University</b>                                  |
| <b>3:50 pm</b> | <i>Blazing New Trails: A GIS perspective on the anthropogenic factors affecting wildfire in the Pineywoods of East Texas.</i> | <b>Lauren Carey - Tarleton State University - UG Student Paper Competitor</b> |

**Session Chair: Jason Julian**





# Friday, November 3, 2023 Schedule

**4:30 - 5:30 pm**

**Philip Ballroom**

## **SWAAG Annual Business Meeting**

Hosted by the SWAAG Board

Topics Include:

State of the SWAAG - Raising Funds and Bringing More Within the Fold

Treasurer's Report

Secretary's Report

Regional Councillor's Notes

Updates to the Website and Social Media Accounts

Field Awards

Named Awards? Fred Shelley?

A Discussion on "The Southwestern Geographer" - Current Status and Future Directions

Thanks, Nominations, and Discussion of Future Meetings

Closure of Meeting

# Friday, November 3, 2023 Schedule

**6 - 7:30 pm**

San Agustin Ballroom

## SWAAG Evening BBQ Banquet

Dinner with Colleagues and Friends

Geobowl Winners Announcement

Student Competition Awards

Thanks and Acknowledgements

Wrap-up and Closure

**7:30 - Until**

Downtown Laredo

## First Friday Caminarte

Join us at the Monthly Art Walk, Laredo's Caminarte, which this month will feature a Dia de los Muertos-themed visual experience. This monthly artwalk promotes regional visual and performing artists' work at the Laredo Center for the Arts (500 San Agustin Ave, 3 blocks north of La Posada) and at various galleries and venues throughout downtown.



# **Saturday, November 4, 2023 Schedule**

## **Energy Landscapes of South Texas Field Trip**



**Departure from La Posada @ 8 am**

**Road Trip to El Corazon Ranch and Solar Farm**

**Tour of Solar Farm with Rancher/Landowner Mr. Guillermo Benavides**

**Return to La Posada @ approx 12:45 pm**