The Geospatial Information Sciences Program

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What’s a GIS Specialist Like You Doing in a Library Like This?

Abstract:
Since graduating from UTD, Stace Maples, manager of the Stanford Geospatial Center at Stanford's Branner Earth Sciences Library, has been promoting and supporting the use of geospatial technologies in research and teaching from inside two of the great libraries in academia: Yale University Library and Stanford University Library. In his talk he will provide an overview of the types of work a GIS Specialist finds themselves doing in a research library, the role he sees for academic libraries in supporting the use of geospatial technologies in research and teaching, as well as the way libraries (particularly Stanford’s) are deeply entrenched in dealing with some of the most intractable problems of geospatial data discovery and access.

About the speaker:
As the Geospatial Manager at The Stanford Geospatial Center, Stace Maples provides support and collaboration to the Stanford research community in capturing and making sense of the “where” of their work. His work mapping the research interests of scholars has taken him from the beaches of Martha’s Vineyard, to Kurdish Northeastern Syria, to the most remote areas of the Mongolian/Chinese border. An archaeologist by training and a technologist by temperament, he is interested in all aspects of mapping, from the aerial imaging of archaeological sites using kites and balloons, to the development of platforms for gathering volunteer geographic information. He has over 18 years of experience using Geographic Information Systems and Geotechnology for research and teaching, with expertise in a broad range of geospatial and supporting software and hardware.