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USC SPATIAL SCIENCES PRESENTS A *REVAMPED*

LOS ANGELES GEOSPATIAL SUMMIT

YOUR LIVING ROOM – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021

*Participants from around the world will gather for workshops and roundtables that explore solutions to the medical, environmental, and humanitarian challenges that plague our world.*

Full Summit Details [HERE](https://spatial.usc.edu/events/2021-los-angeles-geospatial-summit/)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Los Angeles, CA) – John P. Wilson (Professor and Founding Director, USC Spatial Sciences Institute) and the Program Committee of the Los Angeles Geospatial Summit have announced the details of their 11th annual hallmark conference: **The 2021 Los Angeles Geospatial Summit will take place ONLINE** **on Friday, February 26, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

“The USC Spatial Sciences Institute established the Los Angeles Geospatial Summit to be a unique forum where geospatial industry and policy leaders and the next generation of geospatial innovators can share insights and ideas about current and emerging trends and opportunities with spatial sciences and technologies. Our Summit brings together students, researchers, entrepreneurs, and representatives from businesses, nonprofits, NGOs, and other entities from a wide range of disciplines and industries who analyze, model, and visualize location-based data. What distinguishes our Summit from other geospatial conferences is our mission to showcase the work of undergraduate and graduate students from the numerous Southern California different academic institutions which teach geography, geographic information science, spatial data science, and related disciplines and connect them with industry professionals,” said Wilson.

The Summit will kick off with an Opening Keynote Conversation with Carlos Isaac Cabrera (State of California Geographic Information Officer and Manager of Data and Geospatial Services) and Steven J. Steinberg, Ph.D. (Geographic Information Officer, County of Los Angeles). Their discussion will cover \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The 2021 Summit will feature several new elements that will enhance interactivity and deepen engagement for all attendees:

* For the first time ever, the Summit will feature a slate of [technical workshops](https://spatial.usc.edu/los-angeles-geospatial-summit-events/2021-full-program/) that will be conducted by world-renowned spatial science experts. These workshops will be pre-recorded and available for viewing by all attendees until February 2022.
* [The Virtual Knowledge Network](https://spatial.usc.edu/los-angeles-geospatial-summit-events/2021-full-program/) will give registered participants an opportunity to video chat with representatives from a number of leading tech companies including Accenture, Esri, Hexagon, Northrop Grumman, United States Army Corps of Engineers, and Women in GIS.
* The [Student Poster Contest](https://spatial.usc.edu/los-angeles-geospatial-summit-events/2021-full-program/) will feature the work of many of the region’s brightest undergraduates whose projects have real-world impact. Their posters and presented findings will be assessed and discussed by academic and industry mentors and prizes will be awarded in several categories.

### Later in the day, Southern California Association of Governments staff will participate in a panel titled *Contributing to the Smart Land Information System* of the *Southern California Association of Governments: Partnership with Students*. The session will feature Tom Vo (Senior Regional Planner, Planning Strategy Department) and Jung Seo (Regional Planner Specialist, Modeling and Forecasting Department).

The event will feature lightning talks and poster presentations from students representing:

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
California State University, Long Beach

University of California, Riverside

University of Redlands

University of Southern California

This year’s Los Angeles Geospatial Summit is generously sponsored by its Gold Sponsors (Accenture, Esri, University of Redlands, Sheila and Richard Rozman, EMGIS and EOS Positioning Systems, Northrop Grumman, and the USC Spatial Sciences Institute) and Bronze Sponsors (California Geographic Information Association, California State University, Long Beach: Department of Geography, and Tableau).

**Summit Registration**:

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GIS and geospatial sciences students from any college or university as well as industry professionals can register for the Summit here: **<https://dtspayment.usc.edu/OnlinePayment/ssi/GeospatialSummit/registration.cfm>**
A detailed program breakdown of the Summit can be found here:
**https://spatial.usc.edu/events/2021-los-angeles-geospatial-summit/**

**Fees:**
Early bird registration (ending January 25, 2021) is $35.
As of January 22, 2020, registration is $50.
Members of certain professional organizations get a registration rate of $35 (see website for details).
Student registration is $25.
Summit Day registration is $75.

**About USC Spatial Sciences Institute:**

Since its founding in 2010, the USC Spatial Sciences Institute has been using the power of connecting place, space, and time to help address global challenges like population growth, environmental sustainability, and human well-being. Housed in the USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, the research and academic programs of the Spatial Sciences Institute contribute to the rapidly evolving body of geospatial knowledge and are innovating ways to empower decision-makers with the analysis, modeling, and visualization of location-based data. As the hub of spatial-related academic programs at USC, the Spatial Sciences Institute is unique in offering interdisciplinary courses and degrees at every higher educational level.

For more information about our research and academic programs, please visit [spatial.usc.edu](file:///Users/jonathan/Library/Containers/com.apple.mail/Data/Library/Mail%20Downloads/BBA19007-C2EA-410F-8ED1-F360FA343815/spatial.usc.edu).

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