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Curriculum Vitae

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VISUAL VISITOR ANALYTICS



(Deep) machine learning and computer vision research blog monthly average pageviews around 7300+ (recent average monthly page 14,000+); total pageviews 182,783 from Mar 24, 2017 to April 21, 2019

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Postdoctoral Research Associate
Information Sciences Group (CCS-3)
Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)

November 2018 – present

Postdoctoral Researcher
GeoVISTA Center, Department of Geography and Institute for CyberScience
Penn State University

September 2016 – August 2018

Visiting Scholar
CISL (Computational Information Systems Laboratory), Mesa Lab
NCAR (National Center for Atmospheric Research)

June 2017 – July 2017

Postdoctoral Research Assistant
School of Computing and Information Science
University of Maine

September 2015 – August 2016

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- GIScience, Geospatial Big Data Analytics, Geospatial Modeling and Remote Sensing, Geovisualization
- Deep Learning, Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Image Analysis, Visual Analytics
- Natural Hazards, Indoor Navigation, Scene Understanding

EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Spatial Information Science and Engineering** **2010 – 2015**
University of Maine Orono, USA
Ph.D. Advisors: Dr. Michael Worboys and Dr. Kate Beard
Dissertation Title: *Theories and models of indoor space*
Degree Confer Date: 2015/08/21
- M.Sc., Cartography and Geographic Information Systems (GIS)** **2006 – 2009**
Fujian Normal University Fuzhou, China
M.Sc. Advisors: Dr. Guangfa Lin and Dr. Youfei Chen
Thesis Title: *Auto-match between text and map based on Chinese word segmentation: A case study of land use policy text*
Degree Confer Date: 2009/06/30
- B.Sc., Geographic Information Systems (GIS)** **2002 – 2006**
Yunnan Normal University Kunming, China
Thesis Title: *Design and development of transport information system based on MapObjects: A case of Kunming City*
Degree Confer Date: 2006/06/30

PUBLICATIONS

[Google Scholar Profile](https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=HttiszsAAAAJ&hl=en) (https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=HttiszsAAAAJ&hl=en)

Peer Reviewed Research Papers

1. **Yang, L.**, Oyen, D., and Wohlberg, B. A Novel Algorithm for Skeleton Extraction From Images Using Topological Graph Analysis. In *CVPR 2019 Workshop on Deep Learning for Geometric Shape Understanding*. June 2019.
2. **Yang, L.** and Cervone, G. Analysis of remote sensing imagery for disaster assessment using deep learning: a case study of flooding event. *Soft Computing*. 2019. (https://doi.org/10.1007/s00500-019-03878-8)
3. Yang, N., MacEachren, A. M., and **Yang, L.** TIN-based tag map layout. *The Cartographic Journal*. 2019. (https://doi.org/10.1080/00087041.2018.1533294)
4. **Yang, L.**, MacEachren, A. M., Mitra, P., and Onorati, T. Visually-enabled active deep learning for (geo) text and image classification: a review. *ISPRS International Journal of Geo-Information*, 7(2), 65, 2018. **(has 3084 views, 2489 downloads, and 6 citation as of 2019/04/21. It is ranked as top 5 most viewed paper among the papers published within 2 years on the journal website.)**
5. Pan, Y., Zhang, X., Cervone, G., and **Yang, L.** Detection of Asphalt Pavement Potholes and Cracks Based on the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Multispectral Imagery. *IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing*, (99): 1-12, 2018.
6. MacEachren, A. M., Caneba, R., Chen, H., Cole, H., Domanico, E., Triozzi, N., Xu, F., and **Yang, L.** Is This Statement About A Place? Comparing two perspectives (Short Paper).

In *LIPICs-Leibniz International Proceedings in Informatics* (Vol. 114). Schloss Dagstuhl-Leibniz-Zentrum fuer Informatik, 2018.

7. **Yang, L.** and Worboys, M. Generation of navigation graphs for indoor space. *International Journal of Geographical Information Science*, 29(10): 1737-1756, 2015. **(cited by 41 as of 2019/04/21, Google Scholar)**
8. **Yang, L.** and Worboys, M. A navigation ontology for outdoor-indoor space. *Third ACM SIGSPATIAL International Workshop on Indoor Spatial Awareness (ISA 2011)*, November, Chicago, IL. 2011. **(cited by 53 as of 2019/04/21, Google Scholar)**
9. Ma, J., Lin, G., Chen, J. and **Yang, L.** An improved topographic wetness index considering topographic position. *Geoinformatics, 18th International Conference*. IEEE, 2010. **(cited by 14 as of 2019/04/21, Google Scholar)**
10. Lin, L., Lin, G., Yan, X., **Yang, L.**, Yang, Z. and Chen, A. Surface modeling of human population on subdistrict scale using SPOT5 image and census data: A case study of Xiamen, PR China. *Geoinformatics, 18th International Conference*. IEEE, 2010.
11. **Yang, L.**, Lin, G., Chen, A., Chen, Y., and Wen, X. A spatio-temporal data model for administrative division place names: A case study of Xiamen. *Proceedings of the 6th International Symposium on Digital Earth (ISDE6): Digital Earth in Action*, Organized by International Society for Digital Earth (ISDE) and Chinese Academy of Sciences(CAS), Beijing, P. R. China, September 9-12, 2009. **(cited by 1 as of 2019/04/21, Google Scholar)**
12. **Yang, L.**, Lin, G. and Chen, Y. Color processing methods of different seasonal SPOT5 images before mosaic. *Remote Sensing Technology and Application*, 24(2): 140-145, 2009. (in Chinese) **(cited by 3 as of 2019/04/21, Google Scholar)**
13. You, L., Lin, G., Yang, C., Lin, Q. and **Yang, L.** The effects of spatial scales on landscape indices – a case study of the landuse pattern of Xiamen island. *Geo-Information Science*, 10(1): 74-79, 2008. (in Chinese) **(cited by 15 as of 2019/04/21, Google Scholar)**
14. Jiao, Y. and **Yang, L.** Multi-scale research on the fractal beauty of Hani terrace based on remote sensing and geographic information system. *Journal of Mountain Science*, 26(3): 339-346, 2008. (in Chinese) **(cited by 4 as of 2019/04/21, Google Scholar)**
15. Jiao, Y. and **Yang, L.** The fractal characteristics of Hani terrace in Ailao mountain. *Acta Ecologica Sinica*, 27(11): 4583-4589, 2007. (in Chinese) **(cited by 5 as of 2019/04/21, Google Scholar)**

Posters, Short Papers, and Talks (not Included Above)

1. **Yang, L.**, Cervone, G., MacEachren, A. M., Mitra, P., and Baka J. Visually-enabled Image and Text Analysis Using Machine Learning and Deep Learning. Poster presentation at the *Penn State ICS Symposium 2018: Harnessing the Power of Data*. Penn State University, University Park, PA. March 2018.
2. **Yang, L.** A unified OI-space navigation model supporting seamless navigation between and within built indoor and outdoor spaces. Doctoral colloquium talk at the *Conference on Spatial Information Theory (COSIT 2013)*, September, Scarborough, UK. 2013.

3. **Yang, L.** A navigation ontology for outdoor-indoor space. Poster presentation at the *UMaine Graduate Expo*, April 2012, University of Maine.
4. **Yang, L.** and Worboys, M. Similarities and differences between outdoor and indoor space from the perspective of navigation. Poster presentation at the *Conference on Spatial Information Theory (COSIT 2011)*, September, Belfast, ME. 2011. **(cited by 13 as of 2019/04/21, Google Scholar)**
5. **Yang, L.** A unified informatic framework supporting seamless navigation within built indoor and outdoor spaces. Doctoral colloquium talk at the *Conference on Spatial Information Theory (COSIT 2011)*, September, Belfast, ME. 2011.

INVITED TALKS

1. Enhancing GIScience and Remote Sensing Using GeoAI, Research Computing Center & Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, July 2018.
2. Introduction to Deep Learning with TensorFlow (with hands-on tutorial: using TensorFlow for image classification on NCAR HPC cluster), *NCAR SEA Class and Hands-on Workshop: Spark and TensorFlow*, NCAR (National Center for Atmospheric Research), Boulder, CO. June 2017.
3. What is Deep Learning, *the Geospatial Data Science Workshop (GDS 2017)* at Penn State University, University Park, PA. February 2017.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Externally Funded Grants

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| June 2017 | Experiments with TensorFlow and Apache Spark on Cheyenne and Yellowstone Supercomputers for Image Classification and Segmentation, Liping Yang (PI) , Guido Cervone (CoPI), NCAR/CISL Summer Research Grant. |
| May 2017 | NVIDIA GPU Grant Proposal, Liping Yang (PI) , Guido Cervone (CoPI), Alan M. MacEachren (CoPI), NVIDIA awarded one Titan X Pascal GPU card to support research for big geospatial data challenges using machine learning and deep learning. |
| 2016 – 2018 | Fusing Social Media and Aerial Radiological Measurements of Study CBRNE Emergencies, Guido Cervone (PI), Liping Yang (Postdoc) , ONR (N00014-16-1-2543). |
| 2015 – 2016 | Perception of indoor scene layouts by machines and visually impaired users, Kate Beard (PI), Liping Yang (Postdoctoral Research Assistant) , NSF (CDI-1028895). |
| 2010 – 2014 | Information integration and human interaction for indoor and outdoor spaces, Michael Worboys (PI), Liping Yang (Graduate Research Assistant) , NSF (IIS-0916219). |

Internally Funded Grants

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| 2017 – 2018 | Comment Analytics: Leveraging Big Unstructured Data to Understand Spatial |
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and Temporal Variations in Public Response to Government Policy, Alan M. MacEachren (PI), Jennifer Baka (CoPI), Prasenjit Mitra (CoPI), **Liping Yang (Postdoc)**, Internal (Penn State) Institute for CyberScience Seed Grant.

TEACHING

Penn State University, Department of Geography

- Spring 2018 Guest Instructor, GEOG 597 Big Data & Place
Invited lecture: Tweet analysis about places using machine learning with Python (brief machine learning theory and hands-on tutorials).
- Fall 2017 Co-Instructor, GEOG 461W Dynamic Cartographic Representation
Develop course syllabus with Dr. Alan MacEachren.
Instruct programming for web development and design.
Prepare lab instructions and lab quizzes.
Mentor students on coding for web mapping final projects.
Lead selected course discussions and give lecture on user-centered design.

University of Maine, School of Computing and Information Science

- Fall 2011 & Fall 2012
Assisted Dr. Michael Worboys in the course SIE505 Formal Foundations for Information Science.

HONORS AND AWARDS

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| 2014 – 2015 | Michael J. Eckardt Dissertation Fellowship in MEIF (Maine Economic Improvement Fund) Areas, University of Maine, USA |
| 2010 – 2014 | Graduate Research Assistantship, University of Maine, USA |
| 2011 | ACM SIGSPATIAL GIS 2011 NSF Student Travel Grants, USA |
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| 2005 | Yunnan Province Government Scholarship (Top level), China |
| 2004 | National Scholarship (Top level), China |

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & ASSOCIATIONS

NSF proposal review

Journals reviewed:

- *International Journal of Geographical Information Science (IJGIS)*
- *ISPRS International Journal of Geo-Information (ISPRS IJGI)*
- Other journals: *Remote Sensing; Sensors; Machine Learning and Knowledge Extraction; Entropy; Information; Sustainability; Journal of Hydrology; Regional Studies*

Internal Service

Reviewer, Penn State Institute for CyberScience Seed Grant Proposal, Spring 2017

Judge, EMS graduate poster competition, Spring 2017, Penn State University

Membership of Professional Societies

2016 – 2017 Member of International Association of Chinese Professionals in Geographical Information Sciences (CPGIS)

2016 – 2017 Education Committee Member of CPGIS

2016 – 2017 Member of Association of American Geographers (AAG)

COMPUTER SKILLS

- **GIS:** ArcGIS, ArcObjects, ArcGIS Engine, QGIS, ERDAS Imagine, PCI, IDRISI.
- **Programming languages:** C/C++, Java, Python, JavaScript, Shell Scripting, C#, Visual Basic.NET, Octave, Prolog, NetLogo.
- **Database:** MySQL, MongoDB, SQLite, PostgreSQL, PostGIS, ESRI Geodatabase, Microsoft SQL Server.
- **Document and web markup languages:** LaTeX, XML, HTML.
- **3D modeling:** Unity3D, Blender.
- **Statistics:** R, SPSS, S-PLUS.
- **Image processing:** OpenCV, Scikit-image, NetworkX, Processing, Point Cloud Library, OpenNI, Kinect.
- **Machine learning and deep learning:** TensorFlow, Scikit-Learn, Keras, NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Xarray, IPython, Jupyter Notebook, Gensim, NLTK, Conda, Virtualenv, Amazon Mechanical Turk (MTurk) crowdsourcing data Requester.
- **High performance computing:** Apache Spark, OpenMP, MPI, Microsoft Azure cloud computing, Apache Hadoop.
- **Geoparsing:** GeoTxt, GeoPy, GeoNames, Google Cloud Natural Language API.
- **Web development:** Django, Node.js, CSS, JavaScript, jQuery, AJAX, Bootstrap, D3.js, DC.js, Crossfilter.js, Leaflet.js, Turf.js, Highcharts.js, JSON, GeoJSON, TopoJSON, Mapbox, OpenStreetMap.
- **Version control tools:** Git, GitHub, Bitbucket.
- **Platforms:** Linux (Ubuntu, CentOS, Red Hat), Windows, Mac OS X.
- **General:** Microsoft Office Suite, Apache OpenOffice, LibreOffice.
- **Others:** Protégé, Adobe Photoshop.

REFERENCES

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