NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

**Mei-Huan Chen** is interested in resource governance, especially water management and adaptation issues in rural and mountain communities. She earned a bachelor's degree in urban planning from National Cheng Kung University and a master's degree in building and planning from National Taiwan University. Advisor: **Dr. Trevor Birkenholtz** *

**Junghwan “Jung” Kim** is studying ways to mitigate the Uncertain Geographic Context Problem (UGCoP) in order to help transportation planners create policies that meet citizens’ unique travel behavior and needs. In addition to his studies, Jung has worked as a transportation planning modeler with the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission since 2017. He earned a bachelor’s degree in urban planning and engineering from Yonsei University, South Korea and a master of urban planning degree in urban planning and engineering from Yonsei Planning Commission since 2017. He earned a bachelor's degree in urban planning and engineering from Yonsei University, South Korea and a master of urban planning (MUP) from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Advisor: **Dr. Mei-Po Kwan** *

**Xijing Li** is interested in transportation infrastructure and its impact on regional development, as well as environmental and social issues in urban areas. He earned his bachelor’s degree in resource and environment and regional planning from Peking University, and two master degrees in GIS from the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Advisor: **Dr. Mei-Po Kwan** *

**Fangzheng Lu**'s doctoral research interests include GIS, remote sensing, and high-performance computing. He earned a bachelor's degree in computer science from the University of Hong Kong. Advisor: **Dr. Shaowen Wang** *

**Emily Mamer** earned her bachelor's degree in environmental science from St. John's University in New York, where she focused on marine and coastal areas. She will conduct her master's research on rivers in the Pacific Northwest. Advisor: **Dr. Piotr Cienciala** *

**Erica Massey** is a master's student in the Space, Society, & Environment concentration. She earned a bachelor's degree in geography with a focus in resource and environmental studies from Texas State University. Her current research interests include social attitudes towards environmental conservation, political ecology, and urban sustainability. Advisor: **Dr. Julie Cidell** *

**Wataru Morioka** plans to conduct spatiotemporal and GIS analysis to evaluate people’s living environment such as accessibility to shopping facilities and other public amenities, with the goal of enhancing public life. He earned a bachelor’s degree in cultural and creative studies from Aoyama Gakuin University and his master's degree in environmental science from the University of Tokyo. Advisor: **Dr. Mei-Po Kwan** *

**Nina Roberts** is a doctoral student focusing on the political and economic origins, causes, and effects of gentrification – particularly when connected with tourism. She examines these phenomena through the lens of critical theory to better understand their impact on indigenous peoples and other marginalized populations, both regionally and globally. Nina comes to the program with a bachelor's degree in geography and master's degree in geography and environmental studies from Northeastern Illinois University, and a Certificate in the Liberal Arts from the University of Chicago. Advisor: **Dr. David Wilson** *

**Sadie Sabrina** earned a bachelor's degree in environmental sciences from Asian University for Women, in Bangladesh. She will conduct her master's research on mixing in stream and river confluences in the Rivers, Watersheds, and Landscape Dynamics program. Advisor: **Dr. Bruce Rhoads** *

**Amanda Vander Kelen** earned a bachelor's degree in French and geography, GIS certificate, and a master's degree in geography and environmental studies from Northeastern Illinois University. Her master's thesis examined residents' attitudes of feral cat management in Chicago, IL. Amanda’s doctoral research interests include human and non-human animal geographies in an urban environment; and gender, age, race, and sexual identity within gentrification. Advisor: **Dr. David Wilson** *

**Fikriyah Winata** earned a bachelor's degree in geography from the University of Indonesia, and just graduated with a Professional Science Master’s (PSM) in GIS from our department. Prior to her master’s, Fik worked as a GIS Specialist with Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) Indonesia. Her interest in health geography, specifically vector-borne diseases, brought her to work at the Midwest Center of Excellence in Vector-Borne Disease as she pursues her PhD. Co-advisors: **Drs. Sara McLafferty and Marilyn O'Hara Ruiz** *

**Zijun Yang** earned a bachelor's degree in geography & GIS from Sun Yat-Sen University in China, and a master's degree in environmental informatics from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. His current research interests include remote sensing and GIS, with a focus on data fusion and its application to agricultural remote sensing. Advisor: **Dr. Chunyuan Diao** *