NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

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Betsy Breyer is studying the ecological effects on urban vegetation patterns in residential Cleveland, Ohio, that result from home foreclosures, vacancies, and more recently land grabs by international speculators. Betsy is also examining how local residents are experiencing and contesting these changes. She earned a BA in economics from Reed College in Oregon and an MS in geography from Portland State University. *

Aida Guhlin earned a BS in geography from Texas A&M University. Her doctoral research interests include health geography, health GIS, race, gender, and health intersections; and human-animal interaction epidemiology. She is currently studying healthcare accessibility for Spanish-speaking and non-Spanish-speaking Latinxs in urban areas. *

Ryan Keeling is a Master’s student in the Rivers, Watersheds, and Landscape Dynamics program, with a BS in environmental science from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. His research interests include applied GIS and remote sensing to assess human impacts on watershed quality, river restoration, and vegetation-water interactions. *

Lirong Kou is interested in tourism geography, seasonal mobility, and geographies of health and wellbeing. Her doctoral research focuses on the combination of GIS and qualitative methods to understand human mobility patterns and experience. She earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the School of Tourism Management at Sun Yat-Sen University in Guangdong, China. *

Arrianna Planey earned her BA in history from UC-Berkeley and an MA in social sciences from the University of Chicago. Her dissertation work examines healthcare service access, utilization, and outcomes among people with disabilities in the U.S., with an emphasis on hearing-related healthcare. *

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David Dukes earned both his BS and MS in geology from Temple University. His research background is in post-fire aeolian sediment transport and subsequent geomorphic changes, and he is currently studying the fluvial transport of sediment and large woody debris in intensively managed landscapes. *

Alec Fojtik earned a BS in environmental science from Wheaton College. He has also conducted plant stress/drought research at the University of Arizona’s Biosphere 2 facility. His current research interests center on ecogeomorphology, with a focus on both channel sediment dynamics and surrounding biotic attributes that influence salmonid feeding and spawning habits. *

Karan Misquitta has a BA in economics from St. Xavier’s College, and an MA in development studies from the TATA Institute of Social Sciences, both located in Mumbai, India. His research focuses on community-based natural resource management, and how households and communities in semi-arid regions are responding to growing water scarcity. *

Evan Lindroth has strong interests in earth surface processes and the improvement of field methods. He will conduct his Master’s research in fluvial geomorphology, and the use of drones to measure the velocity of stream flows. He earned a BS in geology from the University of Illinois. *

Dong Liu is interested in urban transport research, especially in the field of urban railway transit. He also has an interest in the sustainability of metropolitan areas. He earned an MS in geography & geoinformatics from the University of Copenhagen, and a bachelor of geographic information science from Shandong Jianzhu University, China. *

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