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## Nov/Dec 2022 Features

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A big thanks to the 2022 conference organizers for an excellent annual conference!

We heard from the Arizona Memory Project, highlighting new GIS features and geographic metadata functionality implemented on their platform. The Stanford University and the Ohio State Libraries both enhanced their records and patron access to Dutch nautical charts and Japanese map collections, respectively. We learned new strategies for promoting maps through new tech, like an interactive map display kiosk.

WAML's commitment to DEI goals shown through in some sessions: A helpful session taught us practices for handling sensitive, identifiable data for Field Maps, and we also heard about ERSI's Racial Equity hub to access data for understanding racial equity. Lastly, our excellent keynote from the Anti-Eviction Mapping Project.

A few presentations gave us some history of cartography insight with a presentation on very thorough Karl Baedeker travel guides, General Drafting Company's holiday map featuring various Santa's, and Dutton's atlas as a cartographic treasure turned 21st century digital object and exhibit piece.

The Mountain Legacy Project showed us a glimpse into their process, highlighting repeat photography, geospatial processing, and long-term storage. We also learned about the use of GeoNames API to create geospatial metadata.

Other sessions were helpful for starting new endeavors in our own jobs. Creating virtual workflows through GitHub and ML4GIS (Machine Learning for GIS) showed new tools for professionals, including how to get your administration on board.

Cartography performance and spectatorship talked about adding the making of



maps as part of instruction sessions. We heard from our three WAML Scholarship Winners: Méch E. Frazier, Jo-Ann Wong, and Wilsinia Ocasio. Lastly, our conference was topped off by two wonderful rounds of trivia!

To see the slides from some of the presentations, check out <https://waml.org/conferences/waml-2022/presentations/>. The recordings will be added once they are available. As always, if you have an article, conference, lecture, digital exhibit, etc., you'd like added to the Features section of the IB, please let me know at [brownngl@uwm.edu](mailto:brownngl@uwm.edu). Thank you!

- Georgia Brown

## Articles:

A day in the life of a map librarian:

<https://www.guerrillacartography.org/blog/what-a-gis-amp-map-librarian-does-all-day>

Recreational and survey-grade GPS units available on loan through Libraries:

<https://www.psu.edu/news/university-libraries/story/recreational-and-survey-grade-gps-units-available-loan-through-libraries/>

Digital maps require greater government oversight:

<https://undark.org/2022/10/06/opinion-digital-maps-require-greater-government-oversight/>

## Lectures:

**November 17, 2022 - Stanford** ([Online](#) and [In-person](#)) The Center will be holding a mini-symposium, on COVID-19 maps featuring [Paul Kahn](#) and [Hugh Dubberly](#), who have curated [a collection of contemporary COVID-19 maps](#); Paul and Hugh have also written and published on the archive [here](#) (pdf). We will also have Jessica Martin talk about the book written by her colleague Laura Bliss, both of Bloomberg's CityLab based on [this project](#) and will feature maps from the [published book](#) entitled *The Quarantine Atlas*. [Ken Field](#), author of *Thematic Mapping* will speak to making COVID-19 maps, among others.

All times PST, November 17, 2022

2.45 pm: Center and Zoom Room Opens

3.00 pm: Speaker Presentations



4.30 pm: Q and A/Panel Discussion

5.15 pm: Center Closes

Four in person attendees chosen at random will receive copies of *Thematic Mapping*.

### **December 13, 2022 - Washington (Online)**

Please join [Geography and Map Division](#) staff for our next virtual orientation from 3:00-4:00 pm (Eastern)! Reference librarians Carissa Pastuch and Amelia Raines will present an introduction to the Geography and Map collections at the Library of Congress. This general orientation session will highlight Afghanistan. Further details to be announced.

### **December 14, 2022 - USA (Online)**

The [California](#), [Chicago](#), [New York](#), [Philip Lee Phillips](#), [Rocky Mountain](#), [Texas](#), and [Washington Map](#) Societies are offering a virtual lecture via Zoom . Anyone interested in participating in the meeting must RSVP to John Docktor at [washmap\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:washmap(at)gmail.com) in order to receive the meeting ID and passcode. Meeting will start at 7:00 PM Eastern Time, 6:00 PM Central Time, 5:00 PM Mountain Time, and 4:00 PM Pacific Time. Francis (Frank) Manasek (retired professor, Dartmouth Medical School; former antiquarian map dealer; author of “Collecting Old Maps” and “A Treatise on Moon Maps” will speak about *The Birth of Moon Maps: Looking Through the Telescope, 1610-1696*. With fifteen Moon maps from 1610 to 1696, Manasek explores some different visual languages used to portray the lunar surface, and implicitly ask if there are any defining elements that link Moon maps to the historiography of terrestrial maps.

### **December 15, 2022 - Chicago**

The [Chicago Map Society](#) will again hold an annual *Holiday Gala* that features a full smorgasbord of holiday treats for your dining and drinking pleasure at 5:30 pm at the [Newberry Library](#), 60 W Walton St. Our tradition is to pair this party with member presentations of a special item in their personal collections.

### **January 5, 2023 - USA (Online)**

The [California](#), [Chicago](#), [New York](#), [Philip Lee Phillips](#), [Rocky Mountain](#), [Texas](#), and [Washington Map](#) Societies are offering a virtual lecture via Zoom . Anyone interested in participating in the meeting must RSVP to John Docktor at [washmap\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:washmap(at)gmail.com) in order to receive the meeting ID and passcode. Meeting will start at 7:00 PM Eastern Time, 6:00 PM Central Time, 5:00 PM Mountain Time, and 4:00 PM Pacific Time. Andrew Kapochunas (Secretary of New York Map Society,



member of Lithuanian Cartographic Society) will be talking about *The Struggle of Mapmakers to Keep Up with Changing Post-WWI Boundaries Between Lithuania and Poland*.

### **February 4, 2023 - Santa Monica**

The SoCal Greater Los Angeles Mappers of the [California Map Society](#) invite you to join us for an [in-person gathering](#) in a member's home 11:00 am- 2:00 pm. Bring your favorite map or anything map-related or...just come on over. We are a friendly bunch who welcome everyone at any level of map-knowledge and interest! Light refreshments will be served. Location shared with [registration](#) confirmation.

### **February 10, 2023 - Zoom**

Oliver Sukrow (Technische Universität Wien)  
Panorama, Map of the Surroundings, Guest List - 19th-Century Spa Towns and their Topographical Media 14.00-15.30 (CET)  
<https://www.arthistoricum.net/en/networks/ntb>

### **Conferences:**

February 9 - Technology for Museums 2023

<https://www.henrystewartconferences.com/events/technology-for-museums-2023>

24-25 th November - Mapping Asia conference program

<https://karafas.hypotheses.org/programme-and-registration>

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### **Digital Exhibits:**

Great Barrier Reef Expedition -

<https://www.rgs.org/about/our-collections/online-exhibitions/gbr-expedition/>