SEDAAG Candidate Bios 2024

Vice President: (3 candidates)

1. **Ingrid Luffman:** Ingrid Luffman is an Associate Professor in East Tennessee State University's Department of Geosciences. She is a physical geographer whose research focuses on watershed hydrology, spatial analysis, and health/medical geography. Ingrid has been a member of SEDAAG since 2008 and has served SEDAAG as Local Host (2018, Johnson City), Tennessee State Representative (2020-2022), and is currently serving as a member of the Honors Committee (2022-2024).

2. **Paul McDaniel:** Dr. Paul McDaniel is Associate Professor of Geography in the Department of Geography and Anthropology at Kennesaw State University in metro Atlanta, Georgia. He has served on the SEDAAG Executive Committee as Treasurer (2021-2023), on the Southeastern Geographer editorial board, as a moderator for the World Geography Bowl at SEDAAG and AAG, on the AAG Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee, on the AAG World Geography Bowl Committee, as a Career Mentor at AAG, and as a Board Member, Newsletter Editor, Secretary-Treasurer, Vice Chair, and current Chair of the AAG Ethnic Geography Specialty Group. He has also served on conference planning committees for the annual Atlanta Studies Symposium (2020-2022) and as organizer of the 2018 Georgia Immigration Research Network conference. He has participated in SEDAAG since 2004.

3. **Mark Sciuchetti:** Mark Sciuchetti, Associate Professor of Geography at Jacksonville State University, is a dedicated member of SEDAAG. As an academic with expertise in sound studies, cultural geography, and geo-humanities, he is interested in student engagement in interdisciplinary projects. He has conducted extensive research on soundscapes, including his dissertation on the Hudson River and ongoing projects like Moravian Soundscapes. He is dedicated to advancing geographic education and fostering collaborative learning environments.

Secretary: (3 candidates)

1. **Rachael Cofield:** Dr. Rachael Cofield (they/them) is a queer geographer writing about gentrification and placemaking in the US south. They're Specialized Teaching Faculty and Undergraduate Coordinator at Florida State University. Both in academic and non-profit spaces they have sought to increase accessibility and promote inclusion, even when that has been at odds with the state. They've been in the feminist geography community throughout their academic career and are current the Chair of the AAG's Feminist Geography Specialty Group. They are excited to bridge queer and feminist ideas in SEDAAG spaces. Their free time (a hypothetical notion, really) they enjoy traveling, tabletop gaming, and 'so-bad-it's-good' TV.

2. **Jed DeBruin:** Dr. Jed DeBruin (he/him) is an Assistant Professor of Geography in the Department of Chemistry and Geosciences at Jacksonville State University. Dr. DeBruin's research focuses on integrating archival methods on Black farming history with oral histories with present-day Black farmers in Appalachia. Pedagogically, he focuses on an active approach to learning through regular writing and classroom discussions. In addition to his geographical work, he serves as the Special Collections Chair for the Appalachian Studies Association.

3. **Caroline McClure:** Caroline McClure is currently a Lecturer and Director of the Professional Certificate in GIS at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia.She teaches Introduction to Landforms, Introduction to Weather and Climate, Introduction to GIS, and Introduction to Human Geography. She earned her Ph.D. in Geographic Education at Texas State, and also has an M.A. in Geography from the University of Wyoming, an M.Ed. in Secondary Social Studies Education, and a B.A. in Geography from The University of Tennessee.

Georgia State Representative: (2 candidates)

1. **Richard Milligan:** Richard Milligan is a nature-society geographer and associate professor at Georgia State University where he serves as Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Geosciences. In collaboration with community organizers, his current research focuses on water governance, political ecology, and environmental injustice on Mvskoke and Cherokee lands and racially segregated watersheds of metro Atlanta.

2. **Munshi Rahman:** Dr. Munshi Rahman is a broadly trained Geographer whose research and teaching concentrates on Geospatial Science and Technologies (e.g., Geographic Information Systems, Remote Sensing, UAV, and Global Positioning Systems), Data Science, and Spatial analysis to explore human-environment interactions and sustainability through interdisciplinary approach that could help us to gain a deeper understanding of people, places, and address real-world problems. For more details: https://sites.google.com/georgiasouthern.edu/mkr/about-me

Mississippi State Representative: (1 candidate)

1. **Kayla Stan:** Kayla is an Assistant Professor of GIS with the University of Southern Mississippi who specializes in environmental economics and human-environment interactions. Her work initially focused on the policy, population, and climatic impacts on tropical dry forest landscapes, but since moving to Mississippi she has also built collaborations to better understand labor exploitation and the illicit massage business industry from a network perspective.

North Carolina State Representative: (4 candidates)

1. **Michael Ewers:** I am an assistant professor of geography in the Department of Earth, Environmental, and Geographical Sciences at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. My research centers on three areas: 1) migration and globalization, 2) worker welfare and inequality, and 3) human capital and sustainable economic development. At UNC Charlotte, I have also begun exploring community-engaged research (climateinequalityclt.com/atlas/). I currently serve as Chair of the SEEDAG Honors Committee.

2. **Sarah Jackson:** Dr. Sarah Jackson is an Assistant Professor of Emergency and Disaster Management at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC. Her teaching and scholarship as a human-environmental geographer focus on environmental justice, social vulnerability, risk assessments, GIS, and community capacities to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate environmental hazards. Sarah earned her Ph.D. in Geography from the University of South Carolina and received the 2022 John Fraser Hart Award from SEDAAG.

3. **Tommy Patterson:** Tommy Patterson is an Assistant Professor and Data and Visualization Librarian at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, North Carolina. He holds a Ph.D. in Geography from UNC Greensboro and his research spans the fields of forest ecology and climatology. Tommy is a strong advocate for SEDAAG with numerous publications in the journal as well as frequent conference attendance since 2011. He would cherish this opportunity to serve as the state representative for North Carolina.

4. **John Stehlin:** John Stehlin is Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography, Environment, and Sustainability at UNC Greensboro and author of Cyclescapes of the Unequal City: Bicycle Infrastructure and Uneven Development (University of Minnesota Press, 2019). His current research examines the political economy and ecology of urban highway removal projects in the United States and Spain, and he teaches courses in economic geography, environmental political economy, regional economic development, and qualitative methods.

Tennessee State Representative: (5 candidates)

1. **Alisa Hass:** Alisa Hass (PhD, University of Tennessee) is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geosciences at Middle Tennessee State University, and a physical geographer specializing in applied hazard climatology. Her research uses statistical and qualitative methods to understand patterns in the interactions between humans, microclimates, and atmospheric hazards. Her recent research has focused on climate literacy in general education classes, and extreme heat exposure and hazard risk perception among teens and vulnerable communities in middle Tennessee.

2. **Seth Kannarr:** Seth T. Kannarr is a Geography PhD student working with Dr. Derek Alderman at the University of Tennessee with research specialties in critical protected areas studies, place naming, and nature-society relations. He completed his MA in Geography at the University of Missouri and his BS in Geography at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Seth has also served as the Communications Director for the Protected Areas Specialty Group of the AAG for the last three years.

3. **Matthew Kerr:** I am a lecturer in Geography at the University of Tennessee. I teach courses on weather and climate, geomorphology and landscapes, Quaternary environments, and human-environment interactions. My research is in community-based tree-ring science, using trees to answer geographical questions that are important to local people. I have also studied isotopes and other proxies in sediments. I have served on many committees at UT, and I am the Secretary-Treasurer of the AAG Paleoenvironmental Change Specialty Group.

4. **Jack Swab:** Jack Swab (he/him) is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography & Sustainability at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. His work is situated at the nexus of human geography and GIScience, with particular interests in critical GIS/cartography, health geographies, queer geographies, and geographic thought. He served as the Student Councilor on the AAG National Council from 2020-2022.

5. **William Tollefson:** Mr. William Tollefson has a B.S. in Geosciences from Mississippi State University and a M.S. in Geography from Louisiana State University. He is currently a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Geosciences at East Tennessee State University where he teaches numerous courses in GIS and Earth Science. He also serves as the Assistant State Climatologist for Tennessee.

Virginia State Representative: (3 candidates)

1. **Tom Allen:** Dr. Tom Allen is a Professor of Geography at ODU and geography alum of ODU (B.S.) and UNC-Chapel Hill (Ph.D.) His research and teaching span coastal and marine geography, GIS, remote sensing, and spatial analysis. He applies geospatial technologies to geomorphology, climate change, coastal resources, and natural hazards. He greatly enjoys community-engaged and interdisciplinary scholarship and is past chair of the AAG Coastal and Marine Specialty Group and Director of the Remote Sensing Specialty Group.

2. **Junghwan Kim:** I am Junghwan Kim, an Assistant Professor of Geography at Virginia Tech and the Director of Smart Cities for Good, a research group focused on solving urban social and environmental challenges through smart city technologies. My commitment lies in advancing the field of geography through research and education, with a particular focus on underserved regions in Virginia, such as rural towns and small-sized cities. As your Virginia State Representative, my goal is to ensure that Virginia's geography programs are accurately documented and reported within SEDAAG

by diligently compiling and presenting comprehensive program reports. Through precise and timely reporting, I aim to build a stronger network that contributes to the overall success of the SEDAAG.

3. **Kyle Redican:** Dr. Kyle Redican is the Director of the Spatial Analysis Lab and Teaching Faculty at the University of Richmond (UR) in the Department of Geography, Environment, and Sustainability. Since joining UR, he has been an active participant and supporter of the SEDAAG. His research focuses on applied spatial data science, assessing and mitigating uncertainty in U.S. Census data, and the integration of AI in GIS education. Dr. Redican supports undergraduate GIS research at UR and has submitted four peer-reviewed scientific articles co-authored with undergraduate students. Through a leadership role with SEDAAG he aims: to foster undergraduate participation, to engage with the vibrant SEDAAG community, and to strengthen connections among Virginia's SEDAAG universities.