Geography

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The Department of Geography at the University of Oregon is one of the top ten geography programs in the country. We feature faculty and students researching and teaching about cutting-edge important societal issues, such as racism, climate change, water resources, economic development, land use, conflict, migration, spatial data science, cartography, and more.

Students are encouraged to develop skills in communication, problem-solving, critical thinking, and data analysis as they explore subjects that ask them to think holistically about the systems that shape our planet. Our faculty help students see the amazing complexity that shapes our planet and our experiences within it. Our classrooms provide inclusive and engaged learning environments so that students find their own interests to explore, helping them make meaning and find their place in the world.

Faculty


John Christian, assistant professor (glacier and ice-sheet dynamics, climate, earth-system models). BA, 2014, St. Olaf College; PhD, 2020 University of Washington. (2023)


Sarah Cooley, assistant professor (hydrology, remote sensing, climate change). BS, 2015, NC at Chapel Hill, MPhil, 2016, University of Cambridge, PhD, 2020, Brown. (2021)


Laura Pulido, professor (critical ethnic studies, environmental justice, Chicano studies). See Indigenous, Race, and Ethnic Studies.

Johnny Ryan, assistant professor (glaciology, geospatial data science, remote sensing). BS, 2012, University of Nottingham, UK, 2013 MPhil, University of Cambridge, UK, PhD, 2018, Aberystwyth University, UK (2021)

Xiaobo Su, professor (cultural politics, tourism and urban conservation, China). BArch, 2000, Southeast University (Nanjing); MSc, 2003, Sun Yat-sen University; PhD, 2007, National University of Singapore. (2007)


Emeriti


Stanton A. Cook, professor emeritus. AB, 1951, Harvard; PhD, 1960, California, Berkeley. (1960)


Alvin W. Urquhart, professor emeritus. AB, 1953, MA, 1958, PhD, 1962, California, Berkeley. (1960)


The date in parentheses at the end of each entry is the first year on the University of Oregon faculty.
Undergraduate Programs

Majors - Bachelor's Degree

• Geography (BA/BS) (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/social-sciences/geography/ug-geography/)
• Spatial Data Science and Technology (BA/BS) (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/social-sciences/geography/ug-spatial-data-sci-tech/)

Minors

• Climate Studies (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/social-sciences/geography/min-climate-studies/)
• Geography (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/social-sciences/geography/min-geography/)

Graduate Programs

Major - Master's Degree

• Geography (MA/MS) (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/social-sciences/geography/mas-geography/)

Major - Doctoral Degree

• Geography (PhD) (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/social-sciences/geography/phd-geography/)