

Goodbye ArcMap: Moving Curriculum & Courses to Modern GIS

Brian Baldwin – Esri

Mike Ruth – Evergreen State College

Kwong Chi Man – Hong Kong Baptist University

Patrick DeLuca – McMaster University



Esri's Education Program

Enabling, Encouraging, and Equipping

... future decision makers to think spatially and critically, solve problems, and use geotechnologies effectively to build a resilient world and become the change agents of tomorrow.

- 7,000+ universities globally
- Free licenses for all K-12 (Esri Schools)
- Education, research, and operations



Housekeeping

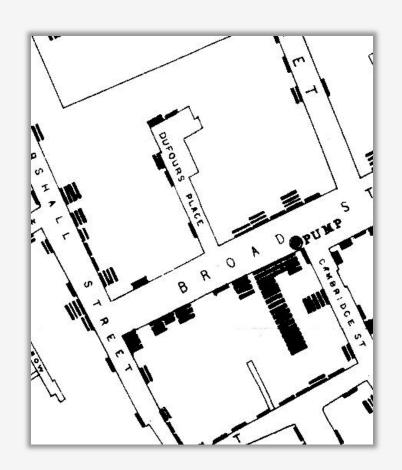
- Please enter your questions in the chat box
- Microphones will be muted
- Q&A session at the conclusion of the webinar
- Webinar & slides will be available
- Survey following the webinar



Onur Binay @unsplash

Agenda

- Brian Baldwin Modern GIS
- Mike Ruth Evergreen State College
- Kwong Chi Man Hong Kong Baptist University
- Patrick DeLuca McMaster University
- Panel Discussion / Q&A



Modern GIS

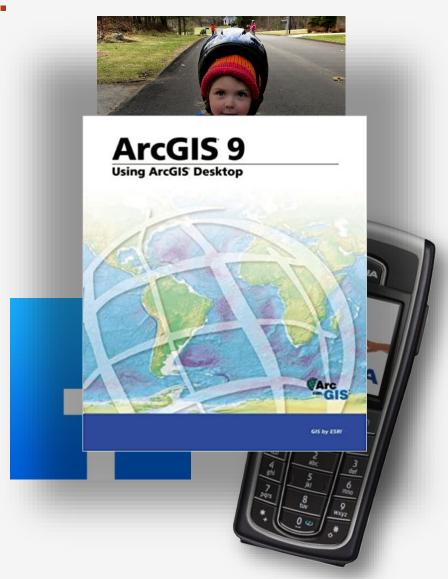
Brian Baldwin



Time travel to 2004... 18 years ago.



Harry Cunningham @unsplash





Redlining & Heat Islands: Richmond VA The history of redlining in the United States is still being written. These nearly 90 year-old polygons have not only changed heavy. shaped housing prices and demographics, but defined heat islands, commercial lending practices, and they have had many other impacts on the communities upon which they were drawn. Legend Temperature Difference Land Surf Temp difference > 5 <-5 0 0.35 0.7 1.4 Miles Map Sources: Science Museum of Virginia and Esri from Hoffman et al., 2020 Map: Brian James Baldwir

"Partners can see who's doing projects. It helps them identify opportunities for collaboration—sharing capacity, resources, and hopefully having greater success."

Acres by Sector

Quick Reference Guide CLICK HERE





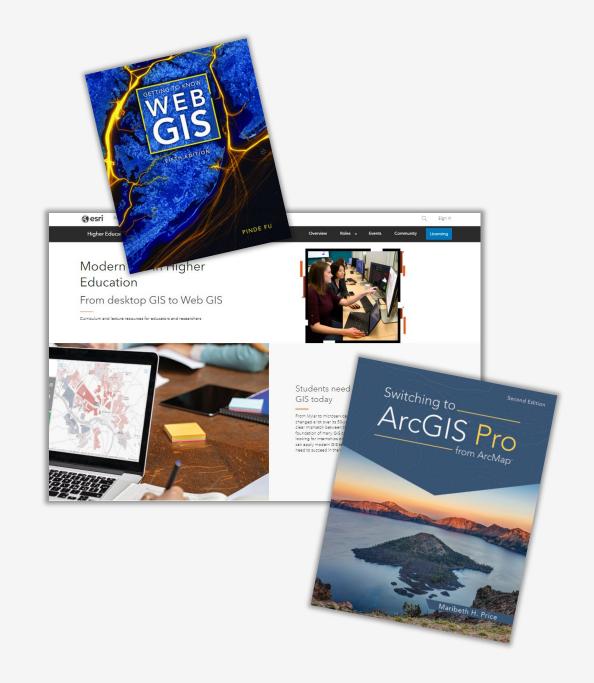
What skills are required?

- Requirements gathering
- Data as services
- Application configuration
- Automation & scripting
- Enterprise / Cloud



Resources

- Esri Press
- MOOCs
- Esri Academy (Learn ArcGIS)
- Doc, videos, blogs
- Esri Community
- Events! (EdSummit/UC)







Using GIS to Teach Hstory Undergraduates in Hong Kong

Kwong Chi Man
Hong Kong Baptist University
21 Sept 2022

Contexts

- Hong Kong
 - Hghly diverse historical experiences in different part of the territory
 - Abundance in textual and statistical historical sources
- Academic underpinnings
 - The study of spatial history the Hstory Department, Hong Kong Baptist University
 - The "1941 Battle of Hong Kong" Spatial History project



Contexts

- The Course
 - Created in 2020 to train history undergrads
 - Class size: 30-40
 - Course duration: 12-13 weeks
 - Course outline:

What is Spatial Hstory

GISTools: An Introduction

A History of Maps

Infographics and Hstorical Study

Introduction to Digital Humanities

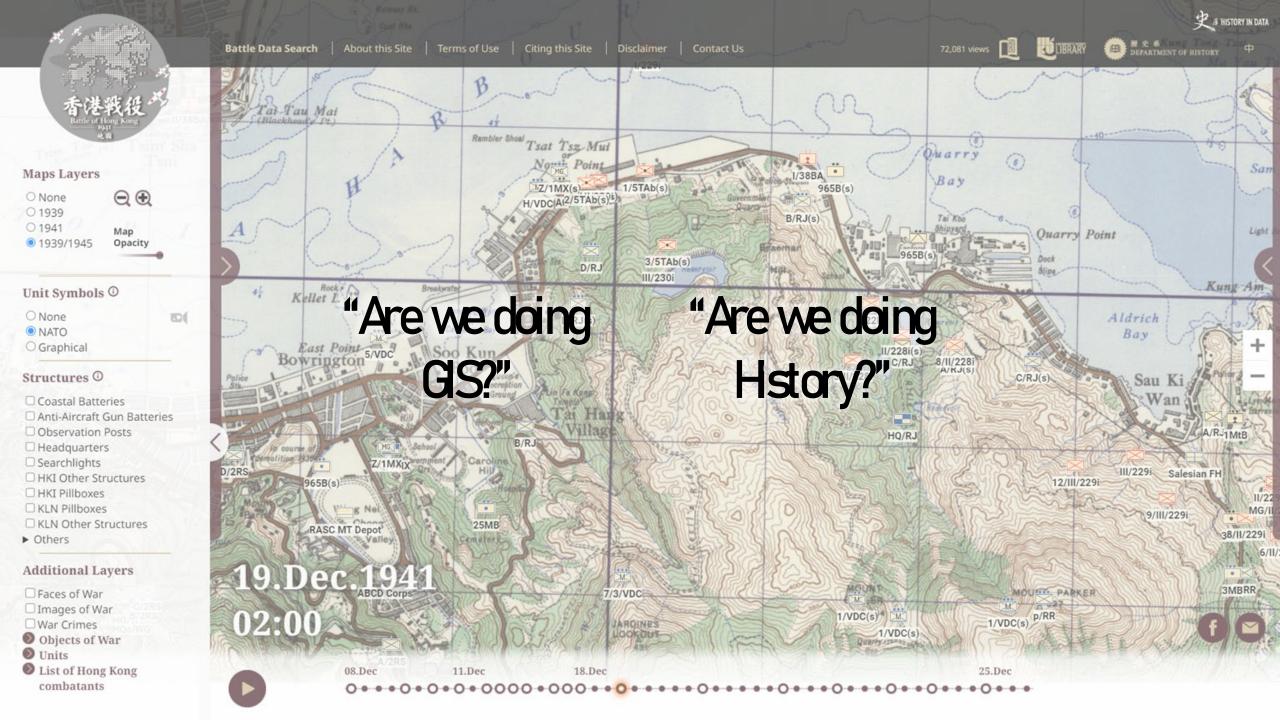
Group Presentations

Contexts

- The Course (cont')
 - Assignments
 - Students are asked to form groups of 4-6 to work on a story map (using ArcGS StoryMap) about any themes/topics on Hong Kong history of their choosing
 - They are graded based on the story map, the presentation, and a short reflection paper

Difficulties Encountered

- Hstory education in Hong Kong secondary (high) schools
 - Heavily text-based
 - Maps only play a minor role in textbooks and the curriculum
 - Weak spatial awareness among the students
- Usual difficulties encountered by historians when they are using GIS
 - Incomplete/incoherent data
 - Visualizing qualitative data
 - Handling the temporal factor
 - Terrain: then and now



Results

- Students' feedbacks
- Unexpected outcomes
 - Students showing the ability to frame research questions and collect sources
 - Inclusion of field works and oral histories
 - Attempts to improve visualization
 - Students more tech savvy than we imagined
 - Sample: https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/c23949b11f8e41ed82de3305e280476e (ArcGIS StoryMap)







Our Guiding Principles in Teaching Modern GIS

- Regular examination of industry needs
- Teach Fundamentals
- Build in critical thinking and project management skills to each exercise in upper year courses





Course Offerings @ McMaster

Geographic 📀

Information

Systems

2nd Year 3rd Year 4th Year



















How Our Investment Student Success Pays Off

- 2016 Esri Global Content Challenge
 - Won 5 of 9 cash prizes
- 2017 International IGYU Story Map Challenge
 - 2 entries finished tied for second place
- 2020 National Geomatics Competition
 - Both entries made the finals with one team winning a sustainable solution award
- 2021 Story Maps Challenge
 - Two entries made the finals (top 10)
- Annual ECCE Web App Challenges (2016-current)
 - Placed in the top 3 seven years in a row. Finished <u>first</u> place the past two years

