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Current Positions

Director, Professional Development and Geospatial Technologies Education, The Polis Center, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis. 2004 to present.

Kevin is responsible for directing all activities associated with the Polis Center Geospatial Technologies Education program. This includes development and management of projects with a wide range of local, state, federal, and international organizations. It also includes teaching and curriculum development responsibilities for multiple technically and conceptually oriented courses.

Kevin also has over 25 years of consulting experience with multiple federal agencies as well as many state and local government, private sector, academic, and not-for-profit entities. For the past decade he has been focused on directing and supporting projects that include the creation of geospatial tools and workflows related to natural hazard risk. This includes supporting the governments of Canada and Singapore by providing recommendations on flood risk mitigation tools and strategies.

He has offered presentations, training and consulting services addressing a variety of geospatial tools and topics in over 100 cities in 36 states and 10 countries. This includes serving as a lead instructor since 2003 for the FEMA Emergency Management Institute. Kevin is a recognized expert in FEMA's Hazus-MH technology and supporting methodology. Experience with Hazus-MH includes multiple hazard modelling projects as well as design and management of over two dozen courses in flood, earthquake and hurricane risk assessment, disaster operations, and data management.

Kevin is also Adjunct Associate Faculty for the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at IUPUI where he teaches graduate courses in the application of geographic information systems tools and concepts for emergency management and public safety.

Chairman, Multihazard Mitigation Council, National Institute of Building Sciences (2016)

The Multihazard Mitigation Council (MMC) serves a vital need by establishing a body of experts in a multitude of related fields that can address the challenges associated with the identification and implementation of effective mitigation practices. The Council is an independent entity that should ultimately inform decision making in ways that lead to effective public policy on many levels.

The MMC is currently engaged in developing private-public incentives for implementing resilience, developing a follow-on to the 2005 Mitigation Saves study, and outreach on mitigation issues through symposiums and webinars.

Board of Directors, Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) (2014 – 2017)

URISA is a multi-disciplinary geospatial organization founded in 1963 that provides professional education and training, a vibrant and connected community, advocacy for geospatial challenges and issues, and essential resources. URISA international and chapter members currently number approximately 5,000 geospatial professionals in 20 countries. URISA also facilitates the GISCorps which counts over 4,200 enlisted volunteers who reside in 98 countries. These volunteers provide an invaluable service by supporting the geospatial needs of communities experiencing natural disasters as well as underprivileged communities who do not have the capabilities to take advantage of geospatial technologies.

Other Relevant Experience

Secretary, Multihazard Mitigation Council, National Institute of Building Sciences (2012 – 2015)

Chair, Professional Practices Division, Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (2012 – 2014)

Board of Directors, Indiana Geographic Information Council (2007 – 2013)

Chair, Indiana Geographic Information Council Education Committee (2000 – present)

Education

Masters of Planning: 2002, Environmental Planning, Indiana University; Bachelor of Arts: 1990, Geography, Indiana University