



Hello July



JSU will be closed on July 3-4, 2023, for the Fourth of July holiday.

August 4, 2023 - Pete Mathews Coliseum

Summer 2023 Commencement is quickly approaching! Order your regalia from the Campus Bookstore! Contact your academic advisor or degree check-out person with any questions.

10:00 AM

- College of Arts, Humanities, and Sciences
- College of Business and Industry
- College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

2:00 PM

- College of Education and Professional Studies
- College of Health Professions and Wellness



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ASK GRADUATE STUDIES

We want to hear from you!

Submit your question(s) using the form below. Each question will be answered in the August 2023 Newsletter.

[Ask Graduate Studies Form](#)

Graduate Student Spotlight

MARGARET WALTON

"Having completed my Bachelor of Science in Geography at Jacksonville State University in May 2021, I felt compelled to continue my academic journey. With JSU offering a new program in Geographic Information Science and Technology at the graduate level, it made perfect sense to build on my education and pursue a Master of Science degree. The past two years have been eventful, to say the least. As I was working toward my degree, I received a full-time job offer as the Education Coordinator for Noccalula Falls Park and Campground in Gadsden, Alabama. In addition to that job, I also served as a Graduate Teaching Assistant for the Department of Chemistry and Geosciences, where I taught Physical Geography Labs both in-person and online. This past spring semester, I was awarded Best Graduate Poster at the JSU Student Symposium for my presentation on Using ArcGIS Software and Applications for Community Mapping. During the past two years, I have been an active member of the American Association of Geographers and the Southeast Division of the American Association of Geographers, presenting at four conferences - two national and two regional. I was fortunate enough to receive multiple travel and research grants, including the Kinsaul Travel Grant and a research grant from the School of Science and Mathematics, which enabled me to conduct extensive research for my thesis, *The Psychogeographic Relationship with Memories, Popular Music, and Identity: A Case Study from 1995-2022 of the Grateful Dead*. I also co-authored an article with the Dean of Graduate Studies, Dr. Channing R. Ford, and co-authored a book chapter and two articles with Dr. Mark Sciuchetti.

Throughout my undergraduate and graduate degrees, I have had the pleasure of working closely with my advisor and mentor, Dr. Mark Sciuchetti, to help finetune my interest in my professional and academic careers. If I had one piece of advice to any student, at any degree level, in any field, it would be to pick a mentor wisely and stay active with them throughout your academic career. Mentors play this crucial role in our success throughout our higher education experience, as they offer real-world advice and expose us to ideas and opportunities that we wouldn't otherwise possibly know about. In my case, Dr. Sciuchetti gave me the confidence to work towards all of the previously mentioned opportunities and to pursue a Doctoral Degree.

I graduated with my Master of Science in Geographic Information Science and Technology that past April, where I was one of the four students that graduated this semester, and the second cohort of students to graduate from our program, too. It's bittersweet leaving the town, friends, and university that I have called home the past seven years, but I am so excited to start this next chapter of my life! In the Fall Semester of 2023, I will begin to pursue my Ph.D. in Geography at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. My fiancé, our four pets, and I are excited to see what the 'Ville has in store for us. Stay Cocky!"



Interested in Graduate Studies?

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Graduate Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Sean Chenoweth,
*Master of Science (MS),
Geographic Information Science & Technology
Department of Chemistry and Geosciences*

Dr. Sean Chenoweth is the Director of the Master's in Geographic Information Science & Technology (GIS&T) program and Coordinator for the Geographic Research and Information Laboratory (GRIL). He joined the JSU Department of Chemistry and Geosciences in 2019 and his areas of specialization include karst geomorphology, geographic information systems, and remote sensing with drones. Dr. Chenoweth has over a dozen peer reviewed publications and has received about \$530,000 in internal and external grants in his professional career.



"I decided to pursue a graduate degree to become a scientist and study geomorphology and geospatial technologies. I knew that a graduate degree would be necessary to increase my opportunities with finding employment in the scientific community. After I got my master's degree in Geography, I went to work for the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) making maps of protected areas in Africa. I became interested in tropical karst landscapes and decided to pursue a Ph.D. in Geography. As a result, field work has been conducted in Jamacia, Trinidad, Puerto Rico, Barbuda, and Belize."

The Geographic Information Science and Technology (MS) is a 36 credit-hour program housed within the College of Science and Mathematics. Throughout this program students will combine cartography, computer science, geo-informatics, spatial statistics, and in-depth spatial analysis to problem solve from a spatial perspective.

For more information on this program, [please click here.](#)