

Sean C. Ahearn, Ph.D.

a) Professional Preparation

Institution	Major	Degree
Syracuse University/ SUNY-ESF	Natural Resource Management	'78 B.S.
University of Wisconsin Madison.	Environmental Remote Sensing	'82 M.S.
University of Wisconsin Madison.	Environmental Remote Sensing	'86 Ph.D.

b) Appointments

Year	Appointment
2002 - present	Professor, Department of Geography Hunter College – CUNY
2018-present	Director, Master of Science in GeoInformatics Program
1994 - present	Director, Center for Advanced Research of Spatial Information
1998 – present	Earth and Environmental Sciences Ph.D. program
1986-90	Assistant Professor School of Natural Resources, Univ. of Minnesota - TC

c) Publications (selected)

- Smith, S., D.M. Brown, J.R. Oliveras, P.L. Sieswerda, **S.C. Ahearn**, D. Reiss.
Preliminary Study on Humpback Wales Lunge Feeding in the New York Bight.
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- DeMeres, M., A. Klimaszewski-Patterson, R. Richman, S.C. **Ahearn**, B. Plewe, A. Skupin, (2013) "Toward an Immersive 3D Virtual BoK Exploratorium: A Proof of Concept". *Transactions on GIS*.
- Ahearn**, S., I. Icke, R. Datta, B. Plewe, M. DeMere, A. Skupin. (2013). "Re-engineering the Geographic Information System Body of Knowledge" Special Issue on GIS-Cyber-Infrastructure. *International Journal for Geographic Information Science* Vol. 27 Is 11.
- Carney, R., S. **Ahearn**, A. McConchie, C. Glaser, C. Jean, C. Barker, B. Park, K. Padgett & V. Kramer. 2011. DYCAST early warning system for West Nile virus". *Journal of Emerging Infectious Disease*, Vo. 17, issue 8.
- Ahearn, S.C.**, Ahn, Y.J. 2011. "Quality Assurance and potential applications of high density LiDAR data for the City of New York" , *Proceedings American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing*, Milwaukee Wisconsin.
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- Henderson, D. B., **S. Ahearn**, 1998. Evolution of a municipal landbase from layers to objects, *URISA Annual Conference Proceedings*, Charlotte, NC., pp. 320-330
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e) Grants (selected: Total > \$21M since 1995 in over 75 grants)

1. Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications New York City. **(PI)** Quality Assurance of the City-wide Planimetric Update. (2022) \$440,000
2. US Dept. of Energy (sub of Sustainable CUNY). (2015 -18) "NYS Solar Map" Manage data analysis and system development for solar mapping, \$220,000.
3. The National Science Foundation. 2010-13. **(PI)**. "Geographic Information Science and Technology BoK2: Foundational Research". \$409,000.
4. US Department of Energy. 2010-11. **(Co-PI)**. "NYC Solar Map", Directed development. \$212,000
5. New York Department of City Services (DCAS). 2010. **(PI)**. "High Density Lidar acquisition and quality assurance". \$ 450,000.
6. California Department of Health. 2005 -2008. **(PI)**. Implemented a real-time warning system for West Nile Virus.. ~ \$ 200,000

7. New York City Department of Environmental Protection. **(PI.)** 2002 – 2012. “Quality control for the New York City Sewer GIS Compilation”, ~ \$ 8,000,000
8. City of Chicago Dept. of Health (2003) **(PI)** Implemented a real-time warning system for West Nile Virus. ~ \$100,000
9. New York City Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications. 1996 – 2004. **(PI)**. “Update and Maintenance of the New York City Base-map (NYCMap)”₁. Funding: ~\$9,000,000
10. NYCDOITT, 2001-02. Emergency Mapping and Data Center. Response to 911. \$ 276,460
11. New York City Department of Health. **(PI)** Implemented a real-time warning system for West Nile Virus. ~ \$ 50,000

f) Synergistic Activities

1. Invited Speaker: National Academy of Sciences: Mapping Science Committee: *Modeling Covid-19 using an imbedded recursive model for SIR parameterization.* June 2020 <http://carsimodel.com/06/>
2. Invited Speaker: National Academy of Sciences: Mapping Science Committee: *A Scale of One.* April 30, 2015.
3. Led a NSF funded consortium of four Universities to create a set of computational systems for domain ontologies for the creation of Bodies of Knowledge. (2010-2013)
4. State-wide implementation of the DYCAST spatial-temporal model for detecting West Nile Virus hotspots in California funded by the California, DoH. Model was run every day for each ¼ by ¼ mile of the state for 3 years from May to October (2005-2008) and reported out the Vector Control Units in California for targeted remediation.
5. Citywide-wide implementation of the DYCAST spatial-temporal model for the City of Chicago for detecting West Nile Virus hotspots funded by the Chicago DoH (2004)
6. Played a key role in implementing geo-spatial technologies in response to the 911 crisis. Work was chronicled in the **History Chanel** documentary: *The Twin Towers: rise and fall of an American Icon.*
7. Citywide-wide implementation of the DYCAST spatial-temporal model for the City of New York for detecting West Nile Virus hotspots funded by the New York City DoH (2000)

g) Notable

1. US Patent US2015024847A1 Knowledge reference system and methods 2022 (<https://patents.google.com/patent/US20150248478>)
2. IBM Faculty Award for 2013
3. Appointment by US Secretary of Interior Kempthorne to the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) as a *founding member* (2008- 2011).
4. President of the University Consortium of Geographic Information Science. February (2007 -2008).

5. American Geographical Society, Commendation for meritorious services in the applications of geospatial technologies in response to the World Trade Center Crisis, November 2001.
6. Smallworld (now GE Network Solutions) Innovation Award for 1998, for development of an object-oriented model using Smallworld GIS to model tiger behavior and interaction.

h) Presentations & Lectures (select)

1. Invited Speaker: Workshop on “Digital Twins”. Arizona State University. February 2023.
2. Invited Speaker: Workshop on Scale. Arizona State University. February 2020
3. Invited Participant: Workshop on Spatial Data Science. Dec. 2019.
4. Invited Speaker: Lorentz Workshop on “Movement: New Sensors, New Data, New Challenges”. Leiden, The Netherlands. 21 August – 25 August 2017.
5. Invited Speaker: Schloss Dagstuhl Seminar 17282, “From Observation to Prediction of Movement”. July 8, 2017 to July 14, 2017. Wadern, Germany.
6. Invited Speaker: NSF workshop on Movement Interaction, Ohio State University, Columbus, Oh May 11-12, 2017.
7. Invited Speaker: NSF workshop on Movement Interaction, University of Texas-Austin. Nov. 9-10, 2016.
8. Invited Speaker, The National Academies of Science, Mapping Science Committee, May 2015.
9. Transactions on Geographic Information Science Plenary Speaker. The American Association of Geographers, Tampa, Fl. 2014.
10. Presentation. The International Cartography Conference. The GIS & T Body of Knowledge: foundational research. Paris 2011.
11. Keynote. International Conference on Geographic Information Science, Istanbul, Turkey, 2008
8. Invited Speak, The University of Southern California, October 2007
9. Invited Speaker, Rutgers University October 2006.
10. Keynote. West Virginia Annual Geographic Information Systems Conference; June 2006.
11. Invited Speaker, The CIA February 2004.
12. Invited Speaker, The NSA, February 2004.
13. Invited Speaker, The NGA, February 2004.
14. Invited speaker, Harvard School of Design 2003