



# Southeast Tracker

## GITA Southeast Chapter Conference, October 4, 2006

GITA Southeast Chapter has chosen Dave and Buster's in Marietta (just north of Atlanta) again this year as the site of its Annual Fall Conference. The event will take place Wednesday, October 4, 2006. This year's theme is "GIS – The Enabler" and will focus on a variety of areas in which GIS has been and currently is an "enabler". I encourage you to take advantage of the meeting because the presentations will cover a diverse range of areas and interests from business to academic.

This year we will bring you presentations that go beyond the usual business uses of GIS technologies. Our keynote speaker is the Director of the Center for Geographic Information Systems at Georgia Institute of Technology. He will give a fascinating presentation on Innovative GIS Applications. We continue with an event that has affected all of us, Hurricane Katrina. Here we will learn how Mississippi Power used GIS to manage power outage, damage assessment and restoration. These and the other presentations we have for you will give you further insight into how GIS can be an enabler for you.

Based on last year's conference, I can assure you that the quality of presentations will be excellent. Included in this one-day conference are the following:

- User presentations: front line reports from your peers describing what they did and how they did it (or how they plan to do it).
- Continental breakfast, lunch, closing reception, and a chance to compare notes with your counterparts at other companies.
- Vendor exhibits from:

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You can register online and view the preliminary agenda on the GITA web site at [www.gita.org/chapters/southeast/steast.html](http://www.gita.org/chapters/southeast/steast.html).

Make your GITA membership work for you! Take this opportunity to network with your colleagues and learn about the latest technologies.

Best regards,

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## Chapter News & Events



Research projects being conducted by UTC students have recently gained the attention and support of the Southeast Chapter of GITA. Three UTC graduate students, Ryan Miller, Stacy Huskins, and Benjamin Miles in the Masters in Environmental Science program, and one undergraduate student, Ian Cohen, were awarded a total of \$2,500 in scholarships to aid them in the conduct of their research projects. The scholarships have been awarded by the Southeast Chapter, which encourages the use of advanced mapping technologies throughout industry. The projects that these students are working on are being overseen by Dr. Joey Shaw and other UTC faculty who are members of the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences. These projects involve research utilizing UTC's Geographical Information System (GIS) laboratory.

**Left to right: Charlie Marlin, GITA Southeast Chapter; Dr. Joey Shaw; Dr. Spratt; Dr. Tim Gaudin; Ryan Miller; Ian Cohen; Stacy Huskins; Benjamin Miles**

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Upcoming Events			
Nov. 1-3, 2006	<b>Georgia URISA Workshop &amp; Mini Conference</b> Athens, GA <a href="http://www.gaurisa.org/calendar.php">http://www.gaurisa.org/calendar.php</a>		Sept. 29, 2006
			<b>OGETA FORUM</b> Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Ctr. Atlanta, GA <a href="http://www.ogeta.us/forum2006">http://www.ogeta.us/forum2006</a>
Nov. 15-17, 2006	<b>5th Annual SHRUG GIS Workshop</b> Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center Tallahassee, FL <a href="http://www.shrug-gis.info">http://www.shrug-gis.info</a>		Oct. 4, 2006
			<b>GITA SE Annual Conference</b> Dave & Buster's Marietta, GA <a href="http://www.gita.org/chapters/southeast/steast.html">http://www.gita.org/chapters/southeast/steast.html</a>

For more information on Upcoming GITA events visit the following websites:

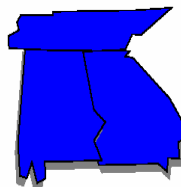
GITA's 2006 Events Calendar — <http://www.gita.org/events/events2.html>

Future GITA Conferences — <http://www.gita.org/events/futconf.html>

### LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED? JOIN THE SOUTHEAST CHAPTER

We're always looking for professionals in the field of geospatial technologies – whether that's students, teachers, professors, or an employee of a utility or a communications company, state and/or local government or a vendor that serves these industries. For more information or to join contact Bryan Willis at [bwillis@lasertech.com](mailto:bwillis@lasertech.com) or (678) 254-9634 or log onto [https://www.gita.org/membership/types/join\\_amfm\\_form.html](https://www.gita.org/membership/types/join_amfm_form.html)

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