

Winter Symposium - Presentation Info

Friday, February 6, 2026 3:55 PM

Presentation 1: Accessibility - 9:15 - 9:45am

Abstract:

Creating accessible GIS maps and applications is a worthwhile task to ensure the information we are conveying reaches all users. However, this is no easy task. Find out how state and local governments are working together to find solutions.

Presenter: Faye Koenigsmark faye.koenigsmark@dhhs.nc.gov

Dr. Faye Koenigsmark is the GIS Analyst for the Environmental Public Health Tracking team in the Occupational and Health Epidemiology Branch at NCDHHS. Her work utilizes geospatial software to map community characteristics and vulnerabilities that lead to inequitable exposures and disproportionate health outcomes. Faye obtained her PhD in Environmental Engineering from Duke University, focusing on mercury exposure assessment and remediation. Prior to joining NCDHHS, she completed a postdoc at UNC Chapel Hill Gillings School of Public Health examining spatiotemporal associations between 911 calls and neighborhood environment.

Presentation 2: Bad Deeds – 9:45 – 10:30am

Welcome to Camp Crystal Fake: Where Every Deed Goes Off the Deep End

At this summer camp, the deeds have problems, the legal descriptions are sinking, and there is fraud lurking just beneath the surface. Join us around the campfire as we uncover the chilling (and preventable!) mistakes that can send even seasoned professionals off the deep end. From suspicious signings to paperwork that just won't stay buried, this session will guide you through the red flags, real-world cases, and best practices to keep your transactions from turning into campfire horror stories. Pack your flashlights—because at Camp Crystal Fake, what you don't see will haunt you.

Presenter 1: Andrea Davis andrea.davis@ctt.com

Andrea is State Underwriting Counsel in the Greensboro office of Chicago Title. Before focusing primarily on real estate, she was a litigator and general civil practice attorney. In private practice, Andrea handled a variety of matters, including real estate transactions, family law, estates, and creditors' rights. Licensed in both NC and Florida, she is a member of the North Carolina and Florida Bar Associations, as well as the Real Property Section of the North Carolina Bar and the Real Estate Lawyers Association of NC. She is an adjunct professor at Elon Law where she coaches law students on appellate advocacy through moot court competitions. She is a regular speaker to professional associations on real property, title insurance, title searching in the Odyssey portal, and AI technology for real estate lawyers.

Presenter 2: CP Stewart cp@cheshire-parker.com

C.P. Stewart is a Marine Corps veteran turned attorney who reads deeds for fun, argues with paperwork professionally, and still gets surprised by what people sign. When not practicing law, he can be found explaining that “this should have been in writing.” He's known for taking on situations where things have gone slightly—or spectacularly—off the rails. He believes most legal problems begin with the phrase, “My cousin said it was fine.”

Presentation 3: Cemeteries – 10:45 – 11:15am

Abstract:

Understanding the historical landscapes is critical for future progress. Historic cemeteries are often the only part of this historic landscape left unchanged and can dramatically change how a modern parcel is divided, zoned, appraised, and used. This presentation will give you tips to finding them, why they become untethered from modern documentation, and why you should consider a cemetery layer in your future.

Presenter: Melissa Timo melissa.timo@dncr.nc.gov

Melissa is the Historic Cemetery Specialist for the NC Office of State Archaeology. Her Bachelor of Science Degree in Archaeology is from Mercyhurst University. Her Master Degree in Historic and Public Archaeology is from the University of West Florida. She has worked in a variety of archaeology and public history jobs from nonprofits to universities to the National Parks Service, but she's most happy connecting descendants and locals to the history, archaeology, and historic cemeteries in their own backyards.

Presentation 4: Cyberattack Survival – 11:15 - 11:45am**Abstract:**

The NCLGISA IT Strike Team will share real-world insights on cybersecurity threats and response strategies, with a focus on GIS environments. We'll cover why GIS systems are high-profile targets, best practices for securing data and infrastructure, and lessons learned from recent incidents. Attendees will gain practical guidance on hardening systems, minimizing risk, and understanding GIS's critical role during and after a cyberattack.

Presenter: NCLGISA Strike Team [Ted Norris@onslowcountync.gov](mailto:Ted.Norris@onslowcountync.gov)

Presentation 5: Leadership – 11:45 - 12:15pm**Abstract:**

Making the scary jump from doer to leader - Making that transition from technical to leader can be scary to say the least. How do I manage people? How do I lead people that may be older or more experienced than I am? How do I deal with problems, build a program and the list goes on... In this session, we will talk about some of these. I will try to provide you with some tips and tricks to help ease your move into leadership.

Presenter: Tripp Corbin tcorbin@cultivategeospatial.com

Tripp is a Senior GIS Professional, Consultant and Instructor for Cultivate Geospatial. With over 28 years of experience, he is a recognized industry expert and leader. Tripp holds multiple GIS and IT certifications. Tripp is a past President of the Geospatial Professional Network (former URISA), a GISCI Board Member, and the Immediate Past President of the Georgia Geospatial Association. Tripp is also a graduate and instructor for the GPN Leadership and Advanced

Leadership Academies.