

Space, Place, and Time: Mapping Historical Changes

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The emerging global digital environment holds out exciting new opportunities for geographic understanding. The shared space of the Web permits broad audiences to explore complex representations of change from multiple perspectives and degrees of scale. New tools permits us, moreover, to represent complex social change unfolding over large spaces and long periods of time. It is now possible as well to integrate analytical representations of space with more humanistic understanding of individual places. To demonstrate some of these possibilities, this talk will present dynamic maps of change in the United States over several centuries and will discuss the challenges and opportunities those maps present.