

Presenters

Ben Lewis

Geospatial Technology Manager

Ben is manager of Harvard WorldMap, an open source infrastructure to support collaborative research around geospatial information. Ben is also leading a team to build a global registry of web map services (HHypermap) and another to develop a platform to support interactive exploration of billions of spatio-temporal things (BOP).

Before joining Harvard Ben was a project manager with Advanced Technology Solutions of Pennsylvania (now GeographIT), where he led the company in adopting platform independent approaches to GIS system development. Ben studied Chinese at the University of Wisconsin and has a Masters in Planning from the University of Pennsylvania. After Penn, Ben worked at the U.C Berkeley GIS Lab, started the GIS group for the transportation engineering firm McCormick Taylor, and coordinated the Land Acquisition Mapping System for the South Florida Water Management District.

Ben is especially interested in technologies that lower the barrier to GIS access.

Aaron Williams

MapD, VP of Global Community

Aaron is responsible for MapD's developer, user and open source communities. He comes to MapD with more than two decades of previous success building ecosystems around some of software's most familiar platforms. Most recently he ran the global community for Mesosphere, including leading the launch and growth of DC/OS as an open source project. Prior to that he led the Java Community Process at Sun Microsystems, and ecosystem programs at SAP. Aaron has also served as the founding CEO of two startups in the entertainment space. Aaron has an MS in Computer Science and BS in Computer Engineering from Case Western Reserve University.