

2026 Annual SWAAG Meeting

Conference Program



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Geosciences

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September 30, 2026 – October 3, 2026

Welcome and Acknowledgements

Welcome to Lubbock TX, for the 2026 Annual Meeting of the Southwest Division of the American Association of Geographers (SWAAG)! We are thrilled to host you and hope this year's meeting exceeds your expectations.

This event would not have been possible without the dedication, collaboration, and generosity of countless individuals and groups:

- SWAAG Treasurer
- SWAAG Secretary
- Editors of *The Southwestern Geographer*,
- Keynote speakers
- Presenters and session organizers, whose contributions form the heart of our meeting.
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- Faculty, staff, and students of the Texas Tech University Department of Geosciences, for their exceptional effort in planning, organizing, and supporting this meeting:
- Our valued partners and supporters—featured on the following pages—whose generosity made this meeting possible.

Finally, thank you to each of you for traveling to Lubbock and contributing to this year's meeting. Your dedication to advancing geographic research, education, and collaboration ensures that our time together will be an engaging and memorable experience for all. Here's to a great meeting!

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SWAAG Chairs



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Helpful Links and Resources

To help you make the most of your time at the 2026 SWAAG Annual Meeting, here are some quick links and highlights:

- [General Information about the 2026 SWAAG Annual Meeting](#)
- [Conference Registration](#)

Learn more about the Southwest Division of the AAG [SWAAG Website](#) and sign up for our [listserv](#) to stay up to date on future events and opportunities.

Meeting Schedule at a Glance

Wednesday, 09/30/2026

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Conference Check-In, On-Site Registration and Welcome Reception	Holden Hall Rotunda
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Thursday, 10/01/2026

7:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Conference Check-In, On-Site Registration <i>Student Union Building (SUB) Ballroom</i>	SUB Ballroom
8:30 AM – 5:30 PM	Poster and Exhibition Hall Open. (All posters may exhibited from 8:30 AM Thursday to 3:00 PM Friday)	SUB Ballroom
8:30 AM – 10:30	Student Paper competition – Session I <i>TLPDC in the University Library 150</i>	TLPDC Rm 150
	Wide Open Horizons — People, Places and Change in the South-Central Borderlands <i>TTU University Library 309</i>	TTU Library Rm 309
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Student Paper competition – Session II <i>TLPDC in the University Library 150</i>	TLPDC Rm 150
	When the Plains Speak — Aeolian Geographies of Memory and Movement (in honor of Prof. Jeff Lee) <i>TTU University Library 309</i>	TTU Library Rm 309
12:00 – 2:00 PM	Conference Luncheon and Speaker <i>Student Union Building (SUB) Ballroom</i> Welcoming remarks at 12:30 Dean Tosha Dupras, College of Arts & Sciences, Texas Tech University Keynote Speaker: Dr. Sara Smith, President AAG, University of North Carolina	SUB Ballroom
2:00 AM – 3:40 PM	Student Paper competition – Session III <i>TLPDC in the University Library 150</i>	TLPDC Rm 150
	Creative Geohumanities <i>TTU University Library 309</i>	TTU Library Rm 309
3:30 – 5:30 PM	SWAAG Conference Poster Session <i>Student Union Building (SUB) Ballroom</i>	SUB Ballroom
5:30 - ?	World Geography Bowl <i>Pizza Party, ASB 106-108, 5:30 – 6:30 PM</i> <i>Bowl, ASB 103, 105, 107, 109, 6:30 PM onwards</i>	TTU Academic Sciences Building

Friday, 10/02/2026		
8:30 AM – 3:00 PM	Poster and Exhibition Hall Open. (All posters should be removed by 3:00 PM)	SUB Ballroom
8:30 AM – 10:10 AM	Geographies of Teaching, Culture and Care <i>Texas Tech Library Room 309</i>	Library 309
8:30 AM – 9:50 AM	Mapping What Matters & International and Environmental Geographies <i>TLPDC in the University Library 153</i>	TLPDC Rm 153
10:30 AM – 12:30 pm	Belonging, Community and Culture <i>TTU University Library 309</i> (Presentations 10:30 – 11:30 AM; Panel 11:30 AM -12:30 PM)	Library 309
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Special Panel Session: Building and Sustaining Healthy Departments AAG Committee on Healthy Departments and Guests <i>TLPDC in the University Library 153</i>	TLPDC 153
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Lunch (dining options in the SUB or on University Avenue)	
1:30 – 3:10 PM	Energy and Hazards Geographies <i>Texas Tech Library Room 309</i>	Library 309
1:30 – 3:10 PM	Risk, Disaster and Environmental Change <i>TLPDC in the University Library 153</i>	TLPDC 153
3:30 – 5:30 PM	Closing Reception, Awards and SWAAG Business Meeting <i>Academic Sciences Building, Rooms 106-108</i>	ASB 106- 108
6:00 PM	Van transport from Overton and Hyatt Suites Hotels to the Buddy Holly Hall for First Friday Art Trail	
6:45 PM for 7:00 PM	OPTIONAL Activity. Conference participants are encouraged to enjoy the Lubbock City First Friday Arts Trail in the LUHCA Arts District centered around Avenue J and 5th St. Parking is available at the Buddy Holly Hall and Lubbock Civic Center. For those who flew to Lubbock transport will be provided by SWAAG Conference from the Overton and Hyatt Suites Hotels from 6:00 PM. FIELDTRIP: A Walking Exploration of Creative Placemaking in Lubbock's Art District, led by Dr. Chris Schroeder, Texas Tech University.	LUHCA Art District

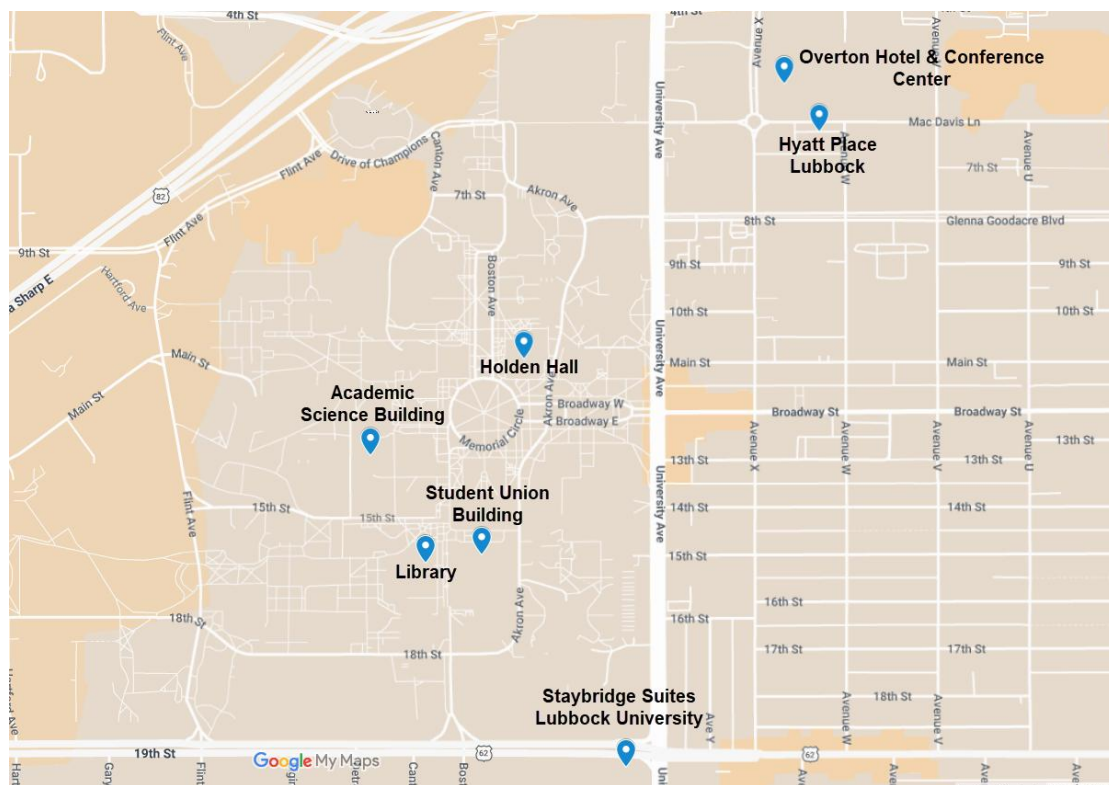
	Rendezvous point – United States Post Office Building at 411 Avenue L.	
Saturday, 10/03/2026		
8:30 AM for 9:00 AM Departure	Exploring the Canyon Lakes of Lubbock	Science Building Parking Lot off Memorial Circle
8:30 AM for 9:00 AM Departure	Urban Geography of Lubbock, including post-tornado regeneration	Science Building Parking Lot off Memorial Circle

Welcome to Lubbock and the Texas Tech Campus

Conference events will be held in one of four locations on the campus of Texas Tech University.

- Wednesday afternoon **Ice-Breaker – Holden Hall**
- Thursday **Lunch and Poster Sessions – Student Union Building**
- Thursday evening GeoBowl & Friday awards and business meeting – Academic Sciences Building
- Thursday and Friday **Technical Sessions – (University) Library**

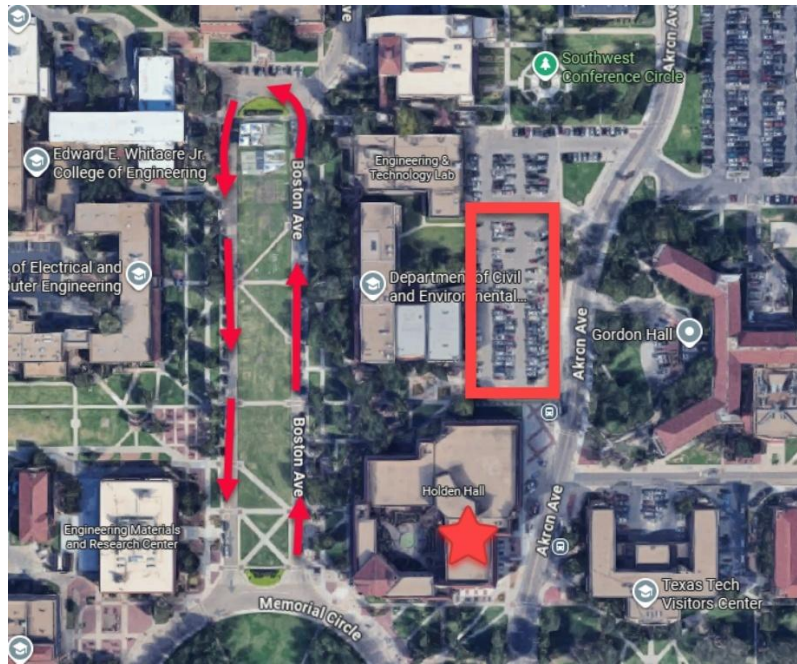
It is possible, and for those who are able, recommended to walk to campus each morning, particularly if you are staying in one of the conference hotels. The walk-time is 15-20 minutes and the weather forecast for the conference is dry, with morning temperatures in the low 60's and late afternoon temperatures in the high 70's.



Parking for Events on the Texas Tech Campus

Wednesday, September 30th (Ice-Breaker Reception)

The guests are welcome to park in R14, Northeast of Holden Hall and the whole Engineering Key. (Parking Services have suspended the visitor park and pay for our event).



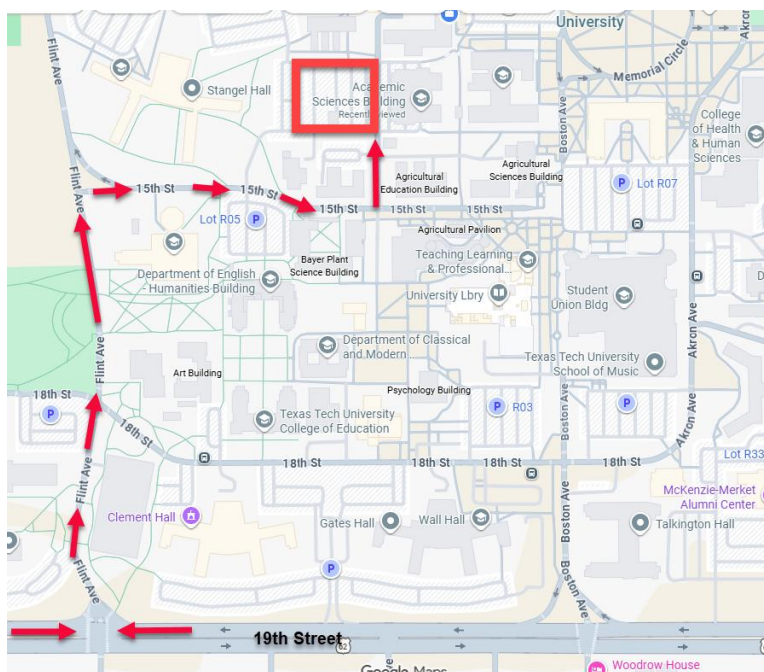
Thursday, October 1st and Friday, October 2nd (Sessions)

- Parking lot East of the Student Union Building.
- Guests must use the pay station located between two bus stop shelters; pay station has instructions.
- Parking is \$1.75 an hour per vehicle between 8:00am and 8:00pm.



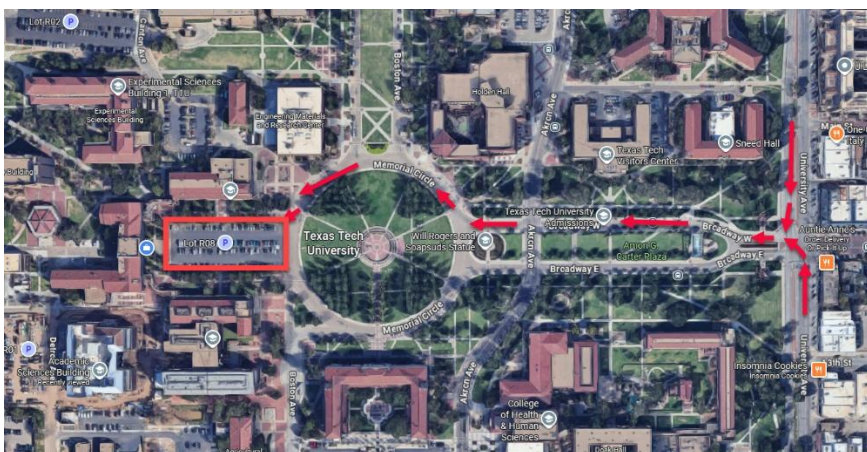
Thursday, October 1st (GEOBOWL) and Friday, October 2nd (Closing Reception, Awards and Business Meeting)

- Guests may park in R1 parking (ASB) after 5:30pm with the park and pay as well.
- Guests must use the pay station or text-to-park option; pay station has instructions.
- Parking is \$1.75 an hour per vehicle between 5:30 and 8:00 pm.
- Note: You cannot drive directly from the parking lot east of the SUB to ASB; you must go around via 18th or 19th Streets.



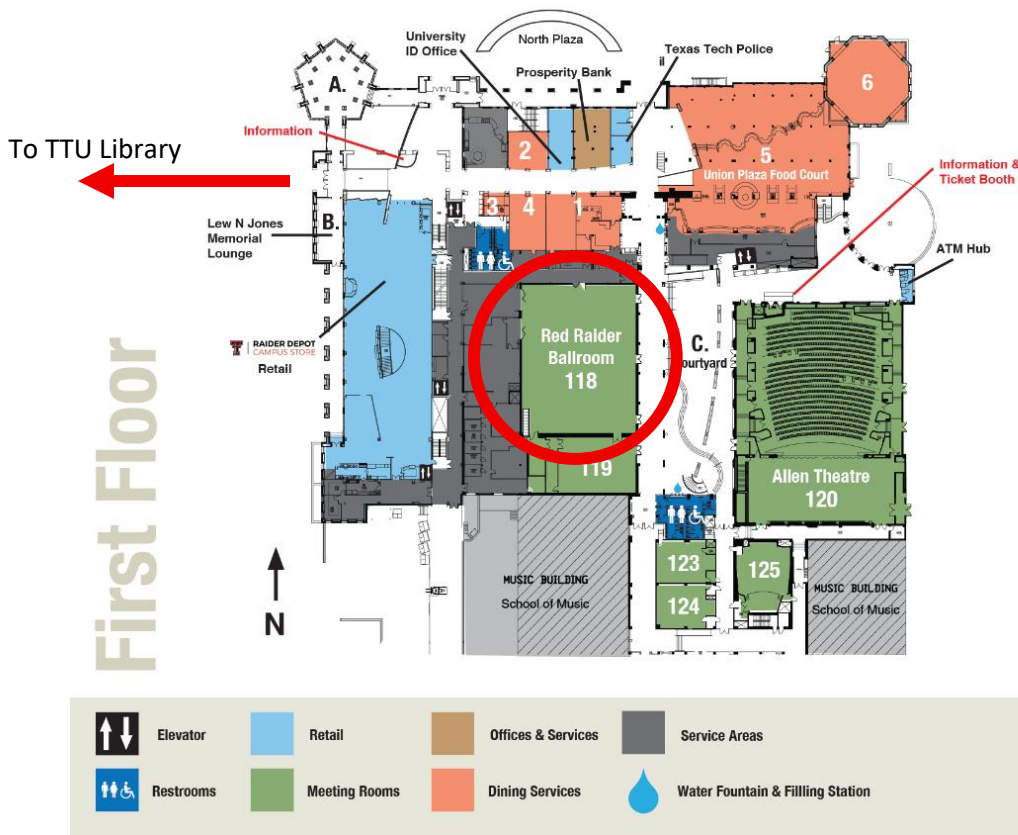
Friday October 2nd (Transport to hotels at 5:00 PM) and Saturday October 3rd (Fieldtrip Departure point)

- R8 Parking Lot immediately west of Memorial Circle on Broadway.
- Parking on Saturday is free.



Building Map for Events on the Texas Tech Campus

Thursday, October 1st and Friday, October 2nd (Red Raider Ballroom
Registration Desk, Posters, Luncheon and Options for Lunch on Friday)



Retail

ATM Hub
Texas Tech Police
Prosperity Bank
University ID Office
Raider Depot Campus Store

Dining

- Starbucks®
- Starbucks Seating Area
- The Break
- Sam's Place
- Union Plaza Food Court
 - Pizza Hut®
 - Raider Pit BBQ
 - Boar's Head Deli®
 - SUB-To-Go
- Chick-fil-A



Offices & Services

Prosperity Bank

Meeting Rooms

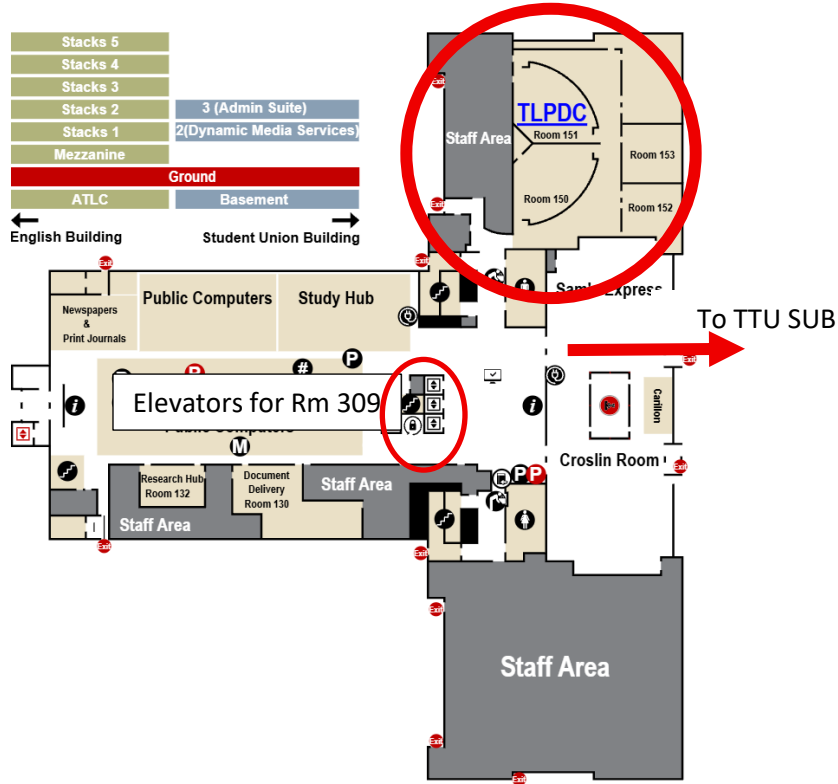
118. Red Raider Ballroom
119. Red Raider Lounge
120. Allen Theatre
123. Llano Estacado
124. Lubbock
125. Senate

General Use Areas

- A. Glass Tower
B. Lew N Jones Memorial Lounge
C. Courtyard

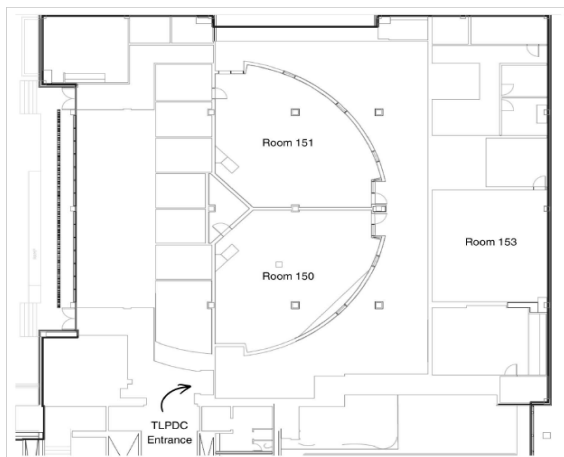
Thursday, October 1st and Friday, October 2nd (Texas Tech Library
TLPDC Rooms 150-153 and Library 309)

Library Map - Ground Floor

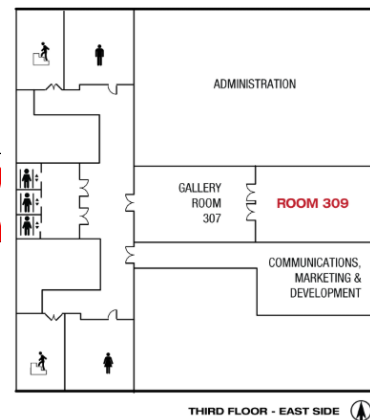


TLPDC for Technical Sessions and Panels

Library Room 309



Elevators from
Ground floor



Detailed Program

Wednesday, September 30

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Conference Check-In, On-Site Registration and Welcome Reception

Location: Rotunda and Courtyard of Holden Hall on the campus of Texas Tech University

If you need to use the elevator, it will be located on the East Side of Holden Hall. There will be a sign and volunteers to help

- Push “G” to go to event location
- Push “V” to go to ground floor

Thursday, October 1

7:30 – 11:00 am

Conference Check-In and On-Site Registration

Location: Student Union Building (SUB) Ballroom

8:30 – 10:30 am

Student Paper Competition I

Location: Teaching Learning & Professional Development Center **Room 150** (inside the Texas Tech Library)

#38 Tracing Land Use and Ownership Change: The Land History of Henry Rutherford Crawford [Claire Boswell-Texas State University]

#18 Mapping Climate-Housing Exposure: Vulnerability, Housing Stock, and Future Growth in Harris County, Texas [Kaifa Lu-Texas State University]

#4 Mobility networks structure age inequalities in access to urban nature [Mingjie Duan-The University of Hong Kong]

#30 Solar sanctuary: a participatory geographic assessment of faith-based institutions as resilience hubs for low-income disadvantaged communities in Travis County, Texas [Marguerite Harrison- Texas State University]

#68 Spatial Population Change, Immigrant Suburbanization, and Mosque Geography in Dallas-Fort Worth [Mahbubur Rahman- The University of Texas at Dallas]

#33 Transformations in praxis: How the “Roadmap to Sustainability in Texas Wine” catalyzed change and built a community of practice [Matt Roberts-Texas State University]

8:30 – 10:30 am

Session: Wide Open Horizons — People, Places and Change in the South-Central Borderlands * *Session Chair*

Location: Texas Tech Library **Room 309**

#9 Connecting Nature and Society: An environmental history of Texas State Parks [*Jason Julian-Texas State University*]

#21 Fort Worth and Galveston: Historical Geographic Snapshots of Two Agricultural Transportation Hubs [*Michael Yoder- University of Central Arkansas*]

#46 Electoral Parallels and Divergences in the South-Central Borderlands [*Jonathan Comer-Oklahoma State University*]

#73 Negotiating Situated Regimes: Post-Pandemic Illegalized Transit Migration in Latin America [*Sarah Blue-Texas State University*]*

#47 Pa' Adelante ó Más de Lo Mismo: Using Street View Imagery (SVI) Assessments of Downtown Laredo, Texas, USA for Revitalization and Cultural Preservation Efforts [*Andrew Hilburn- Texas A&M International University*]

#51 Navigating an Urban River Landscape: Anticipation and Lived Experience along the Comal River in New Braunfels, Texas [*Donci Hart-Texas State University*]

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Student Paper Competition II

Location: Teaching Learning & Professional Development Center **Room 150** (inside the Texas Tech Library)

#6 The Land-Water Nexus in South-Central Texas: An Analysis of Historical and Future Land Use and Water Use [*Elizabeth Kubacki- Texas State University*]

#24 Emerging challenges and consensus-based strategies for water management in the Red River basin, USA. [*Madeline Wade- University of Oklahoma*]

#63 A Deep Learning Framework for Soil moisture Downscaling in an Ecotonal High Plains Landscape [*Ayomide Famewo- Texas State University*]

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Session: When the Plains Speak — Aeolian Geographies of Memory and Movement (in honor of Prof. Jeff Lee)
* *Session Chair*

Location: Texas Tech Library **Room 309**

#22 Mapping the Llano Estacado of North America [*John Stout- USDA-Agricultural Research Service*]

#23 Dust hotspots in West Texas: how drought modulates regional wind erosion [*Takada Mduluz- Texas tech University*]

#27 Eight Decades of Dust in Lubbock, Texas: Building on the Legacy of Prof Jeff Lee [*Karin Ardon-Dryer Texas tech University*]*

12:00 – 2:00 pm

Lunch and Speaker

Location: Student Union Building (SUB) Ballroom

Welcoming remarks at 12:30 **Dean Tosha Dupras**, College of Arts & Sciences, Texas Tech University
Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Sara Smith**, President AAG, University of North Carolina

2:00 – 3:20 pm

Student Paper Competition III

Location: Teaching Learning & Professional Development Center **Room 150** (inside the Texas Tech Library)

#39 Improving Satellite-Based Gas Flare Detection Using Machine Learning and VIIRS Nightfire Satellite Data
[Goodluck Dike- Texas Tech University]

#56 Air Pollution Effects on Rainfed Maize and Soybean Yields in the United States [Babak Heidari- Texas State University]

#52 A 100-Year Bet: Climate Change in Scotland's Woodland and Peatland Carbon Projects [Fatema Tarin- Texas State University]

#58 Mapping the Coral-Algae Transition, Coconut Beach, St. John Parish, Commonwealth of Dominica [Jessica Harvey- Arkansas State University]

2:00 – 3:40 pm

Special Session: Creative Geohumanities * Session Chair

Location: Texas Tech Library Room 309

#17 'Human Renewal': The aesthetics and counter-aesthetics of urban renewal in 1960s Oklahoma City [Eric Sarmiento- Texas State University]*

#15 Free the People, Free the Land: Black Foodways, Uneven Development, and the Plot on Oklahoma City's Eastside [Emily Rhodes- Texas State University]

#12 Restoring Néške'emāne: A Film Informed by Critical Restoration Geographies [Laurel Smith-University of Oklahoma]

#79 How Taste Makes Place: Sagrantino, Frontier Experimentalism, and the Making of Texas Wine [Colleen Myles- Texas State University]

#50 Chaining a Giant: Poetics of Control in Progressive Era Water Infrastructure Planning on the Rio Grande [Adriana Montoya- Texas State University]

3:30 – 5:30 pm

Whole-of-Conference Poster Session

Location: Student Union Building (SUB) Ballroom

Student Poster Competition

P1 — #8 Spatial Patterns of Post-Storm Recovery Revealed by Nighttime Lights: Evidence from Harris County, Texas *[Md Jubier Ahammed- Texas Tech University]*

P2 — #53 Satellite-Derived Wildfire-Smoke Exposure and Acute Health Impacts During the 2024 Southern California Wildfire Episode *[Md Munir Mahmud- Texas State University]*

P3 — #32 Withdrawn

P4 — #34 Riverine Sustainable Recreation Capacity: Case study of the San Marcos River in Central Texas *[Zoe Cooper- Texas State University]*

P5 — #77 Environment-Adaptive Machine Learning Ensemble Framework for Improving Satellite Evapotranspiration Estimation Across U.S. Croplands *[Rajsree Das Tuli-University of Oklahoma]*

P6 — #41 Environmental Change Across Global Terrestrial Protected Areas *[Nowshin Nawar- University of Arkansas]*

P7 — #43 Do Land Use, Land Cover, and Politics Predict Environmental Crime Reporting? Evidence from Colombian Municipalities, 2003–2024 *[Miguel Ariza Coll-Texas Tech University]*

P8 — #76 Habitat use and temporal strategies of prey in a predator-human shared landscape *[Dristee Chad-University of Oklahoma]*

P9 — #48 Spatially Heterogeneous Pedestrian Cooling from Long-Term Street Tree Growth Using A Multi-Scale Modeling Approach *[Tianze Luo-University of Oklahoma]*

P10 — #66 Eat my dust!: Mapping OHV-Induced Dust Hotspots and Their Contribution to Regional Air Quality In Red Sands OHV Area, New Mexico *[Avery Bouskila-Texas State University]*

Wide Open Horizons — People, Places and Change in the South-Central Borderlands

P11 — #67 Comfort, Texas: the small Texas hill country town of resilience *[Haniston Holloway-Texas Tech University]*

When the Plains Speak — Aeolian Geographies of Memory and Movement (in honor of Prof. Jeff Lee)

P12 — #19 Spatiotemporal Assessment of Multi-Air-Pollutant Interactions and Surface Thermal Dynamics Across Lubbock, Texas Using Geographically Weighted Regression and Explainable Machine Learning *[Rubayet Arafin Rimon- Texas Tech University]*

P13 — #7 Predicting Particulate Matter Concentrations from Demographic and Urbanization Factors Using Random Forest Machine Learning Algorithms *[Noah Holderbaum- University of Oklahoma]*

Geography Pedagogy, Culture and Care

P14 — #26 Geospatial Capacity Building for Disaster Resilience: A YouthMappers Academy Curriculum *[Binisha Shrestha-Texas Tech University]*

Mapping What Matters & International/Environmental Geographies

P15 — #45 Expansion of Livestock Activity and Vegetation Change in the Botswana Kalahari *[Lillian Kalmbach-University of Texas Alumni]*

P16 — #29 Groundwater Potential Zone Mapping Amidst Climate Variability: The Wenchi Municipality In The Bono Region Of Ghana *[Ellen Onyina- Oklahoma State University]*

Energy and Hazards Geographies

P17 — #57 Determining Suitable Locations for Public Electric Vehicle Charging Stations along Highways of Bangladesh Using ConvLSTM-Predicted Land Use, GIS Multi-Criteria Analysis, and Street View Verification *[Kazi Rifat Hossain- University of North Texas]*

Risk, Disaster and Environmental Change

P18 — #1 Insured Housing Losses Across Flood Events: Model Performance and Transferability *[Temidayo Popoola- Texas Tech University]*

P19 — #61 Compound Climate Hazard and Socioenvironmental Exposure in the Lower Mississippi Region *[Md Saidul Islam Arif- University of Arkansas, Fayetteville]*

P20 — #20 How Does Precipitation Deficit Relate to Fire Occurrence and Magnitude Across Texas? An Exploratory Spatiotemporal Analysis *[Md Ashraf Habib-Texas Tech University]*

P21 — #42 How Does Vegetation Stress Relate to Fire Occurrence and Magnitude Across Texas? An Exploratory Spatiotemporal Analysis *[Nusrat Jahan-Texas Tech University]*

Land and Water Resource Geographies

P22 — #28 Land Subdivision and Land Cover Change: Assessing the Impacts of Parcelization in Hays County, Texas from 2000 to 2025 *[Derrick Ahadzi- Texas State University]*

P23 — #40 Seasonal Groundwater and Nitrate Exports from a Shallow Vineyard Aquifer Across the Lake Erie Coastal Zone of Pennsylvania *[Anthony M Foyle- Penn State University - Erie]*

P24 — #69 A Decadal Comparative Analysis Of Riparian Forest Recovery Along The Blanco River, Texas *[Brenna Eliaz- Texas State University]*

P25 — #70 An Agricultural Land Use Change Analysis of the Térraba-Sierpe RAMSAR wetland of Costa Rica *[Audra Garcia- Texas State University]*

P26 — #54 Spatio-Temporal Analysis of Recreational Traffic along the Buffalo National River *[Cade Adams-University of Central Arkansas]*

P27 — #60 Historical Land Cover Change and Its Drivers in Central Texas *[Fahad Bin Hasan- Texas State University]*

Public Health, Safety and Culture Geographies

P28 — #16 Spatial Dependence of Lethal Violence in Rio de Janeiro State, Brazil *[Karolina Armstrong-Texas Tech University]*

P29 — #13 Beyond Local Models: A Transferable Multidimensional Urban Communicable Disease Index for Predicting the Spread of Infectious Diseases across US Cities *[James Owiti- Texas Tech University]*

P30 — #59 Social Media and Framing of Ecotourism in Dominica *[Zhoe Davis- Arkansas State University]*

P31 — #65 A Bibliometric Review of Geospatial Food Access and Health Outcomes: Research Trends, Methods, and Gaps *[Raihan Sorker- University of Arkansas]*

5:30 – onwards

World Geography Bowl

Location:

- *Pizza Party*, Academic Sciences Building, Rooms 106-108; 5:30 – 6:30 PM
- *Bowl*, Academic Sciences Building, Rooms 103, 105, 107, and 109; 6:30 PM onwards

Friday, October 2

8:30 – 10:10 am

Special Session: Geographies of Teaching, Culture and Care * *Session Chair*

Location: Texas Tech Library Room 309

#44 Earth Systems in the Human Age: A Physical Geography Textbook for the Anthropocene [*Jennifer Bernstein-Texas Tech University*]

#74 Teaching TV/Film Geographies in Honors Cultural Geography 2025-2026: How John Hughes' portrayal of the journey (of) home still resonates today [*Donald Colley- Oklahoma State University*]

#10 How the Interplay of Gender, Care Work, and Couple Dynamics Is Expressed in the Journey to Work [*Perry Carter-Texas Tech University*]*

#78 Mental health service access in rural Texas counties: A longitudinal analysis [*Kathleen Seal- Texas Lutheran University*]

#49 Suburban Cows: Relic Landscape or Brilliant Marketing Maneuver? [*Dawn Drake- University of Oklahoma*]

8:30 – 09:50 am

Session: Mapping What Matters & International/Environmental Geographies * *Session Chair*

Location: Teaching Learning & Professional Development Center Room 153 (inside the Texas Tech Library)

#72 Teaching AI What Matters on a Map: Human-AI Interpretation of Historical Agricultural Landscapes [*Brad Bays-Oklahoma State University*]*

#35 Mapping the Invisible City: How Soccer Fandom and Mobile Positioning Data Reveal Hidden Spatial Distribution [*Jiri Nemeskal- Charles University*]

#62 Urban Heat Island Effect Analysis Of Kathmandu Metropolitan City In Nepal [*Sudipta Poudel- University of North Texas*]

#64 Field-scale rice yield prediction using UAV imagery and machine learning in a developing country context [*Sagar Rana-University of North Texas*]

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Session: Belonging, Community and Culture (10:30 to 11:30 am) * *Session Chair*

Location: Texas Tech Library **Room 309**

#25 Belonging, Community, and Culture – Tenets to Facilitate a Welcoming Geography Department [*Joshua Wimhurst- University of Oklahoma*]

#71 Restoring Belonging through Removal of Environmental Harms [*Carrie M Leslie- University of Oklahoma*]

#37 Practical Teaching Practices for New Instructors: Building Community in the Classroom [*Bren Vander Weil- Texas State University*]*

Panel Discussion: Belonging, Community, and Culture (11:30 – 12:30 pm)

Panelists:

Dr. Joshua "Jay" Wimhurst - University of Oklahoma

Dr. Laurel Smith - University of Oklahoma

Dr. Carrie Leslie - University of Oklahoma

Dr. Eric Sarmiento - Texas State University

Dr. Karin Ardon-Dryer – Texas Tech University

Dr. Jen Henderson – Texas Tech University

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Special Panel: Building and Sustaining Healthy Departments

Location: Teaching Learning & Professional Development Center **Room 153** (inside the Texas Tech Library)

AAG Committee on Healthy Departments, and Current Department Chairs in SWAAG Region

Panelists:

Stephen O'Connell – Chair, University of Central Arkansas

Sara Smith – President of AAG ((Former) Chair, UNC)

Callum Hetherington, Chair, Texas Tech University

Jason Julian, Texas State University

Michaela Buenemann, Chair, New Mexico State University

12:30 – 1:30 pm

Lunch (dining options in the SUB or on University Avenue)

1:30 – 3:10 pm

Special Session: Energy and Hazards Geographies * *Session Chair*

Location: Texas Tech Library **Room 309**

#11 Energy Warfare, Sovereignty Gaps and Governability: New Energy Geographies of Conflict in Ukraine and Gulf States *[Tom Ptak- Texas State University]**

#31 Eclipse of the Solar Ideal: How Dense Regulation Fails Solar Waste in South Korea *[Jong-Ku Park- Texas State University]*

#55 Spatial Assessment of Small Hydropower Potential in Ghana's Tano River Basin Using GIS, SWAT, and RETScreen *[Godfred Addai- Texas State University]*

#36 Wastewater Treatment Plants and Coastal Areas of Risk: Where and How Mitigation Can Happen *[Josiah Watson-Texas State University]*

#2 Divergent Geographies of Flood Risk, Damage, and Insurance Uptake in the United States, 2010–2024 *[Jesse Andrews- Texas Tech University]*

1:30 – 3:10 pm

Special Session: Risk, Disaster and Environmental Change * *Session Chair*

Location: Teaching Learning & Professional Development Center **Room 153** (inside the Texas Tech Library)

#5 Impact of Disaster on a Geography Department: The Case of the University of New Orleans *[Robert Rohli- Louisiana State University]*

#75 Where Does a Maritime Shock Appear? Tracing the 2026 Hormuz Disruption across Texas Port–Hinterland Systems *[Daniel Waktola- Austin Community College]*

#14 Response of mid-channel bars to low-tech, process-based restoration *[Konrad Hafen-Texas State University]*

#80 Multi-proxy-based Discrimination of Hurricane Harvey Flood Deposits in Coastal Lakes of Southeastern Texas *[Harry Williams- University of North Texas]*

#81 A Multi-proxy Approach to Discrimination of Marine and Terrestrial Deposits at Texas Point National Wildlife Refuge in Southeastern Texas *[Anna Guidry-University of North Texas]*

3:30 –5:30 pm

Closing reception, Awards, and Business Meeting

Location: Academic Sciences Building, Rooms 106-108

6:00

Van transport from Overton and Hyatt Suites Hotels to the Buddy Holly Hall for First Friday Art Trail

6:45 – 9:00 pm

Friday Night Art Trail (optional)

Location: LUHCA Art District

Conference participants are encouraged to enjoy the [Lubbock City First Friday Arts Trail](#) in the LUHCA Arts District centered around [Avenue J and 5th St.](#)

Parking is available at the Buddy Holly Hall and Lubbock Civic Center. Van transport will be provided by SWAAG Conference from the Overton and Hyatt Suites Hotels from 6:00 PM.

FIELDTRIP: A Walking Exploration of Creative Placemaking in Lubbock's Art District, led by Dr. Chris Schroeder, Texas Tech University.

Saturday, October 3

Field Trips

All field trips will depart from the conference hotels at or just after the times noted below. For more info on field trips, check out our meeting hub page.

Lubbock Regeneration & Tornado Memorial (Urban Geography of Lubbock)

Organizer: Dr. Perry Carter & Dr. Jason Post

Time: 8:30 AM Meeting time for 9:00 AM departure in the [R-8 Parking Lot of Texas Tech](#) (immediately west of Memorial Circle).

Description: This fieldtrip, led by Dr. Perry Carter (TTU) will visit locations that have been collectively described as “old Lubbock” and situated north of Yellow House Canyon and proposed to have been where the city was founded. Using the canyon lake system as a stepping off point, the role of permanent water in the historical origins of settlement development on the Southern High Plains will be discussed before moving down Cesar Chaves Drive where the city of Lubbock opened a landfill to bury debris from the 1970 tornado. The group will travel into the Guadalupe neighborhood, which hosted a community of itinerant cotton workers. This community lost many lives and >1,000 homes in the same 1970 tornado event. The journey will continue under I-25 and into East Lubbock, where battles between the Comanche and Buffalo Fur Hunter and the U.S. Army were fought. The construction of I-25 segregated the city, isolating Lubbock’s Black communities from the city’s business district and other important civic services. The trip will return to campus and finish at Holden Hall in the rotunda that has a mural depicting some aspects of history of the High Plains.

Exploring the Canyon Lakes of Lubbock

Organizer/Leaders: Dr. Stance Hurst, Dr. Melanie Barnes, Dr. Jeff Lee

Time: 8:30 AM Meeting time for 9:00 AM departure in the [R-8 Parking Lot of Texas Tech](#) (immediately west of Memorial Circle).

Description: Lubbock Lake Landmark sits in a bend of the Yellow House Draw and is centered around a watering hole that preserves evidence for over 12,000 years of near-continuous inhabitation. The now ephemeral natural spring fed a stream system that flowed southwesterly across the caprock eventually merging with the Brazos River just north of where Lake Alan Henry was constructed to serve as a water resource for the city of Lubbock.

This fieldtrip will start at the Lubbock Lake Landmark archeological site and will follow the stream across space and time, charting its ancient history, and how the water-way was integrated into the pre-, early- and modern-history of Lubbock. The trip will include McKenzie and its surrounding parkland, which was a Texas State Park from 1935 to the early 1990's. The other lakes of the canyon system and their surrounding lands were constructed in the 1970's to provide an open-space for recreation. The project uses reclaimed water from the city and has a series of six lakes inside city limits, and two large lakes outside the city.

The field trip will depart from the front of the Science Building on the Texas Tech campus at 9:00 and return to the same place at midday.

Meeting Participants

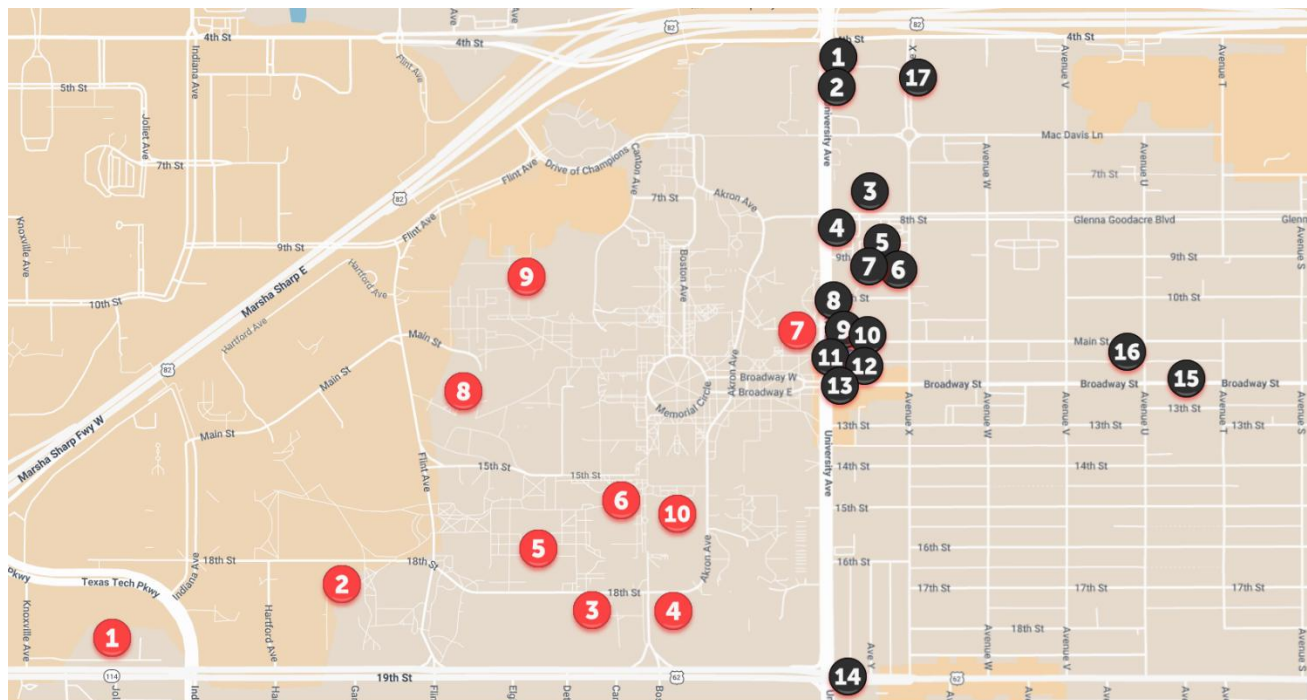
1	Abinash Bhattachan	Texas Tech University
2	Adriana Montoya	Texas State University
3	Albert Agyei	New Mexico State University
4	Alex Head	Dallas County Health and Human Services
5	Alyseona Lee	University of Arkansas
6	Andrew Hilburn	Texas A&M International University
7	Andrew Klein	Texas A&M University
8	Anna Guidry	University of North Texas
9	Anthony M Foyle	Penn State University - Erie
10	Anthony Vega	East Tennessee State University
11	Ayomide Famewo	Texas State University
12	Babak Heidari	Texas state university
13	Binisha Shrestha	Texas Tech University
14	Brad Bays	Oklahoma State University
15	Brad Peter	University of Arkansas
16	Brenna Eliaz	Texas State University
17	Brock Burford	Texas State University
18	Cade Adams	University of Central Arkansas
19	Carly Ackermann	Texas Lutheran University
20	Carrie M Leslie	University of Oklahoma
21	Claire Boswell	Texas State University
22	Colleen Myles	Texas State University
23	Daniel Waktola	Austin Community College
24	Dawn Drake	University of Oklahoma
25	Derrick Korblah Ahadzi	Texas State University
26	Don Jonsson	Austin Community College
27	Donald Colley	Oklahoma State University
28	Donci Hart	Texas State University
29	Dristee Chad	University of Oklahoma
30	Edmund Perry	Texas Tech University (TTU)
31	Edward Holland	University of Arkansas
32	Elizabeth Kubacki	Texas State University
33	Ellen Onyina	Oklahoma State University
34	Emily Rhodes	Texas State University
35	Eric Sarmiento	Texas State University
36	Erik Prout	Texas A&M University
37	Fahad Bin Hasan	Texas State University
38	Fatema Tarin	Texas State University
39	Fatiha Tasnim	University of Arkansas
40	Godfred Addai	Texas State University
41	Goodluck Dike	Texas Tech University
42	Haniston Holloway	Texas Tech University
43	Harry Williams	University of North Texas

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45	James Owiti	Texas Tech University
46	Jason Julian	Texas State University
47	Jason Post	Arkansas State University
48	Jeff Lee	Texas Tech University
49	Jennifer Bernstein	Texas Tech University
50	Jessica Harvey	Arkansas State University
51	Jiri Nemeskal	Charles University
52	John Litchfield	Oklahoma State University
53	John Watters	Tarleton State University
54	Jonathan Comer	Oklahoma State University
55	Jong-Ku Park	Texas State University
56	Joshua Hodge	University of Tennessee-Chattanooga
57	Joshua Wimhurst	University of Oklahoma
58	Josiah Watson	Texas State University
59	Kaifa Lu	Texas Tech University
60	Karin Ardon-Dryer	Texas Tech University
61	Karolina Armstrong	Texas Tech University
62	Kathleen Seal	Texas Lutheran University
63	Kazi Rifat Hossain	Teaching Assistant
64	Kent McGregor	University of North Texas
65	Keziah Otchere	Oklahoma State University
66	Kirstin Boyd-Farmer	Texas State University
67	Konrad Hafen	Texas State University
68	Lane Fox	University of Arkansas
69	Laurel Smith	University of Oklahoma
70	Lauren Fjetland	Texas Lutheran University
71	Lewis Epley	University of Arkansas
72	Lillian Kalmbach	University of Texas Alumni
73	Madeline Wade	University of Oklahoma
74	Mahbubur Rahman	The University of Texas at Dallas
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76	Marguerite Harrison	Texas State University
77	Matthew Connolly	University of Central Arkansas
78	Md Ashraful Habib	Texas Tech University
79	Md Jubier Ahammed	Texas Tech University
80	Md Munir Mahmud	Texas State University
81	Md Saidul Islam Arif	University of Arkansas
82	Michael Boyles	Texas State University
83	Michael Yoder	University of Central Arkansas
84	Michaela Buenemann	New Mexico State University
85	Miguel Ariza Coll	Texas Tech University
86	Nathan Gill	Texas Tech University
87	Noah Holderbaum	University of Oklahoma
88	Nowshin Nawar	University of Arkansas
89	Nusrat Jahan	Texas Tech University

90	Perry Carter	Texas Tech University
91	Raihan Sorker	University of Arkansas
92	Rajsree Das Tuli	University of Oklahoma
93	Randy Peppler	University of Oklahoma
94	Raynee Bacorn	University of Central Arkansas
95	Riley Young	Texas Tech University
96	Robert Rohli	Louisiana State University
97	Rory Hill	Oklahoma State University
98	Rubayet Rimon	Texas Tech University
99	Sachin Sharma	University of Arkansas
100	Saheed Oyetunji	New Mexico State University
101	Sarah Bass	Texas Tech University
102	Sarah Blue	Texas State University
103	Sawyer Giese	University of Central Arkansas
104	Simon Blankenship	Oklahoma State University
105	Stephen O'Connell	University of Central Arkansas
106	Steven Ericson	Scholar for Hire
107	Sudipta Poudel	University of North Texas
108	Takada Mduluza	Texas Tech University
109	Temidayo Popoola	Texas Tech University
110	Tianze Luo	University of Oklahoma
111	Tom Ptak	Texas State University
112	Wesley Kimeli	Texas State University
113	William Doolittle	The University of Texas at Austin
114	Winfred Welbeck Wyetty	Texas State University
115	Yunuen Reygadas Langarica	Texas Tech University
116	Zhoe Davis	Arkansas State University
117	Zoe Cooper	Texas State University

Local Restaurants to Check Out

Explore Lubbock's Local Favorites & Enjoy Texas Tech Dining During Lunch Hours



Off-Campus Restaurants for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner (black dots)

1. Cheveland Mexican Restaurant
 - a vibrant Mexican restaurant and bar with lively atmosphere, handcrafted micheladas, and traditional street-style flavors
2. Snooze AM Eatery Breakfast \$10-20
 - Vibrant, retro chain serving a seasonal menu of creative breakfast & lunch fare
3. Roni's Mac Bar \$10-20
 - a casual restaurant in Lubbock, Texas that serves customizable mac and cheese bowls, loaded baked potatoes, and grilled cheese sandwiches.
4. Spanky's \$10-20
 - This veteran hangout has burgers, sandwiches & fried cheese, plus beers & margaritas
5. Tikka Shack \$10-20
 - A **scratch made Indian kitchen serving food in a fun, fast, casual manner.** Making Indian food approachable and delicious for everyone!
6. Torchy's Tacos \$10-20
 - Local chain serving Mexican-street-food-style tacos in inventive varieties, including for breakfast.
7. Hawaii Poke & Ramen \$10-20
 - a laid-back restaurant that serves fresh, build-your-own poke bowls, hot ramen, and bento boxes
8. Now We Taco'n Taqueria \$1-\$10

- a locally owned, family-operated Mexican eatery in Lubbock, Texas, famous for serving authentic, budget-friendly street tacos starting at just \$1
9. One Guy from Italy
 - Big calzones are the star at this stalwart, family-run pizzeria that also offers pies & pastas.
 10. Wrecked Burgers & Brews
 - a local [Lubbock](#) bar and grill located on Broadway St that serves handcrafted burgers, unique loaded sides, and cold brews in a lively [campus-adjacent](#) atmosphere.
 11. Atomic Lounge & Pizza Kitchen
 - a lively, family-owned social hub and pizzeria on Broadway Street in Lubbock, Texas, renowned for serving specialty fire-roasted Brooklyn-style pizzas alongside creative cocktails
 12. Crickets Draft House and Grill \$10-20
 - Texas Tech hangout for burgers & basic eats offering many draft beers, pool tables & games.
 13. Chimy's \$10-20
 - Chimichangas & margaritas, plus other Tex-Mex fare, served in a bustling chain with a chill vibe.
 14. Skyview Restaurant (lunch only) \$10-20
 - Student-run American restaurant offering tasting menus in a refined space with scenic campus views.
 15. BierHaus Lubbock \$10-20
 - casual student-favorite beer garden and restaurant on Broadway offering hearty burgers, a large dog-friendly patio with swings
 16. Fuzzy's Taco Shop \$10-20
 - Modern counter-service chain serving Baja-style tacos & other Mexican eats
 17. Pecan Grill at the Overton Hotel \$20-30.
 - Relaxed spot serving craft beers & locally sourced Southwestern twists on American fare.

On-Campus Restaurants for Breakfast and Lunch only (red dots)

1. Raider Exchange - [Menu](#)
2. Ol' Red's- [Menu](#)
3. The Fresh Plate- [Menu](#)
4. The Commons- [Menu](#)
5. Burkhart Center Café- [Menu](#)
6. Sam's Express- [Menu](#)
7. 23 at Sneed- [Menu](#)
8. The Market- [Menu](#)
9. GhostRider- [Menu](#)
10. Student Union Building – [Student Union Food Court](#) (click on retail and dining near the top right-hand side of the page)