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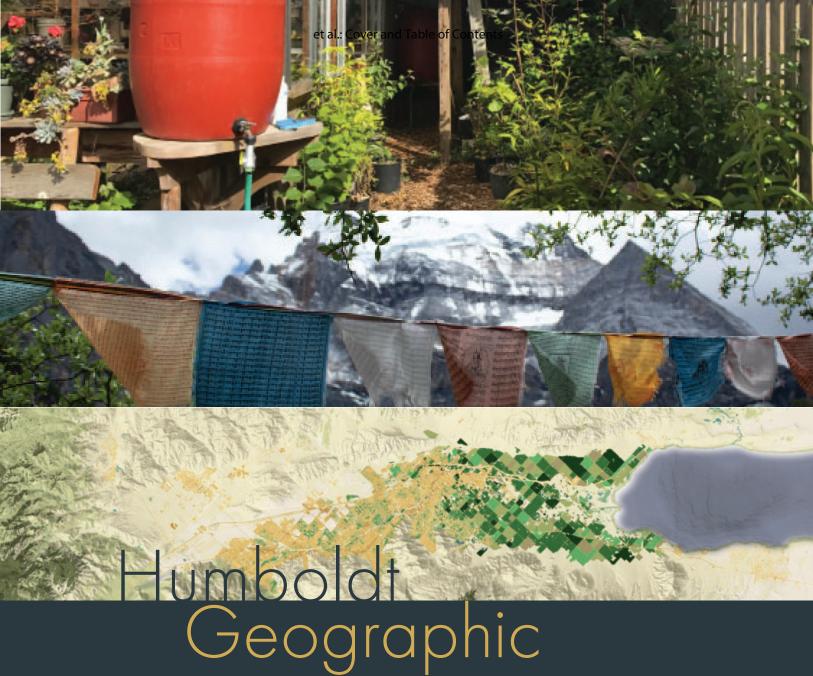


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Welcome from the Chair



Dear students, faculty, and friends,

Your eyes are witness to the inaugural issue of *Humboldt Geographic*, the journal of Humboldt State University's Department of Geography, Environment, and Spatial Analysis (GESA). The pages that follow reflect and embody the dynamism of our program. The impressive achievements and diversity of careers of our alumni. The broad array of research, teaching, and creative activities pursued by our faculty. But, most importantly, the great work—including geovisuals, feature writing, and original research—by our students. It is difficult to express the amount of pride I have in our program, our faculty and staff, our students, and our friends. I think that, upon perusal of this issue of *Humboldt Geographic*, we have assembled a impressive brain-talent trust that has churned out a wonderful publication. Please join me in applauding their labor, their passion for geographic excellence.

Sincerely,

Dr. Matthew Derrick

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