# **Matt Hatami**

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## **Education**

•	PhD in Hydrology, University of Florida, USA	<b>2025 -</b> Present
•	PhD in Water Resources Engineering, University of South Carolina, USA - (moved to UF)	2024 - 2025
•	M.Sc. Thesis Work, University of Groningen, Netherlands	2023
•	M.Sc. Civil Engineering for Risk Mitigation, Polytechnic University of Milan, Italy	2021-2023
•	B.Sc. Civil Engineering. University of Imam Khomeini. Iran	2015-2021

# **Research Interest**

- Hydroclimate Extremes
- Compound and Cascading Disasters
- Water Systems Modelling

- Multi-hazard Risk Assessment
- Statistical Analysis
- Climate Change Adaptation

## **Publications**

- Peer-review paper: Learning Efficiency of Geospatial Foundation Models: Transfer Learning for SAR Flood Mapping with Prithvi vs. UNet and SegFormer Manuscript in Preparation
- M.Sc. Thesis: Applications of Deep Learning and Remote Sensing in Disaster Management Cycle (Link)
- Project Report: Geospatial Data Processing to Support Seismic Emergency Management (<u>Link</u>)
- Project Report: Geo-Engineering Techniques for Unstable Slopes Shallow Landslide Simulator Experiment (Link)

#### **Posters & Presentations**

- AGU2024 Poster Presentation Presented "Advancing Camera-Based Monitoring for Operational Hydrologic Applications" (<u>Link</u>)
- **EGU2024 Poster Presentation** Presented "Harnessing Heterogeneous Sources of Data and Artificial Intelligence for Hydrologic Monitoring" (Link)
- SCARC2024 Presented "Mapping Risk: Coastal Vulnerability from South Carolina to the East Coast" (Link) (Agenda)
- **SCDOT Research & Innovation 2024**: Pitched the idea of developing vulnerability assessment for transportation infrastructure using the upcoming ATLAS15 and Machine Learning Algorithms
- **GISDay MicroConference @UofSC 2024** Presented "Integrated Socio-Environmental Vulnerability Assessment of Coastal Hazards Using Data-Driven and Multi-Criteria Analysis Approaches" (<u>Agenda</u>)

# **Honors & Awards**

- **2025:** won travel grant to attend the <u>Tethys Summit 2025</u>
- 2024: Won 9th annual meeting scholarship award for South East & Caribbean Disaster Resilience Partnership
- 2024: Won the data challenge competition (\$3500) for South East Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association
- 2024: Won 2nd place (\$2500 award) in the IBM Call for Code competition at South Carolina State Universities
- 2023: Won the Erasmus scholarship to study in Portugal
- 2022: Won the Erasmus scholarship to study in Poland
- 2021: Awarded the Italian government scholarship for foreign students
- 2018: Ranked 6th among Civil Engineering students at IKIU
- 2016: Ranked in the top 0.01% among 200,000 participants in the nationwide universities entrance exam

# **Skills**

#### - Technical Skills:

- Programming: Python, JavaScript, MATLAB, SQL
- Python Libraries: Numpy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Scikit-learn, Keras, OpenCV
- Softwares: ArcGIS Pro, QGIS, HEC-RAS, SNAP
- Online Platforms: Google Earth Engine, NASA Earth Data, Copernicus DataSpace Browser
- ESRI Suit: ArcGIS Online, ESRI Experience Builder, ESRI Instant App, ESRI Story Builder, ESRI Dashboards

#### - Soft Skills:

- Presentation: Engaging presenter, using visual aids & multimedia, clarity & coherence
- **Documentation:** clear & comprehensive reports, proficient in technical writing, thorough documentation
- **Teamwork:** adaptable to cross-cultural environments, experience in interdisciplinary teams

# **Work Experience & Volunteering**

## **Geospatial Application Development Intern @SCDOT**

May 2025 - present

- Developing advanced web GIS applications using ArcGIS Experience Builder Enterprise (Developer Edition)
- Designing and implementing custom widgets with JavaScript and React to extend core functionality
- Collaborating with the GIS team to support transportation-related spatial analysis and data visualization
- Integrating real-time data APIs and optimizing user interfaces for enhanced stakeholder engagement

# **Geospatial Administrative Associate @Gamecock Geospatial Community UofSC**

Oct 2023 - present

- **Event coordination:** Coordinated and organized GIS meetings, workshops, and events, preparing agendas and documenting outcomes to streamline project communications and follow-up actions.
- **Project Support:** Supported project documentation and data management, maintaining organized records and assisting with budgeting and reporting for GIS initiatives.
- **Collaboration & Outreach:** Engaged with campus departments and external partners to foster collaboration, enhance resource access, and support strategic goals in geospatial program development.

#### Geospatial Data Scientist Intern @Geoapp s.r.l

Oct 2023 - Jan 2024

- Developed a QGIS Plugin to find unstable parts of the land in mining activities.
- Optimized the processing chain to minimize the effort and request time to process routine tasks.
- Created a pipeline to automate detection of unstable parts of open-pit mines reducing the analysis of each site from 8 hours to 20 minutes

### **Courses & Certificates**

- Modern Geo Apps Esri
- Going Places with Spatial Analysis Esri
- Machine Learning for Earth Observation EO College
- Machine Learning Specialization Stanford University
- SQL for Data Science University of California, Davis