Georeferencing of American Society of Mining and Reclamation Proceedings: A New Tool and Patterns in Reclamation Research

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Abstract: The Saint Francis University Center for Watershed Research & Service georeferenced the American Society of Mining and Reclamation conference proceedings from 1998 to 2007. This project was undertaken in the context of our Research-Learning structure. Small teams of undergraduate students overseen by professor and postdoc mentors executed the work. Google Earth and Earth Point were applied to allow broader analysis options. Trends have been noted between meeting location and the location of research projects. Aside from that, an easily accessible database has been created that should allow for easy location of the sites of past research, perhaps opening the door for sites to be revisited for follow-on research topics such as long term successional or passive treatment performance studies.

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