

# Birgit Muehlenhaus

## 2002-2003 ANNUAL REPORT, DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, PENN STATE

**1<sup>st</sup> Year MS student** (entered program Fall 2002)

### **Accomplishments and Goals for 2003-2004:**

In the upcoming academic year, I will focus on conducting research for my thesis. My thesis will concentrate on the privacy concerns of personal information used in GIS by conducting a comparative study of Germany and the United States.

By the end of the spring 2003 semester, I will have completed the online GIS Certificate program through the World Campus. I will have completed the four necessary online courses, including a GIS programming course.

In relation to my interest in GIS and to initiate networking opportunities in the job market, I will apply for a student assistantship to take part in the ESRI International User Conference to be held in July 2003. Also, during the summer of this year, I plan to find employment that practically applies my skills in GIS. I have a current lead at the Outreach Marketing Research and Planning office at Penn State and also intend to apply at other locations both here and in Minneapolis.

**Specialization:** GIS

**Proposal title:** The Cultural Differences of the Accessibility to Private Information and its Effect on the Success of Location Based Services

**MS Committee:** D. DiBiase (Advisor), C. Flint (2<sup>nd</sup> reader), D. O'Sullivan (3<sup>rd</sup> reader)

### **Employment:**

FA 02: TA 121 for D. DiBiase

SP 03: TA 121 for J. Sloan

I request graduate assistantship funding for the 2003/2004 academic year.

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David DiBiase

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