

The school first opened on September 13, 1871. Miss Sarah Bostwik, teaching Elementary Methods (including Geography), was one of the 10 inaugural “ladies and gentleman” appointed to the faculty. The Department of Geography formed in 1932. Between 1977 and 1984 it merged with Sociology (Geography & Sociology) and later, with the creation of a Planning major (1984 to 2023), was renamed Geography & Planning. On July 1, 2023, Geography merged with Earth Sciences, together renamed as Geosciences. Looking back in time from 2023, geography has been continuously taught at Buffalo State over the past 150+ years. Below is a listing of geography faculty (not including part-time lecturers and instructors). Bolded names and dates indicate service of 10+ years.

<u>Names & Degree</u>	<u>Dates Teaching</u>	<u>Names & Degrees</u>	<u>Dates Teaching</u>
Sarah Bostwick	1871 to 1872	Ted Kury, Ph.D.	1963 to 1999
Instructor not identified	1872 to 1873	John H. Vann, Ph.D.	1963 to 1970
<i>College catalogs from 1873 to 1885 not archived.</i>			
Mary Wright	1885 to 1886	Jon P. Amoto, M.A.	1965 to 1973
<i>College catalogs from 1886 to 1891 not archived.</i>			
Mark M. Maycock, M.P.	1891 to 1892	Elbridge Renning, M.A.	1965 to 1999
<i>College catalogs from 1892 to 1910 not archived.</i>			
Gertrude M. Bacon	1910 to 1912	Raymond W. Waxmonsky, Ph.D.	1968 to 2000
Carolina E. Flanders	1911 to 1912	Greg P. Stein, Ph.D.	1970 to 2001
Alice W. Wessa, B.A.	1912 to 1917	James J. Nasuti, M.A.	1972 to 1976
Dewitt T. Ring, B.S.	1917 to 1919	William Norton, Ph.D.	1976 (spring)
Lillian W. Walker, B.S.	1919 to 1926	Kimberley N. Irvine, Ph.D.	1988 to 2015
Katheryne T. Whittemore, Ph.D.	1926 to 1957	Veryan G. Vermette, M.S.	1993 to 2020
M. Melvina Svec, M.A.	1939 to 1948	Tao Tang, Ph.D.	1998 to Present
William Watson Shideler	1946 to 1947	Kelly M. Frothingham, Ph.D.	2000 to 2018
Eleanor M. Gover, M.A.	1948 to 1950	Mary F. Perrelli, M.A.	2000 to Present
Yin Y’ang Cheng, M.A.	1950 to 1951	Shreeram P. Inamdar, Ph.D.	2000 to 2007
Wilma Laux, M.A.	1949 to 1971	William F. Wieczorek, Ph.D.	2001 to 2016
Robert T. Redden, M.Ed.	1951 to 1961	Sherry J. Fontaine, Ph.D.	2001 to 2003
Bernard P. Prudhomme	1956 to 1961	Stephen J. Vermette, Ph.D.	2001 to Present
Joseph Fekete, Ph.D.	1960 to 1991	Wende A. Mix, Ph.D.	2004 to 2023
Paul Beaudet, M.A.	1961 to 1999	Vida Vanchan, Ph.D.	2006 to Present
		Camille A. Holmgren, Ph.D.	2007 to Present
		Charlotte L. Roehm, Ph.D.	2008 to 2011
		Jason C. Knight, Ph.D.	2011 to 2023

The faculty names and dates were taken from archived copies of college catalogs and from copies of The Elms yearbook, as well as from departmental records. The years listed reflect only years teaching geography and do not include departmental transfers or moves to administration. Assistance provided by Hope Dunbar, Special Collections Archivist, SUNY Buffalo State Archives & Special Collections.