

Dr. Bob Hickey
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Biography

Bob is a Professor of Geography and Geologist/GIScientist who relocated to Central Washington University from Western Australia in 2000. While in Oz, he worked in the Department of Spatial Sciences at Curtin University as a Lecturer and later a tenured Senior Lecturer (1997-2000). Before that, he was an Assistant Professor of Geography/Geology at the State University of West Georgia (1994-1996).

One of Bob's nightmares is doing the same thing year in and year out. As a result, his career at Central has been as varied as possible, not only playing geography faculty, but serving as director/developer of the GIS Certificate program (2002-2013, 2015-2018), President of United Faculty of Central (2006-2013), doing strategic planning, chairing various committees, serving on Faculty Senate, working with people from all over campus, and developing/coordinating a new Certificate in Science Dissemination. He's also escaped to Hungary and Australia a couple of times for faculty exchange or research leave.

His teaching largely revolves around geotechniques (GIS, remote sensing, and cartography), though he also teaches Our Dynamic Earth, the geography capstone class, and (with another faculty member) a Science Talent Expansion Program class.

His research revolves around GIS and remote sensing applications in environmental science and resource management. Bob is the author or co-author of over 25 peer-reviewed papers and numerous other publications and presentations.

Off campus, he's served on the Pacific Division Council of AAAS, been involved with national AAAS work, is chair of the Friends of the Brooks Library Board, chaired the local county planning commission, is an editor for the Journal of Spatial Science, and truly enjoys being a Fulbright evaluator.

Bob holds a PhD in Geography from the University of Idaho (1994), a MS in Geology from Washington State University (1990), and a BS in Geology from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania (1987).

In his spare time, he can be found chasing his dog in the hills, pumping iron, making sawdust in his woodshop, or working with various professional groups including the Smithsonian, AAAS, and the Institute of International Education. There's also his computer gaming addiction, though it's not nearly as bad as it used to be.