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One Approach to Bringing Spatial Thinking to Higher Education
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Abstract: Wide-spread interest in mapping, GIS, and spatial thinking has been growing in educational communities. Capturing and focusing this enthusiasm helps to raise the profile of geography in higher education and allows geographers - and other spatially-minded educators - to share their understanding of how spatial thinking can effectively inform and enhance pedagogy. This talk will focus on how we are developing a campus-wide understanding of spatially-enabled curriculum and a new vision for geography at the University of Redlands.

Diana Sinton leads a campus-wide initiative at the University of Redlands to integrate spatial reasoning, mapping, and GIS into numerous academic disciplines. Her focus is the role for spatial literacy in higher education and she recently co-edited Understanding Place: GIS and Mapping Across the Curriculum (ESRI Press, 2007). Previously Diana was a Chief Program Officer at NITLE, the National Institute for Technology and Liberal Education. She has taught at Alfred University and the University of Rhode Island, and holds BA, MS, and PhD degrees from Middlebury College and Oregon State University.

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The objectives of the ThinkSpatial series are to exchange ideas about spatial perspectives in research and teaching, to broaden communication and cooperation across disciplines among faculty and graduate students, and to encourage the sharing of tools and concepts. Please contact Don Janelle (ext 5267, janelle@spatial.ucsb.edu) to review and schedule possible discussion topics or presentations that share your disciplinary interest in spatial thinking.