

Actively Acknowledging 30 Years of, and Continued Promises for, **Parallel-Coordinate-Plots**  
(How PCP's Can Be Addictive Yet Good For Your Spatial Data)

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*The plan is tendered in four parts:*

1. Now that we are at PCP's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, an enthusiastic but brief summary of its history is offered.

"It was in 1977 while giving a Linear Algebra course that I was challenged by my students to "show" them some multi-dimensional spaces. This was the catalyst leading to the subsequent development of the methodology: *How do multi-dimensional lines, planes, curves, surfaces, etc. look in (two) coordinates?*"

Alfred Inselberg, inventor of the Parallel Coordinate Plot  
<http://www.math.tau.ac.il/~aiisreal/>

(5 minutes)

2. *Geoda* software presented in a short overview.

From Wikipedia: *Geoda is a free software package...developed by the Spatial Analysis Laboratory of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign...[It] has powerful capabilities to perform spatial analysis, multivariate exploratory data analysis, and global and local spatial autocorrelation.*

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GeoDA>

(5 minutes)

3. A couple of the following multivariate analyses, having been done using the PCP menu selection in GeoDa, are presented as mini-case studies:

- gun ownership, crime, and geography
- ecofootprints, ethnicity, and geography
- recycling participation, house price, square footage, and geography

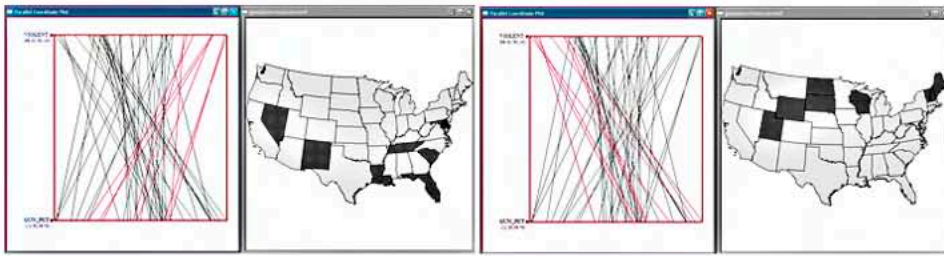
(8-10 minutes) *see appendix for portfolio of samples*

4. Concluded with at least one iteration of "democratized data display": as a group we identify variables within a geodemographic theme selected by the audience, then gather appropriate data-files via a web browser\*, next launch and demo tasks in ArcGIS and GeoDa\*\* and lastly explore 3-4 variables with PCP profiles in a "hands-on" fashion; end with debriefing/Q+As.

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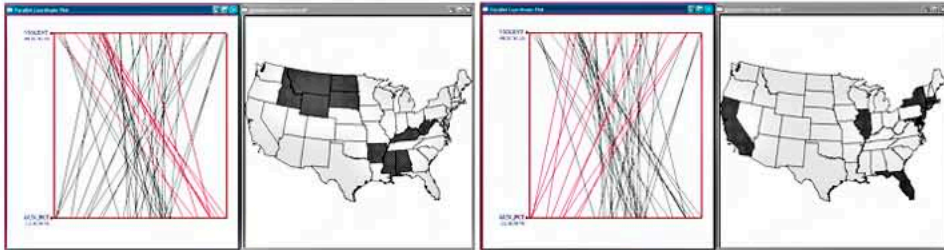
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\*If Internet feed can be assured to be available for web data gathering. \*\*ArcGIS (ArcView license level OK) and GeoDa need to be available on laptop.



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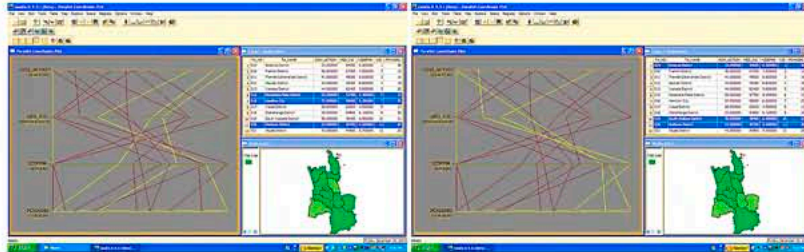
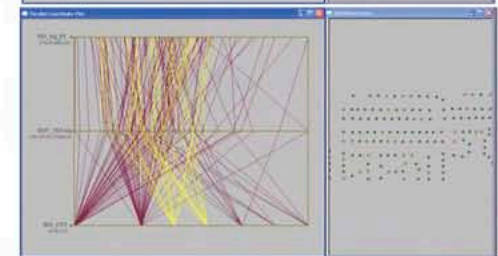
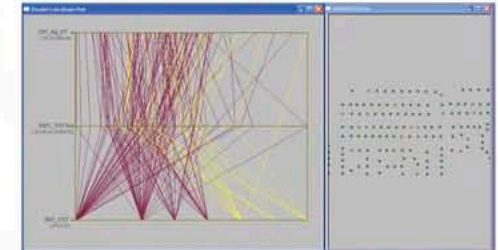
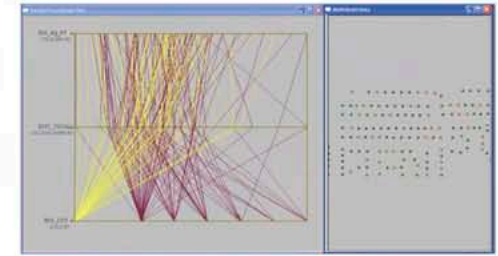
**J. Kevin Byrne, TUgis 2008 Proposal  
Portfolio of PCP Mini-Case Studies**

**More Guns,  
Less Crime,  
PCP + Maps  
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CSISS)**

**Recycling  
Participation,  
Demography  
PCP + Maps**

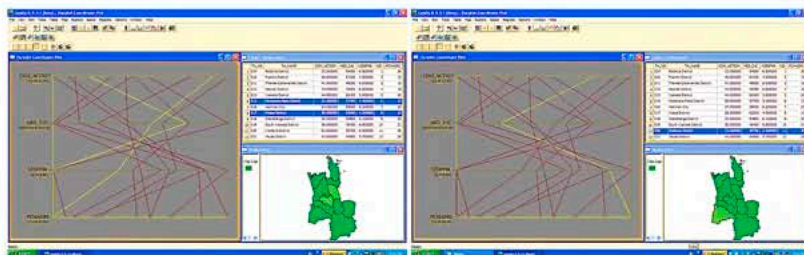
**Recycling,  
Ethnicity, and  
Income  
PCP + Maps**

**Ecofootprints,  
Ethnicity, and  
Social  
Deprivation  
PCP + Maps**



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