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AUGUST 2022: FEATURING DR.
JUDY ALLEN & PROFESSOR
MATTHEW WILSON



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**JUDY
ALLEN**

**Ph.D., Sr. Lecturer of
Sociology**

**Dept. of Sociology and
Criminal Justice**

"This is Why I Teach"

Dr. Judy Allen has been teaching at Kennesaw State University for over 19 years. In that time, she has made quite an impact on her students. Her contributions to the KSU community include her time, talent, and her treasure. In 2007 she endowed the Dr. Judy Brown-Allen NAACP Student Retention Scholarship to assist African American male students, and she and her family have supported numerous students who might not otherwise have been able to persist in school. Dr. Allen loves being a mentor, but her passion is teaching. Early this semester, she received a powerful reminder of the impact a teacher can make. She opened her email and found this message:

"I just wanted to reach out and introduce myself, my name is Nicole, and I am from Mexico City and a business major. I really, really appreciated you sharing your story with us yesterday during class. My mom has been battling stage 4 ovarian cancer for 3 years now and you have definitely given me a lot of hope that she will be okay, and your positivity and attitude just made me feel seen and welcomed and at home. Thank you so much, I could not have asked for a better first class here at KSU. I am very excited to take your class and will definitely try to have more classes with you in the future."

Nicole Atherton.



**MATTHEW
WILSON**

**Professor, Geospatial
Sciences**

**Dept. of Geography and
Anthropology**

Showing Students the Lay of the Land

Professor Matt Wilson teaches Geospatial Sciences in the Department of Geography and Anthropology and is a registered land surveyor in the state of Georgia. His passion for teaching the capstone course SURV 4475 Land Surveying Practice ignites the enthusiasm of his students and provides them the opportunity to engage in experiential learning that fuels career success. The course places students in the field completing actual surveys for non-profits or low-income individuals, thus providing critical services to the community. These experiences remove students from a silo mentality and enables them to incorporate all their skills working with team members in a challenging physical environment. Students are also able to take relevant classes that build marketable skills in aerial photography and piloting drones, which provides value in GIS environments. The department offers one of only three land surveying certificates available in the state and has the longest running curriculum in this field of expertise.

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