



**Hello Everyone,**

Just wanted to send a quick note to get everyone excited about our GeoCon 2020 Keynote speaker this year!

We are honored to have both Robert K Nelson and Justin Madron from the [Digital Scholarship Lab](#) at the University of Richmond this year, which has been recognized as a recipient of the [National Digital History Prize](#) from the American Historical Association.



Justin is a GIS Analyst and Project Manager for the DSL. He holds a MS in Environmental Studies from Virginia Commonwealth University.



Robert is the Director of the DSL. He holds a PhD in American Studies from the College of William and Mary.

They will provide a guided tour of \*American Panorama\*, a wide-ranging and growing atlas about United States history. It will explore how the atlas's maps offer insights into the past, particularly about the history of race in America. It will also critically reflect upon the craft of building an atlas--the design and development challenges and opportunities involved in representing the past through data-rich, interactive maps.

There is still time to [register and get in your abstracts!!](#)

Sincerely,

**VAMLIS Executive Board and Conference Committee**