



**2019 IMAGIN ANNUAL AWARDS  
GEOSPATIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

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# IMAGIN'S GEOSPATIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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The 2019 Geospatial Achievement Award Winner Is...



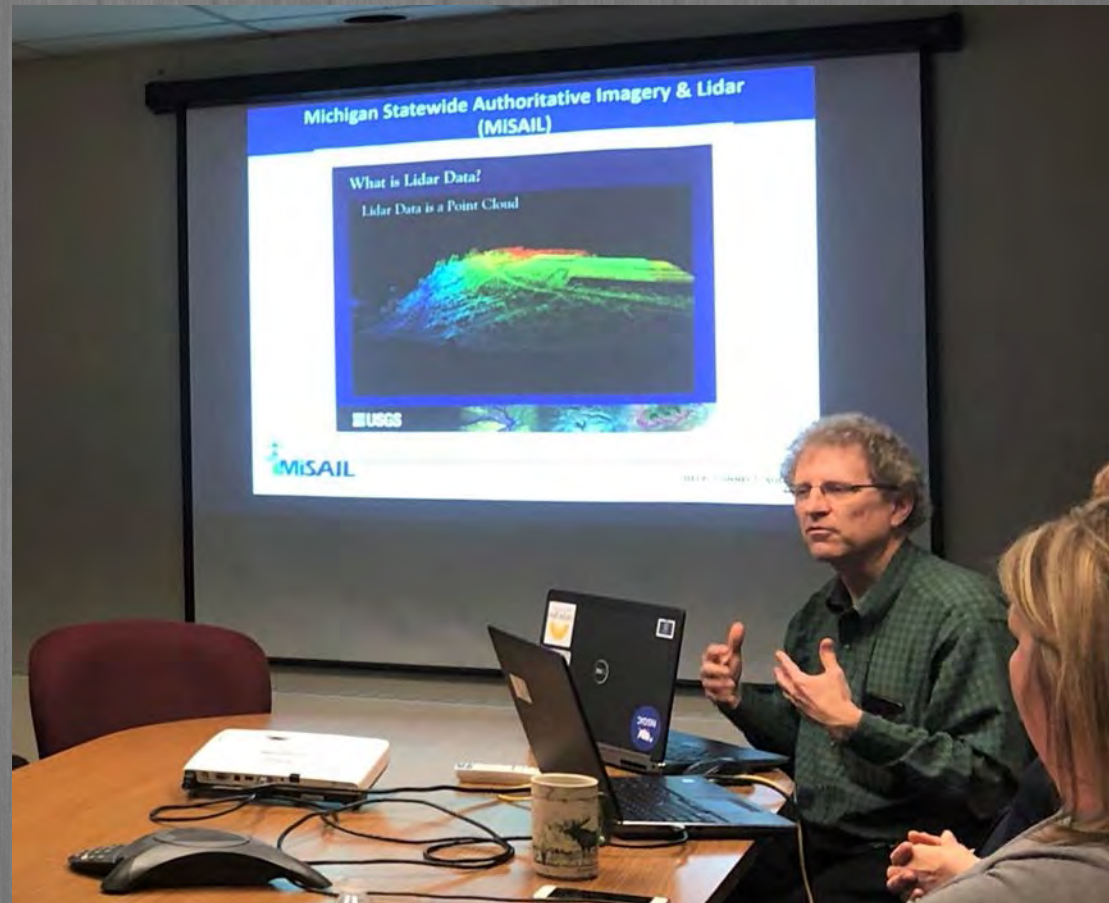
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# 2019 IMAGIN GEOSPATIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER

Everett Root, GISP  
Outreach Specialist  
State of Michigan  
DTMB / CSS



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# 2019 IMAGIN GEOSPATIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER – EVERETT ROOT

## EVERETT'S PROFESSIONAL CAREER

- 25+ Year Career at the State of Michigan
- B.S. Degree in Agriculture from MSU
- Associates in Geographic Resources from LCC
- Certified GISP
- Hosts Statewide GIS User Group Meetings
- Coordinates and oversees MiSAIL Program
- Acts as the primary liaison between the State and federal, county and local GIS organizations



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## From Everett's Peers

- Ann Burns, SEMCOG
  - “Everett has always been supportive of collaboration within our region and throughout the State of Michigan. The history of collaboration goes back as far as the creation of the Michigan Geographic Framework (MGF) and continues today with plans for the 2020 orthoimagery flight. The amount of knowledge that Everett has and is willing to share about how GIS is used around the State is amazing. He is always helpful in connecting the right people or solving a problem. In addition to that, he is willing to share the benefits of new technologies and makes it a priority to get the information out to others.”



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## From Everett's Peers

- Charles Hickman, USGS
  - “Congratulations Everett! Sorry I can’t be there in person. It has been a great pleasure working with you over the last 20 years. You have been a key element in so many successful and important spatial data activities in Michigan among partners from across government, academia, and the private sector. We look forward to the upcoming completion of the statewide lidar-based elevation layer for Michigan. Much thanks from your federal partners in this effort.”



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- Bob Goodwin, RS&GIS, MSU
  - “I have had the privilege of working with Everett on a variety of mostly remote sensing related activities for close to 20 years, including the original imagery partnership, the MIS and MiSAIL. Everett’s position at DTMB, as many of you know, requires considerable geospatial knowledge, but also incredible patience and respect for others. Lucky for the State of Michigan, Everett has an enviable amount of all three and, in my opinion, the successes of the State imagery and LiDAR programs are mostly the result of Everett’s tireless dedication. Personally, Everett is one of the best people I know. He is someone that can always be trusted to do the right thing both professionally and personally and I am proud to call him a friend. I am happy to congratulate Everett on being awarded the 2019 IMAGIN Geospatial Achievement Award.”



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- Nan Ewald, DTMB-CSS
  - “I have had the pleasure of working with Everett for the last 15 plus years. He has been a wonderful mentor to me and many others at CSS, always displaying unparalleled professionalism, an excellent work ethic, and lots of patience. He has earned the respect of his colleagues both within state government and outside in the greater GIS Community. He shares his GIS knowledge and experience with his coworkers and his students at LCC. His collaborative efforts have built the MiSAIL Imagery program to the success it is today. I am so pleased to hear that he is receiving this award in recognition of his achievements.”



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- Jessica Moy, Michigan Infrastructure Council
  - “I’ve had the pleasure of knowing Everett for many years and cannot think of anyone more deserving of the IMAGIN Geospatial Achievement Award. In honesty, some of my favorite “Everett memories” involve local GIS conferences, a euchre deck, and an adult beverage. Fortunately, Everett’s greatest attributes transcend both the “late-night conference” and the workplace geographies: Everett takes on every challenge with his whole heart and a jovial grin, Everett is a natural collaborator – turning would-be competitors into colleagues and colleagues into friends, Everett champions hard work for great reward – be it coordinating the moving pieces of MiSAIL or calling trump on king-nine. We are fortunate as a state and as a geospatial community to be the recipients of Everett’s significant contributions to GIS. Congratulations, my friend!”



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## From Everett's Peers

- Mark Holmes, DTMB-CSS
  - “It is a pleasure to work with Everett every day and it is amazing to see how many relationships that Everett has made across the GIS community in Michigan over the years. Everett has made great contributions to the GIS community in Michigan and through his integrity and openness to collaboration, Everett has developed successful partnerships across the state that have advanced GIS initiatives for the GIS community, including the Michigan Geographic Framework, statewide user group, statewide aerial imagery, and LiDAR. Congratulations on this well-deserved award!”



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