Alumni Profile: Jennifer Slagle
(Class of 2007)

Jennifer Slagle is a GIS Specialist at Orbis GIS Inc. located in Charlotte, NC. She graduated in 2007 with a concentration in Landscape Analysis.

Jennifer has a number of roles that she fulfills in her job. Jenn says she does the obvious map editing and creation, but also reviews the quality of ortho-photography that Orbis acquires for their clients. She has also just recently been moved into a support role for her clients whom Orbis provides GIS-related software programs.

When it comes to her typical day, Jenn will be working on at least one mapping project. Usually, there will be one primary project on the table at a time, but she often has a few smaller requests pop up during the week that she works into her schedule. These projects can be anything from data updates to simple real-estate maps. Larger projects can go on for months, such as a dam relicensing project or helping to map evacuation routes. Orbis also acquires aerial photography for a number of different clients, which Jenn then reviews for errors.

A new development for Jenn is that she is now being moved into a support role for certain clients. Jenn says that she is their point of contact within the company and whenever they have a problem, Jenn is the one who communicates with them to find out what the problem is, works with her team to find a solution, and then report back to the client. “Working with clients is often the most rewarding part of my job.”