You will have unlimited time to work on this final. This final is worth 100 points. I will deduct 10 points per day the final is late starting on Tuesday, March 25th, unless prior arrangements are made.

The final will be open book and open notes, but you cannot work with anyone else. You may ask me clarification questions (such as “If I used model X, would you expect me to do Y?”), but I cannot give you any substantial help (such as telling you which model to use).

For the final you must pick one of the methods we covered in class (except for the GIS methods), and use it to analyze a dataset of your own choosing. Write your results up nicely, as if you were going to submit them to a journal. Put your results into tables, rather than just pasting in your computer output. Write things up carefully. It might help to look at the methods sections of a couple of journal articles (either ones I’ve handed out or others (I have a few papers linked on my website that might be helpful) to get a feel for what these sections should look like.

For the choice of data do not use one of the datasets we used for a homework assignment. You may use data that you have collected for some other purpose, such as your dissertation. Feel free to consult with me on finding data. Hopefully this final will turn into the core of a paper or dissertation chapter.

To summarize: pick one method we covered in class and apply it to a dataset you have selected.