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Department of Information Science  
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## Research Interests

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Folk theorization, user adaptation, human-AI collaboration, responsible and explainable AI/ML, queer and trans computing, value sensitive design, social computing, human-computer interaction (HCI), computer supported cooperative work (CSCW), online mental health

## Education

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- Ph.D.**, Media, Technology, and Society, Northwestern University (2020)  
Graduate Specialization: Cognitive Science  
Dissertation: *Presenting the Self on Unstable Ground: Adaptive Folk Theorization as a Path to Algorithmic Literacy on Changing Platforms*  
Committee: Jeremy Birnholtz (chair), Darren Gergle, Jeffrey Hancock, Karrie Karahalios
- M.A.**, Media and Public Affairs, George Washington University (2015)  
Thesis: *Facebook Family Values: A News Feed Hierarchy of Needs*  
Committee: Kerric Harvey (chair), David Karpf, Emily Thorson
- B.A.**, Journalism and Mass Communication, George Washington University (2013)

## Professional Experience

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- August 2023    **Northeastern University**, Boston, MA  
Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Communication Studies  
Khoury College of Computer Sciences  
College of Arts, Media and Design, Department of Communication Studies
- 2021-2023    **University of Colorado Boulder**, Boulder, CO  
Postdoctoral Computing Innovation Fellow, Department of Information Science
- 2016-2020    **Northwestern University**, Evanston, IL  
Instructor, Department of Communication Studies
- 2015-2020    **Northwestern University**, Evanston, IL  
Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Communication Studies
- 2013-2015    **George Washington University**, Washington, DC  
Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant, School of Media and Public Affairs
- 2014    **George Washington University**, Washington, DC  
Instructor, School of Media and Public Affairs
- 2012-2015    **George Washington University**, Washington, DC  
Managing Editor, Planet Forward Sustainability Communication Center
- 2012-2013    **George Washington University**, Washington, DC  
Web Producer, Face the Facts USA Public Affairs Project

## Scholarships and Awards

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2021-2023	Computing Innovation Fellowship, <i>Computing Research Association</i>
2022	Best Paper Honorable Mention, Diversity & Inclusion Award (2x), <i>2022 ACM Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing</i>
2021	Best Paper Honorable Mention, <i>2021 ACM Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing</i>
2019	Outstanding Graduate Instructor Award, <i>Department of Communication Studies, Northwestern University</i>
2018-2019	Irving J. and Laura Lee Fellowship, <i>Department of Communication Studies, Northwestern University</i>
2013-2015	M.A. Scholarship, <i>School of Media and Public Affairs, George Washington University</i>

## Publications

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### Journal Articles (*peer-reviewed, archival*)

- [7] Michael Ann DeVito. 2022. How Transfeminine TikTok Creators Navigate the Algorithmic Trap of Visibility Via Folk Theorization. *Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction*, 6, CSCW2, Article 380, 31 pages. doi: [10.1154/3555105](https://doi.org/10.1154/3555105)  
[Diversity & Inclusion Award]
- [6] Jessica L. Feuston, Michael Ann DeVito, Morgan Scheuerman, Katy Weathington, Marianna Benitez\*, Bianca Z. Perez\*, Lucy Sondheim\*, and Jed Brubaker. 2022. "Do You Ladies Relate?" Experiences of Gender Diverse People in Online Eating Disorder Communities. *Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction*, 6, CSCW2, Article 420, 32 pages. doi: [10.1154/3555145](https://doi.org/10.1154/3555145)  
[Best Paper Honorable Mention] [Diversity & Inclusion Award] [\*undergraduate research mentees]
- [5] Michael Ann DeVito. 2021. Adaptive Folk Theorization as a Path to Algorithmic Literacy on Changing Platforms. *Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction*, 5, CSCW2, Article 339, 35 pages. doi: [10.1145/3476080](https://doi.org/10.1145/3476080)  
[Best Paper Honorable Mention]
- [4] Michael Ann DeVito, Ashley Marie Walker, and Julia R. Fernandez. 2021. Values (Mis)alignment: Exploring Tensions Between Platform and LGBTQ+ Community Design Values. *Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction*, 5, CSCW1, Article 88, 27 pages. doi: [10.1145/3449162](https://doi.org/10.1145/3449162)
- [3] Fayika Farhat Nova, Michael Ann DeVito, Pratyasha Saha, Kazi Shohanur Rashid, Shashwata Roy Turzo, Sadia Afrin, and Shion Guha. 2021. "Facebook Promotes More Harassment": Social Media Ecosystem, Skill and Marginalized Hijra Identity in Bangladesh. *Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction*, 5, CSCW1, Article 157, 35 pages. doi: [10.1145/3449231](https://doi.org/10.1145/3449231)
- [2] Michael Ann DeVito, Ashley Marie Walker, and Jeremy Birnholtz. 2018. 'Too Gay for Facebook': Presenting LGBTQ+ Identity Throughout the Personal Social Media Ecosystem. *Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction*, 2, CSCW, Article 44, 23 pages. doi: [10.1145/3274313](https://doi.org/10.1145/3274313)  
[26% acceptance rate]
- [1] Michael Ann DeVito. 2017. From Editors to Algorithms: A Values-Based Approach to Understanding Story Selection in Facebook's News Feed. *Digital Journalism*, 5, 6, 753-773. doi: [10.1080/21670811.2016.1178592](https://doi.org/10.1080/21670811.2016.1178592)  
[4.476 impact factor]

## Conference Proceedings (peer-reviewed, archival)

- [5] Ashlee Milton\*, Leah Ajmani\*, Michael Ann DeVito, and Stevie Chancellor. 2023. "I See Me Here": Mental Health Content, Community, and Algorithmic Curation on TikTok. In *Proceedings of the 2023 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '23)*, doi: [10.1145/3544548.3581489](https://doi.org/10.1145/3544548.3581489)  
[\*graduate qualitative research mentees]
- [4] Ashley Marie Walker and Michael Ann DeVito. 2020. "'More gay' fits in better": Intracommunity Power Dynamics and Harms in Online LGBTQ+ Spaces. In *Proceedings of the 2020 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '20)*, doi: [10.1145/3313831.3376497](https://doi.org/10.1145/3313831.3376497)  
[24% acceptance rate] [equal co-authorship]
- [3] Michael Ann DeVito, Jeremy Birnholtz, Jeffery T. Hancock, Megan French, and Sunny Liu. 2018. How People Form Folk Theories of Social Media Feeds and What it Means for How We Study Self-Presentation. In *Proceedings of the 2018 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '18)*, Paper 120, 1–12. doi: [10.1145/3173574.3173694](https://doi.org/10.1145/3173574.3173694)  
[25% acceptance rate]
- [2] Michael Ann DeVito, Darren Gergle, and Jeremy Birnholtz. 2017. "Algorithms ruin everything": #RIPTwitter, Folk Theories, and Resistance to Algorithmic Change in Social Media. In *Proceedings of the 2017 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '17)*, 3163–3174. doi: [10.1145/3025453.3025659](https://doi.org/10.1145/3025453.3025659)  
[25% acceptance rate]
- [1] Michael Ann DeVito, Jeremy Birnholtz, and Jeffery T. Hancock. 2017. Platforms, People, and Perception: Using Affordances to Understand Self-Presentation on Social Media. In *Proceedings of the 2017 ACM Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing (CSCW '17)*, 740–754. doi: [10.1145/2998181.2998192](https://doi.org/10.1145/2998181.2998192)  
[35% acceptance rate]

## Posters and Short Works (peer-reviewed, archival)

- [4] Fayika Farhat Nova, Michael Ann DeVito, Pratyasha Saha, Kazi Shohanur Rashid, Shashwata Roy Turzo, Sadia Afrin, and Shion Guha. 2020. Understanding How Marginalized Hijra in Bangladesh Navigate Complex Social Media Ecosystem. In *Conference Companion Publication of the 2020 Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing (CSCW '20 Companion)*, 353–358. doi: [doi.org/10.1145/3406865.3418317](https://doi.org/10.1145/3406865.3418317)
- [3] Ashley Marie Walker, Michael Ann DeVito, Kathryn E. Ringland, and Madhu Reddy. 2019. (In)visible Choices: Articulation Work and the Rise in US Maternal Mortality. In *Conference Companion Publication of the 2019 Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing (CSCW '19)*, 403–407. doi: [10.1145/3311957.3359463](https://doi.org/10.1145/3311957.3359463)
- [2] Michael Ann DeVito. 2019. User Adaptation to Constant Change in Algorithmically-Driven Social Platforms. In *Extended Abstracts of the 2019 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI EA '19)*, Paper DC06, 1–6. doi: [10.1145/3290607.3299082](https://doi.org/10.1145/3290607.3299082)
- [1] Michael Ann DeVito. 2018. Commentary on The Other Side: Algorithm as Ritual in Artificial Intelligence by Kieran Browne and Ben Swift. In *Extended Abstracts of the 2018 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI EA '18)*, Paper alt11, 9. doi: [10.1145/3170427.3188404](https://doi.org/10.1145/3170427.3188404)

### Panels (peer-reviewed, archival)

- [3] Jacob Thebault-Spieker, Stevie Chancellor, Michael Ann DeVito, Niloufar Salehi, Alex Leavitt, David Karger, and Katta Spiel. 2021. Do We Fix it or Burn it Down? Towards Practicable Critique at CSCW. In *Conference Companion Publication of the 2021 Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing (CSCW '21)*, in press.
- [2] Poorna Talkad Sukumar, Ignacio Avellino, Christian Remy, Michael Ann DeVito, Tawanna R. Dillahunt, Joanna McGrenere, and Max L. Wilson. 2020. Transparency in Qualitative Research: Increasing Fairness in the CHI Review Process. In *Extended Abstracts of the 2020 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI EA '20)*, 1–6. doi: [10.1145/3334480.3381066](https://doi.org/10.1145/3334480.3381066)
- [1] Michael Ann DeVito, Jeffrey T. Hancock, Megan French, Jeremy Birnholtz, Judd Antin, Karrie Karahalios, Stephanie Tong, and Irina Shklovski. 2018. The Algorithm and the User: How Can HCI Use Lay Understandings of Algorithmic Systems? In *Extended Abstracts of the 2018 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI EA '18)*, Paper panel04, 1–6. doi: [10.1145/3170427.3186320](https://doi.org/10.1145/3170427.3186320)

### Special Interest Groups Co-organized (peer-reviewed, archival)

- [4] Michael Ann DeVito, Caitlin Lustig, Ellen Simpson, Kimberley Allison, Tya Chuanromanee, Katta Spiel, Amy Ko, Jennifer Rode, Brianna Dym, Michael Muller, Morgan Klaus Scheuerman, Ashley Marie Walker, Jed Brubaker, and Alex Ahmed. 2021. Queer in HCI: Strengthening the Community of LGBTQIA+ Researchers and Research. In *Extended Abstracts of the 2021 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI EA '21)*, Article 159, 1–3. doi: [10.1145/3411763.3450403](https://doi.org/10.1145/3411763.3450403)
- [3] Michael Ann DeVito, Ashley Marie Walker, Caitlin Lustig, Amy J. Ko, Katta Spiel, Alex A. Ahmed, Kimberley Allison, Morgan Scheuerman, Brianna Dym, Jed R. Brubaker, Ellen Simpson, Naveen Bagalkot, Noopur Raval, Michael Muller, Jennifer Rode, and Mary L. Gray. 2020. Queer in HCI: Supporting LGBTQIA+ Researchers and Research Across Domains. In *Extended Abstracts of the 2020 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI EA '20)*, 1–4. doi: [10.1145/3334480.3381058](https://doi.org/10.1145/3334480.3381058)
- [2] Ashley Marie Walker, Michael Ann DeVito, Juan Fernando Maestre, Katie A. Siek, Cassie Kresnye, Ben Jelen, Patrick C. Shih, Maria Wolters, and Mona Alqassim. 2019. ARC: Moving the Method Forward. In *Extended Abstracts of the 2019 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI EA '19)*, Paper SIG06, 1–4. doi: [10.1145/3290607.3311763](https://doi.org/10.1145/3290607.3311763)
- [1] Katta Spiel, Os Keyes, Ashley Marie Walker, Michael Ann DeVito, Jeremy Birnholtz, Emeline Brulé, Ann Light, Pınar Barlas, Jean Hardy, Alex Ahmed, Jennifer A. Rode, Jed R. Brubaker, and Gopinaath Kannabiran. 2019. Queer(ing) HCI: Moving Forward in Theory and Practice. In *Extended Abstracts of the 2019 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI EA '19)*, Paper SIG11, 1–4. doi: [10.1145/3290607.3311750](https://doi.org/10.1145/3290607.3311750)

### Workshops Co-organized (peer-reviewed, archival)

- [3] Lindsey Cameron, Angele Christin, Michael Ann DeVito, Tawanna R. Dillahunt, Madeleine Elish, Mary Gray, Rida Qadri, Noopur Raval, Melissa Valentine, and Elizabeth Anne Watkins. 2021. “This Seems to Work”: Designing Technological Systems with The Algorithmic Imaginations of Those Who Labor. In *Extended Abstracts of the 2021 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems*, Article 115, 1–5. doi: [10.1145/3411763.3441331](https://doi.org/10.1145/3411763.3441331)

- [2] Sarah A. Gilbert, Casey Fiesler, Lindsay Blackwell, Michael Ann DeVito, Michaelanne Dye, Shamika Goddard, Kishonna L. Gray, David Nemer, and C. Estelle Smith. 2020. Public Scholarship and CSCW: Trials and Twitterations. In *Conference Companion Publication of the 2020 Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing (CSCW '20 Companion)*, 447–456. doi: [10.1145/3406865.3418589](https://doi.org/10.1145/3406865.3418589)
- [1] Michael Ann DeVito, Ashley Marie Walker, Jeremy Birnholtz, Kathryn Ringland, Kathryn Macapagal, Ashley Kraus, Sean Munson, Calvin Liang, and Herman Saksono. 2019. Social Technologies for Digital Wellbeing Among Marginalized Communities. In *Conference Companion Publication of the 2019 Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing (CSCW '19)*, 449–454. doi: [10.1145/3311957.3359442](https://doi.org/10.1145/3311957.3359442)

### Conference Papers, Posters, and Presentations (peer-reviewed, non-archival)

- [5] Ashley Marie Walker and Michael Ann DeVito. 2019. Stigma in Supportive Online Spaces: Special Challenges for Non-monosexual and Non-binary Well-Being. *National LGBTQ Health Conference*.
- [4] Megan French, Jeffrey Hancock, Sunny Liu, Michael Ann DeVito, and Jeremy Birnholtz. 2018. Confronting the unexpected: The nature and effects of attributing responsibility to social media platforms for expectancy violations. *Annual Conference of the International Communication Association*.
- [3] Michael Ann DeVito. 2016. I Don't Want To See This: Selective Avoidance, Friend Links, and Political Filter Bubble Formation on Facebook. *Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association*.
- [2] Michael Ann DeVito. 2015. The Sentimental Robot: Soldiers, Metal Psychopaths and Artificial Intelligence. *Annual Conference of the International Association for Computing & Philosophy*.
- [1] Michael Ann DeVito. 2015. Let Me Google That For You: Truth, Thought And Trust In The Age of Search Engines. *Annual Conference of the Broadcast Education Association*.

### Workshop Papers (peer-reviewed, non-archival)

- [4] Michael Ann DeVito. 2019. Reporting Theoretical Sampling in Small-Scale Grounded Theory Studies: An Overly-Honest Methodological Transparency Experiment & Reflection. *Qualitative Research Methods for CSCW: Challenges and Opportunities Workshop, CSCW 2019*.
- [3] Michael Ann DeVito. 2018. Folk Theories as a Contextual Lens on Privacy and Audience Management. *Privacy in Context Workshop, CSCW 2018*.
- [2] Michael Ann DeVito. 2017. Supporting Algorithmic Literacy with User Curiosity-Prompting Design. *Designing for Curiosity, CHI 2017*.
- [1] Michael Ann DeVito. 2017. Implications for Theory: Creating a Virtuous, Multidisciplinary Cycle. *Theory Transfers, CSCW 2017*.

## Invited Talks

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### External

Investigating Perceptions, Improving Design, and Empowering Marginalized Users via Adaptive Folk Theorization, *Khoury College of Computer Science, Northeastern University, February 2023*.

Investigating Perceptions, Improving Design, and Empowering Marginalized Users via Adaptive Folk Theorization, *Department of Computer Science, DePaul University, January 2023*.



Investigating Perceptions, Improving Design, and Empowering Marginalized Users via Folk Theorization, *Department of Computer Science, Colgate University, December 2022.*

Trustworthy Information on Transgender Issues: Opportunities to Support Trans Safety, Health, and Community, *Google Trust and Safety Program Manager Summit, November 2022.*

Empowering Marginalized Users of AI-Driven Social Technology: A Folk Theorization Approach to Fairness, Transparency, and Trust, *Faculty of Computer Science, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, October 2022.*

LGBTQ+ Safety and Belonging on Social Platforms, *TikTok, April 2022.*

Empowering Marginalized Users Through Strategic Adaptation: The Case for Folk Theorization-Based Algorithmic Literacy. *Institute of Communication, Culture, Information, and Technology, University of Toronto, March 2022.*

Empowering Marginalized Users Through Strategic Adaptation: The Case for Folk Theorization-Based Algorithmic Literacy. *School of Information Science, University of Texas at Austin, January 2022.*

Empowering Marginalized Users Through Strategic Adaptation: The Case for Folk Theorization-Based Algorithmic Literacy. *The Information School, University of Wisconsin-Madison, January 2022.*

Platforms, Marginalization, and Adaptation: AI-Driven Social Systems in a Queer Context. *Grads for Gender Inclusion in Computing, Cornell University, December 2021.*

Folk Theorization as a Path to Strategic Adaptation and Algorithmic Literacy on Changing Platforms. *School of Information Studies, University of Maryland College Park, October 2021.*

Using Folk Theories and Community Critique to Bridge People, Platforms, and Social Theory: The Cases of Social Media Self-Presentation and Queer Online Communities. *Department of Information Systems, University of Maryland Baltimore County, February 2020.*

Modeling Human/Platform Relationships via Folk Theorization: The Case of Social Media Self-Presentation. *School of Information, University of Texas at Austin, February 2020.*

Online Methods for Rapid Grounded Theory Work with Marginalized Populations. *Department of Computer Science, Marquette University, August 2019.*

## Intramural

TikTok, Transfems, and Folk Theories: Navigating the Algorithmic Trap of Visibility. *Department of Information Science Seminar Series, University of Colorado Boulder, September 2022.*

Adaptive Folk Theorization as a Path to Algorithmic Literacy. *Department of Information Science Seminar Series, University of Colorado Boulder, January 2021.*

Values (Mis)alignment. *Sexualities Project at Northwestern, Northwestern University, April 2020.*

“More gay’ fits in better”: Intracommunity Stigmatization in LGBTQ+ Online Spaces. *Sexualities Project at Northwestern, Northwestern University, April 2019.*

“Too Gay for Facebook”: Presenting LGBTQ+ Identity Across the Social Media Ecosystem. *Sexualities Project at Northwestern, Northwestern University, April 2018.*

“Too Gay for Facebook”: Presenting LGBTQ+ Identity Across the Social Media Ecosystem. *Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Wellbeing, Northwestern University, March 2018.*

## Other Research Activities

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2022-2023      Data & Society Public Tech Leadership Collaborative  
Design Remedies Salon Series

2019	Consortium for the Science of Sociotechnical Systems Summer Research Institute
2019	CHI Doctoral Consortium User Adaptation to Constant Change in Algorithmically-Driven Social Platforms
2019	iConference Doctoral Colloquium User Adaptation to Constant Change in Algorithmically-Driven Social Platforms

## Funding

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**Computing Innovation Fellowship** (2021-2023) National Science Foundation via the Computing Research Association, 1/2021 – 8/2023

### Small Project Grants

**Making Online Dating Safe and Effective for Queer Cis and Trans Women via Community-Based Value Sensitive Design** (2021) Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP), University of Colorado Boulder, \$3000, 6/2021 – 8/2021

**Making Online Dating Safe and Effective for Queer Cis and Trans Women via Community-Based Value Sensitive Design** (2021) Summer Program for Undergraduate Research (SPUR), University of Colorado Boulder, \$2175, 6/2021 – 8/2021

**Presenting the Self on Unstable Ground** (2019) The Graduate School, Northwestern University, \$3000, 12/2018 – 12/2020

**Participatory Design to Center LGBTQ+ Community Values in Social Platforms and Algorithms** (2019) Sexualities Project at Northwestern Research Fund, Northwestern University, \$2,500, 5/2019 - 9/2019

**Stigma in Supportive Online Spaces: Investigating the Disclosure and Management of Doubly-Stigmatized Gender and Sexual Identities Online Within the LGBTQ+ Community** (2018) Sexualities Project at Northwestern Research Fund, Northwestern University, \$2,500, 5/2018 – 9/2018

**Coming Out & Being Out Cross-Platform: Investigating Queer Self-Presentation Across Multiple Social Media Channels** (2017) \$2500. Sexualities Project at Northwestern Research Fund, Northwestern University, \$2,500, 5/2017 – 9/2017

**Facebook News Feed Values and Bias** (2015) School of Media and Public Affairs, George Washington University, \$750, 1/2015 – 5/2015

### Travel Grants

Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Wellbeing, Northwestern University (2019)

Sexualities Project at Northwestern, Northwestern University (2018, 2019)

Cognitive Science Program, Northwestern University (2017)

School of Media and Public Affairs, George Washington University (2015)

## Teaching

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### Training

#### **Graduate Teaching Certification (2013)**

Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program (GTAP)  
George Washington University, Washington DC

### Northwestern University

Digital Media Module Graduate Fellow, Communication Studies, 2019-2020  
*Mentor for Social Computing/HCI Students in the Communication Studies Program*

Research Experience for Undergraduates Coordinator, Social Media Lab, 2016-2020  
*Designed training program, coordinated training and mentorship across the lab*

#### **COMM\_ST 394 Human/Algorithm Interaction**

Course Designer & Instructor - Spring 2018, Fall 2018

#### **COMM\_ST 195 Computing Everywhere**

Module Designer & Instructor for:

Algorithms Everywhere - Spring 2016, Winter 2017, Winter 2018, Winter 2019

Algorithms, Categories, and Design: Dating, Gender, and Sexual Orientation - Spring 2019

Text Wrangling: Computational Approaches to Classical Communication Studies - Spring 2017

#### **COMM\_ST 297 Communication and Technology**

Teaching Assistant - Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2020

#### **COMM\_ST 355 Understanding Media Markets**

Teaching Assistant - Spring 2017

### George Washington University

#### **SMPA 3195 Sustainability Reporting**

Course Designer & Instructor - Fall 2014

#### **SMPA 3195 Multimedia Reporting to Inform and Engage**

Teaching Assistant - Spring 2013

#### **SMPA 1050 Media in A Free Society**

Teaching Assistant - Fall 2013

### Guest Lectures

How We Adapt: Transfeminine Creator Folk Theories of TikTok. *Communication and Technology*, Jeremy Birnholtz, Northwestern University, November 2022.

Transfeminine TikTok Creators and the Algorithmic Trap of Visibility. *Topics in Media Technology: Race, Gender and Digital Technologies*, Lauren Britton-Steele, Ithaca College, April 2022.

Transfeminine TikTok Creators and the Algorithmic Trap of Visibility. *Gender, Media, and Technology*, Elizabeth Peden, University of Toronto, March 2022.

Folk Theories as a Visibility Tool for Transfeminine TikTok Creators. *Online Communities*, Nazanin Andalibi, University of Michigan, February 2022.

Folk Theorization as a Path to Algorithmic Literacy. *Interpersonal and Psychological Implications of Social Media*, Oliver Hamison, University of Michigan, November 2021.



How We Adapt: Transfeminine Creator Folk Theories of TikTok. *Communication and Technology*, Jeremy Birnholtz, Northwestern University, November 2021.

Folk Theorization as a Path to Strategic Adaptation and Algorithmic Literacy on Changing Platforms. *The Information Society*, Jacob Theibault-Spiker, University of Wisconsin Madison, October 2021.

Online Methods for Qualitative Work with Marginalized Communities: Intracommunity Discrimination and Design Values in a Queer Context. *Participatory Design and Research With Vulnerable Populations*, Angela Smith, University of Texas at Austin, October 2021.

Missing the Context, Solving the Wrong Problem: How Algorithmic Systems Fail Minority Groups. *Special Topics In Computer Science*, Robin Burke, University of Colorado Boulder, March 2021.

Forming Research Questions on Complex Topics: The Case of Algorithmic Self-Presentation. *Social Media and Online Social Interactions*, Alice Zhang, Northwestern University, October 2019.

Folk Theories: A Cool Thing Humans Do To Adapt To Technology. *Communication and Technology*, Jeremy Birnholtz, Northwestern University, September 2019.

From Interviews to Findings: Levels of Analysis in Grounded Theory Studies. *Graduate Qualitative Methods*, Anne Marie Piper, Northwestern University, January 2019.

Folk Theories: A Tool for Self-Presentation in an Age of Algorithms. *Communication and Technology*, Jeremy Birnholtz, Northwestern University, October 2019.

People (Sort of) Know Stuff: Values, Ethics, Needs, and How to Know What Your Users Don't Know About Themselves. *Intro to Human-Computer Interaction*, Jordan Eschler, Northwestern University, January 2018.

## Service

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### Conference Committees

Program Committee (Papers), CHI 2023

Program Committee (Papers), CSCW 2021, 2022

Organizing Committee (Meta Co-Chair), CSCW 2020, 2021

General Chair and Program Co-Chair, InfoSocial Graduate Research Conference, 2016-2017

### Student Volunteering

CSCW 2019

### Conference Reviewing

CHI 2017\*, 2018\*, 2019, 2020\*, 2021\*, 2022\*

CSCW 2018, 2019\*, 2020\*, 2021\*, 2022\*, 2023, 2024

DIS 2022

\*Received special recognition for outstanding reviews

### Journal Reviewing

Digital Journalism (2017, 2018, 2021)

Social Science Computer Review (2018, 2021)

Journal of Adolescent Research (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)

Information, Communication and Society (2019)  
ACM Transactions on Computer-Human Interaction (2021, 2022)  
ACM Transactions on Social Computing (2019)  
Human-Computer Interaction (2019)  
Telematics and Informatics (2020)  
Computers in Human Behavior (2021)  
New Media and Society (2021, 2022, 2023)  
Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication (2021)  
Social Media and Society (2021, 2022)  
Interacting With Computers (2022)

## Research Mentoring

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Mentor & Co-organizer, *ACM Queer and Trans in HCI Mentoring Program*, 2021-2023

### External Partnerships

Leah Ajmani, Ph.D., Computer Science, University of Minnesota  
Tan Gemicioglu, B.S., Human Centered Computing, Georgia Tech  
Ella Li, M.S., Information, University of Michigan  
Ashlee Milton, Ph.D., Computer Science, University of Minnesota  
Adrian Petterson, Ph.D., Information Science, University of Toronto  
Aspen Omapang, Ph.D., Information Science, Cornell University

### University of Colorado Boulder

Marianna Benitez, B.S., Architectural Engineering  
Priscilla Hopper, B.S., Information Science  
Christen Malloy, B.A., Computer Science  
Bianca Perez, B.A., Media Production  
Cade Ponder, B.S., Creative Technology & Design  
Lucy Sondheim, B.A., Psychology

### Northwestern University

Faalon Andrews, B.S., Communication Studies  
Amanda Davis, B.A., Psychology  
Huy Do, B.S., Communication Studies  
Matthew Fadden, B.S., Communication Studies  
Samantha Hassett, B.A., Communication Studies  
Bennett Hensey, B.S., Integrated Engineering Studies  
Emily Hoecker, B.S., Education and Social Policy  
Rachel Horowitz, B.A., Communication Studies  
Yuting Jing, B.S., Communication Studies and Psychology  
Min Kyong Kim, B.S., Communication Studies  
Yoko Kohmoto, B.S., Communication Studies  
Victoria Alfred-Levow, B.A. Communication Studies

Justine Yucesan, B.S., Communication Studies

Ankai Zhang, B.S. Communication Studies

## George Washington University

Alyssa Bruns, B.A., Sustainability

Sumner Byrne, B.A., Communication

Eileen Emerson, B.A., Political Communication

Joy Finneran, B.A., English

Anna Sumi, B.A., Journalism & Mass Communication

## Memberships

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Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)

ACM Special Interest Group on Computer-Human Interaction (SIGCHI)

Identity Lab, University of Colorado Boulder

Internet Rules Lab, University of Colorado Boulder

Society for the Study of Sociotechnical Systems (CSST)

## Past Memberships

Social Media Lab, Northwestern University

Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health Social Media Working Group,  
Northwestern University

Chicago Bisexual Health Task Force

International Communication Association (ICA)

Midwest Political Science Association