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Curriculum Vitæ

Education

University at Buffalo, Department of Communication, College of Arts and Sciences, Buffalo, New York, USA

Doctor of Philosophy; Communication; May 2009 (currently ABD)

Dissertation: Social networks and social support: The role of communication technology in the freshman transition

Committee: Michael Stefanone (PhD, Cornell), Advisor; George Barnett (PhD, Michigan State); Mark Frank (PhD, Cornell)

La Trobe University, School of Communication, Arts, and Critical Enquiry, Bundoora, Victoria, Australia

Master of Arts; Media Studies; 2005

Thesis: Norm maintenance in online communities: Analysis of heterarchical moderation regimes

Advisor: Peter Hughes (PhD, La Trobe)

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, College of Arts and Sciences, Lincoln, Nebraska, USA

Bachelor of Arts; Political Science, International Studies, German; 2002

Research

Senior Research Aide, Communication Science Center (PI Mark Frank), 2005-2008

Responsible for data collection, electronic sensor operation, and nonverbal signal coding for NSF-funded research project

Teaching

University at Buffalo, 2005-2008

Survey of Mass Communication (prepared and instructed course)

Introduction to the Internet (prepared and instructed course, 5x)

Research Methods in Communication (prepared and instructed course)

Introduction to Communication (teaching assistant)

Multiple guest lectures in Communication (COM) and Media Study (DMS) courses.

La Trobe University, 2004-2005

Researching the Media (prepared and instructed tutorial sections, 2x)

Digital Media Cultures (prepared and instructed tutorial sections)

Multiple guest lectures in other Media Studies courses.

Grants and Awards

Mark Diamond Research Fund doctoral research grant, 2008-2009
Graduate Student Teaching Award, International Communication Association, 2008
Teaching assistantship, University at Buffalo, 2005-present
CACE Research Grant, La Trobe University, 2004

Peer Reviewed Publications

- Halavais, A., & Lackaff, D. (2008). An analysis of topical coverage of Wikipedia. *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication*, 13, 429-440.
- Lackaff, D., & Cheong, P. H. (in press). Communicating authority online: Perceptions and interpretations of Internet credibility among college students. *Open Communication Journal*.
- Lackaff, D., & Halavais, A. (2006). Sins of omission? An exploratory analysis of Wikipedia's topical coverage. In *Proceedings of Wikimania 2006*. Cambridge, MA: Wikimedia Foundation.
- Stefanone, M. A., Lackaff, D., & Rosen, D. (2008). We're all stars now: Reality television, Web 2.0, and mediated identities. In *Hypertext 2008: Proceedings of the 21st ACM Conference on Hypertext and Hypermedia*. Pittsburgh, PA: ACM Press.

Manuscripts under Peer Review

- Stefanone, M. A., & Lackaff, D. (2008). *Cultivating celebrity: How reality television influences blogging, photo and video sharing*. Manuscript submitted for publication.
- Stefanone, M. A., Lackaff, D., & Rosen, D. (2008). *The relationship between traditional mass media and "social media:" Reality television as a model for social network site behavior*. Manuscript submitted for publication.
- Stefanone, M. A., Rosen, D., Lackaff, D., & LaFontaine, P. R. (2008). *The digital echo of culture: Computer-mediated cultural behaviors*. Manuscript submitted for publication.

Conference Papers & Presentations

- Lackaff, D. (October, 2008). New formations of stardom in contemporary media culture. Roundtable participant at Flow Conference 2008, University of Texas, Austin, Texas, USA.
- Lackaff, D., & Cheong, P. H. (May, 2008). On whose authority: Examining internet credibility assessments among college students. Paper presented at the annual conference of the International Communication Association, Sheraton Hotel, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- Lackaff, D., & Stefanone, M. A. (May, 2008). Cultivating celebrity: How reality television influences blogging, photo and video sharing. Paper presented at the annual conference of the International Communication Association, Sheraton Hotel, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Kozey, R. S., & Lackaff, D. (April, 2008). Effects of coaching on ministry team development: A case study exploration of employee attrition using an agent-based model. Paper presented at Central States Communication Conference, Madison Concourse Hotel, Madison, Wisconsin, USA.

Halavais, A., & Lackaff, D. (September, 2006). Wikipedia: Missed connections. Paper presented at Internet Research 7.0: Internet Convergences, Hilton Hotel, Brisbane, Qld., Australia.

Lackaff, D. (December, 2004). Heterarchical moderation in online discussion fora. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Australian Sociological Association, Beechworth, Victoria, Australia.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Lackaff, D. (2008). *Interpersonal attraction and mediated social spaces*. Manuscript in preparation.

Lackaff, D. (2008). *Social networks and social support: The role of communication technology in the freshman transition*. Manuscript in preparation.

Lackaff, D. (2008). *Structure of social network site relationships*. Manuscript in preparation.

Lackaff, D. & Fritz, J. (2008). *Propitious aggregation of social network data: Lowering participant burden in egocentric network data collection*. Manuscript in preparation.

Other Manuscripts and Projects

Scholz, T., & Lackaff, D. (2008). *Social web interactive timeline*. Available at <http://molodiez.org/timeline/timeline.php>

Lackaff, D. (2005). *Norm maintenance in online communities: Analysis of heterarchical moderation regimes*. Unpublished master's thesis, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Victoria, Australia.

Lackaff, D. (2003). *Norm maintenance in online communities: A review of moderation regimes*. Unpublished master's (preliminary) thesis, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Victoria, Australia.

Service

Undergraduate research advisor, University at Buffalo, Spring 2007 – Spring 2008
Webmaster, Communication Graduate Student Association, University at Buffalo, 2006-present
Senator, Communication Graduate Student Association, University at Buffalo, 2005-2006

Memberships

International Communication Association, 2005-present

Languages

English (mother tongue)

German (conversant; Mittelstufe II Certificate, did deutsch-institut, Berlin, 2002)