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Education

Candidate for Doctor of Philosophy, Anthropology

Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Newfoundland, September 2011 – present
Teaching Skills Enhancement Program, September 2014 – April 2015
Dissertation: The Making of Computer Scientists in Singapore

Visiting Research Student, Sociology

Lancaster University, Lancaster, UK, January 2013 – March 2013

Master of Arts, Anthropology

Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Newfoundland, September 2008 – April 2011
Thesis: Living with Music: An Ethnography of Sessions in St. John's, Newfoundland

Bachelor of Mathematics, Honours Computer Science Co-op, Joint Honours Anthropology

With Distinction – Dean's Honours List
University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, September 2003 – April 2008
Honours Essay (Anthropology): Modelling Malaria: An Investigation of Variables Affecting Malaria Transmission

Publications

2015 with Bimlesh Wadhwa, "Towards a Gender HCI Curriculum." *In CHI'15 Extended Abstracts on Human Factors in Computing Systems*. Pp 1091 – 1096. New York, NY: ACM Press. Available online at: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1145/2702613.2732923>.

2014 with Bimlesh Wadhwa, "Exploring Nuanced Gender Perspectives within the HCI Community." *In IndiaHCI'14 Proceedings of the India HCI 2014 Conference on Human Computer Interaction*. Pp 45 – 54. New York, NY: ACM Press. Available online at: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1145/2676702.2676709>.

2014 with Bimlesh Wadhwa, "EnGendering Interaction Design." *In iUSER-2014 Proceedings of the 2014 3rd International Conference on User Science and Engineering*. Pp 292 – 295. Shah Alam, Malaysia: IEEE. Available online at: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/IUSER.2014.7002719>.

2013 "01111000 01110010 01100101 010000011: Play Elements in Computer Programming." *The American Journal of Play*. 5(3): 357 – 382. Available online at: <http://www.journalofplay.org/issues/5/3/article/4-01010000-01001100-01000001-01011001-play-elements-computer-programming>.

2012 “Putting Down Roots: Playing Irish and Newfoundland music in St. John’s.” *In Routes and Roots: Fiddle and Dance Studies from Around the North Atlantic* 4. I. Russell and C. Goertzen, eds. Pp. 153 – 171. Aberdeen, Scotland: Elphinstone Institute, University of Aberdeen.

2011 “The Sound of Home: Implications of Living in the Field.” *In Playing the Field: An Interactive and Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference: Selected Conference Proceedings*. L. Baker, ed. Pp. 68 – 72. Toronto, ON: Social Anthropology Graduates’ Association, York University. Available online at: http://issuu.com/yorku_anthropology_conference.

Selected Conference Papers and Other Presentations

2015 “‘We Code the Future’: Locating Computer Science Education.” 114th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Denver, Colorado. November 18 – 22.

2015 with Bimlesh Wadhwa, “EnGendering Design: Implementing Interdisciplinarity.” WomENCourage 2015. Association for Computing Machinery’s Women in Computing – Europe, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden. September 24 – 26.

2015 “Praying to the Bell Curve God.” Folklore Studies Association of Canada Annual Meetings. University of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. May 30 – June 2.

2015 with Bimlesh Wadhwa, “Towards a Gender HCI Curriculum.” Works-in-Progress, CHI’15 Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems. Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), Seoul, South Korea. April 18 – 23.

2014 with Bimlesh Wadhwa, “Exploring Nuanced Gender Perspectives within the HCI Community.” India HCI 2014 Conference on Human Computer Interaction. IIT Delhi, New Delhi, India. December 7 – 9.

2014 with Bimlesh Wadhwa, “EnGendering Interaction Design.” iUSER-2014 3rd International Conference on User Science and Engineering. Faculty of Computer and Mathematical Sciences, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Shah Alam, Malaysia. September 2 – 5.

2014 with Bimlesh Wadhwa, “Exploring Possibilities for Nuanced Gender Perspectives Within Design Education.” Perspectives on Gender and Product Design Workshop, CHI’14 Conference on Human Factors in Computing. Association of Computing Machinery (ACM), Toronto, Canada. April 26 – May 1.

2014 “Gender and the Making of Computer Scientists.” Work in Progress Seminar, Tembusu College, National University of Singapore, Singapore, March 13 and Graduate Student Seminar Series, Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore, April 3.

2014 “Global Programming: Exploring the Transnationality of Learning and Writing Code.” International Conference on Global STS. Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. March 14 – 15.

2013 “while (programmer) {return code + creativity}”: Creative Expression in Computer Programming.” Folklore Studies Association of Canada Annual Meetings. Grenfell College, Cornerbrook, Newfoundland. June 17 – 19.

2012 “The Session Circle: Shifting Spaces of Belonging in the Performance of Traditional Music.” 111th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. San Francisco, California. November 14 – 18.

2012 “Music that ‘belongs to us’: Traditional Music and the Politics of Newfoundland Identity.” Folklore Studies Association of Canada Annual Meetings. Congress 2012 of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Waterloo, Ontario. May 26 – 28.

2011 “Legacies of ‘Tradition’ in the Performance of Traditional Music.” 110th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Montreal, Quebec. November 16 – 20.

2011 “Playing ‘Good’ Music and the Role of Gender.” Aldrich Interdisciplinary Conference. Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John’s, Newfoundland. February 21 – 23.

2010 “Putting Down Roots: Playing Irish and Newfoundland Music in St. John’s.” The North Atlantic Fiddle Convention. University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, Scotland. July 14 – 18.

2009 “The Sound of Home.” Playing the Field Conference. Social Anthropology Graduates’ Association, York University, Toronto, Ontario. November 21.

2009 “‘Would you be a reel now or a jig?’: Playing Tunes in St. John’s, Newfoundland.” Public Seminar. Department of Anthropology, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John’s, Newfoundland. November 19.

Reports

2010 “Graduate Student Funding in Anthropology.” Distributed to the Department of Anthropology and the School of Graduate Studies at Memorial University of Newfoundland and to universities that participated in the study. January 28, 2010.

2007 “Report on Gender Equality Issues at UW-CS.” Contributed as member of the Task Force on Gender Equality in the Department of Computer Science, University of Waterloo. Published online at: <https://cs.uwaterloo.ca/sites/ca.computer-science/files/uploads/files/Report%20-%20WICS%20Task%20Force.pdf>. November 2007.

Awards and Grants

Scotia Bank Bursary for International Study

Faculty of Arts, Memorial University of Newfoundland, September 2012

Dean's Excellence Award

School of Graduate Studies, Memorial University of Newfoundland, September 2012

Canada Graduate Scholarships – Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), August 2012

Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships – Doctoral

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), April 2012

ISER Student Essay Prize, Institute for Social and Economic Research

Memorial University of Newfoundland, November 2011

School of Graduate Studies Fellowship

School of Graduate Studies, Memorial University of Newfoundland, September 2011

Fellow of the School of Graduate Studies

School of Graduate Studies, Memorial University of Newfoundland, October 2010

A.G. Hatcher Memorial Scholarship

Memorial University of Newfoundland, August 2009

ISER Master Fellowship

Institute for Social and Economic Research, Memorial University of Newfoundland, April 2009

School of Graduate Studies Merit Award and Dean's Excellence Award

School of Graduate Studies, Memorial University of Newfoundland, September 2008

Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master's

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), April 2008

Silver Medal for Academic Excellence in Anthropology

Department of Anthropology, University of Waterloo, April 2008

Academic Work Experience

Research Assistant

Department of Anthropology, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Dr. Robin Whitaker, May 2015 – present

Dr. Wayne Fife, September 2011 – April 2012

Graduate Officer Assistant

Department of Anthropology, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Dr. Reade Davis, December 2012 – August 2013 and September 2014 – April 2015

Dr. Kathleen Gordon, September 2009 – April 2010

Teaching Assistant

Department of Anthropology, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Dr. Robin Whitaker, September 2014 – December 2014

Dr. Kathleen Gordon, September 2011 – April 2012

Dr. Mark Tate, September 2008 – April 2009

Teaching Assistant

Faculty of Mathematics, University of Waterloo

January 2005 – April 2005, May 2006 – April 2007, and September 2007 – April 2008

Relevant Professional Experience

Software Developer

Autodesk Canada, January 2006 – April 2006 and May 2007 – August 2007

Information Services Support Analyst

Munich Re., May 2005 – August 2005

Computer Support Helpdesk

Environment Canada, September 2004 – December 2004 and January 2004 – April 2004

Languages

Working knowledge: English, French, Python, Java, C++, and VB.Net

Familiarity: Mandarin, Pascal (Delphi), and SQL

Guest Speaking

Guest Lecturer

Department of Anthropology, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Anth 1031: Introduction to Anthropology, March 2, 2009, and March 24, 2015

Anth 3100: Dominance and Power, March 12, 2015

Guest Speaker

Department of Anthropology, Memorial University of Newfoundland,

Anth 2411: Anthropologists in the Field, January 26, 2010, November 15, 2011, September 12,

2012, September 18, 2014, and October 5, 2015

Interviewee

Studio 1024 Podcasts, Memorial University of Newfoundland, November 26, 2009

Service and Activities

Co-organizer

Department of Anthropology Seminar Series
Memorial University of Newfoundland, May 2015-present

Peer-reviewer

Culture & Traditions: The Canadian Journal of Folklore and Ethnology
Memorial University of Newfoundland, May 2015

Participant and performer

Sessions for the performance of traditional Irish, English, and Newfoundland Music
St. John's, Newfoundland; Toronto and Midland, Ontario; Lancaster, England; and Singapore,
2008 – present

Volunteer

Newfoundland and Labrador Folk Festival
St. John's, Newfoundland, August 2009, 2010, 2012, and 2014

Undergraduate Representative

Task Force on Gender Equality at UW-CS
University of Waterloo, May 2007 – April 2007 and September 2007 – November 2007

Memberships

American Anthropological Association
Council on Anthropology and Education
Association for Feminist Anthropology
Folklore Studies Association of Canada
Association for Computing Machinery, Special Interest Group on Computer Science Education