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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. **University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee**
Information Studies, May 2015
Dissertation Title: “Informational Power on Twitter: A Mixed-Methods Exploration of User Knowledge and Technological Discourse about Information Flows”
Advisor: Dr. Michael Zimmer
- M.A. **Georgetown University**
Communication, Culture and Technology, May 2008
Thesis: “Privacy: How Do We Define It, Assess It, and Seek to Protect It Online”
- B.S. **George Mason University**
Information Technology, Spring 2006
Major Area: Network Administration and Security

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS HELD

- 2015 - Current **College of Information Studies, University of Maryland, College Park**
Postdoctoral Scholar
- 2008-2010 **National Science Foundation - Arlington, VA.**
Science Assistant - Office of Integrative Activities (OIA)
- 2008 **Internet Education Foundation – Washington, D.C.**
Google Policy Fellow

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Hoffmann, A., **Proferes, N.**, Zimmer, M. (2016). “Making the World More Open and Connected”: Mark Zuckerberg and the Discursive Construction of Facebook and Its Users. *New Media & Society*. doi: 10.1177/1461444816660784.

Proferes, N. (2016). Web 2.0 User-knowledge and the Limits of Individual and Collective Power. *First Monday* 21(6). doi: 10.5210/fm.v21i6.6793

Peekhaus, W. & **Proferes, N.** (2016). An Examination of North American Library and Information Studies Faculty Perceptions of and Experience with Open-Access Scholarly Publishing. *Library & Information Science Research* 38(1), 18-29.

Peekhaus, W. & **Proferes, N.** (2015). An Analysis of How Library and Information Science Faculty Perceive and Engage with Open Access. *Journal of Information Science* 41(5), 640-661.

Zimmer, M. & **Proferes, N.** (2014). A Topology of Twitter Research: Disciplines, Methods, and Ethics. *Aslib Journal of Information Management* 66(3), 250-261. [Awarded Outstanding Paper of 2014 by *Aslib Journal of Information Management*].

Proferes, N. (2012). [Book Review] Delete: The Virtue of Forgetting in the Digital Age. Viktor Mayer-Schönberger. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2009. *The Journal of Popular Culture*, 45(1), 226–228. doi:10.1111/j.1540-5931.2011.921_1.x

BOOK CHAPTERS, CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS & WHITE PAPERS

Proferes, N. (2015). Methodological Considerations in Tracing User Knowledge of Information Flows on Social Media Sites. *Selected Papers of Internet Research – Proceedings of the Association of Internet Researchers*. Phoenix, AZ.

Proferes, N. (2015). Legal Limits To Technology Use. In R. Mansell & P. Ang (eds.), *International Encyclopedia of Digital Communication & Society*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.

Proferes, N. (2014). What Happens to Tweets? Descriptions of Temporality in Twitter's Organizational Rhetoric. *iConference Proceedings*. Berlin, Germany.

Zimmer, M. & **Proferes, N.** (2013). Privacy on Twitter / Twitter on Privacy. In K. Weller, A. Bruns, J. Burgess, M. Mahrt & C. Puschmann (eds.), *Twitter and Society*. New York, NY: Peter Lang.

Adamick, J., Buchanan, E., Fountain, J., Goncalves, M.S., **Proferes, N.** (2010). [White Paper] Advancing Ethical Research Across Disciplines, NSF SBE 2020.

http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/sbe_2020/2020_pdfs/Adamick_Jessica_139.pdf

CONFERENCE PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 *Values in a Shifting Stack: Exploring How App Developers Evaluate Values and Ethics of a New Internet Protocol*
IEEE International Symposium on Ethics in Engineering, Science, and Technology, 2016:
Vancouver, British Columbia
- 2015 *Methodological Considerations in Tracing User Knowledge of Information Flows on Social Media Sites*
Association of Internet Researchers 16: Phoenix, AZ.
- 2014 *What Happens to Tweets? Descriptions of Temporality in Twitter's Organizational Rhetoric.*
iConference 14: Berlin, Germany.
- 2013 *Users, Myth, and Social Media* [Student Presentation].
Oxford Internet Institute Summer Doctoral Program: Toronto, ON.
- 2012 *The Ethics of Twitter Research: A Topology of Disciplines, Methods and Ethics Review Boards*
Co-presented with Dr. Michael Zimmer
2nd International Symposium on Digital Ethics: Chicago, IL.
- 2012 *The Political Economy of Reputation Online: Karma, Reddit, and the Knowledge Factory*
Midwest Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference: Milwaukee, WI.
- 2011 *Oh, the Ethics You'll Know* [IGNITE Presentation]
Association of Internet Researchers 12: Seattle, WA.

WORKSHOP, POSTER, AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 *Ethical Challenges in Social Media Research Workshop* [co-organizer for workshop]
International Conference on Web and Social Media 16: Cologne, Germany.
- 2016 *Fostering Ethics through Open Data Metadata Standards* [workshop presentation]
International Conference on Web and Social Media 16: Cologne, Germany.
- 2016 *NDN Values: Understanding Values in the Stack.* [poster]
University of Maryland iSchool Research Day, University of Maryland: Maryland.
- 2015 *How to Assess Technical and Social Goals of a Future Internet Architecture.* [workshop presentation]
NDNComm 2015: UCLA, CA.
- 2015 *Exploring the Horizons of User Power at the Intersections of Information Flows, Discourse, and Belief.* [poster]
The Center for the Advanced Study of Communities and Information, University of Maryland: Maryland.
- 2015 *An Examination of Library and Information Studies Faculty Experience with and Attitudes toward Open Access Scholarly Publishing.* [poster]
iConference 15: Newport Beach, CA.
- 2015 *Exploring User Knowledge of Information Flows on Twitter.* [poster]
ALISE: Chicago, IL.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- Fall 2015 – Spring 2016 **Instructor**
University of Maryland
INST 612 – Information Policy, INST 641 - Policy and Ethics in Digital Curation
- Fall 2014 - Spring 2015 **Project Assistant**
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Center for 21st Century Studies
- Spring 2013 - Spring 2014 **Instructor**
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
INFOST 110 – Introduction to Information Science, INFOST 120 – Information Technology Ethics
- Spring 2013 **Editorial Assistant**
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Law & Policy Volume of the International Encyclopedia of Digital Communication & Society; Editor: Dr. Sandra Braman
- Fall 2012 - Summer 2013 **Research Assistant**
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Dr. Sandra Braman
- Fall 2012 **Teaching Assistant**
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
L&I SCI 110 – Introduction to Information Science

Instructor: Dr. Michael Zimmer

Summer 2012, Summer
2013, Summer 2014

Project Assistant
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Dr. Michael Zimmer

Fall 2012, Summer 2013,
Summer 2014

Project Assistant
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Dr. Wilhelm Peekhaus

Fall 2010 - Spring 2012

Project Assistant
UWM Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Training Program
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Dr. Elizabeth Buchanan, Dr. Janis Eells, Dr. Marjorie Piechowsk

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2015 **Outstanding Paper of 2014**
Aslib Journal of Information Management
- 2014 **Chancellor's Graduate Student Award**
School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
- 2014 **Graduate Teaching Award**
School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
- 2013 **Chancellor's Graduate Student Award**
School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
- 2013 **Graduate Teaching Award**
School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
- 2013 **Travel Award**
Graduate School, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
- 2013 **Doctoral Research Grant**
School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- 2013 **Featured Graduate Student**
Graduate School, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
- 2012 **Chancellor's Graduate Student Award**
School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
- 2011 **Chancellor's Graduate Student Award**
School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
- 2011 **Travel Award**
Graduate School, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2016 Reviewer for Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences.
- 2016 Reviewer for Association of Internet Researchers Conference.
- 2016, 2015 Reviewer for *Journal of Web Science*.

2015 Reviewer for *Information Society*.

2014 Reviewer for *New Media & Society*.

2013 President, School of Information Studies Doctoral Student Organization.

2013 PhD Student Representative, School of Information Studies Doctoral Program Committee.

2013 Editor, School of Information Studies Newsletter.

2012 PhD Student Representative, UWM Learning and Technology Center Review Committee.

2012 PhD Student Representative, UWM Responsible Conduct of Research Advisory Group.

2011 Student Volunteer, Computer Ethics/Philosophical Enquiry Conference.

2011 Reviewer for Great Lakes Graduate Conference

2010 - 2011 PhD Student Representative, School of Information Studies Diversity and Equity Committee.

2010 - 2015 Judge for UWM Undergraduate Research Fair

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2015 - Current Senior Fellow with Center for the Advanced Study of Communities and Information, University of Maryland.

2013 - Current American Association for the Advancement of Science

2012 - 2015 Social Studies of Information Research Group

2011 - 2014 ThinkMakeDigital Student Digital Humanities Group

2010 - Current Association of Internet Researchers