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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

- 2017 - Current **School of Information Science, University of Kentucky**
Assistant Professor
- 2015 - 2017 **College of Information Studies, University of Maryland, College Park**
Postdoctoral Scholar – Ethics and Values in Design Lab
- 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

Proferes, N., & Summers, E. (2019). Algorithms and agenda-setting in Wikileaks’ #PodestaEmail release. *Information, Communication & Society*, 1-16.

Fiesler, C., & **Proferes, N.** (2018). “Participant” Perceptions of Twitter Research Ethics. *Social Media & Society* 4(1).

Hoffmann, A., **Proferes, N.**, Zimmer, M. (2018). “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.

Vitak, J., **Proferes, N.**, Shilton, K., & Ashktorab, Z. (2017). “Ethics Regulation in Social Computing Research: Examining the Role of Institutional Review Boards.” *Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics*(12)5.

Proferes, N. (2017). “Information Flow Solipsism in an Exploratory Study of Beliefs about Twitter.” *Social Media & Society*, 3(1), doi: 10.1177/2056305117698493

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., Morrissey, K. (Forthcoming). Lost in the 'Dash:' Content, Customization, and Community on Tumblr. In Cho, A., McKraken, A., and Stein, L. (Eds.) *A Tumblr Book*. University of Iowa Press.

Efthimion, P. G., Payne, S., & **Proferes, N.** (2018). Supervised machine learning bot detection techniques to identify social twitter bots. *SMU Data Science Review*, 1(2).

Proferes, N., Shilton, K. (2018). Web Architecture and Values in the Stack: Exploring the Relationship between Internet Infrastructure and Human Values. In Plaisance, P. (Ed.) *Handbook of Communication Ethics*. Berlin, Germany: De Gruyter.

An, J., Ciampaglia, G. L., Grinberg, N., Joseph, K., Mantzarlis, A., Maus, G., **Proferes, N.,** ... & Welles, B. F. (2017). Reports of the Workshops Held at the 2017 International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media. *AI Magazine*, 38(4), 93-98.

Proferes, N. (2017). Response to C. Puschmann's, "Bad Judgment, Bad Ethics? Validity in Computational Social Media Research." In Zimmer, M. & Kinder-Kurlanda, K. (eds.) *Internet Research Ethics for the Social Age: New Cases and Challenges*. Frankfurt, Germany: Peter Lang.

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

- 2018 *Algorithms and Agenda-setting in Wikileaks' #PodestaEmail release.*
Locked out of Social Platforms: An iCS Symposium on Challenges to Studying Disinformation: Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2017 *Symbolic And Informational Power: Exploring The Entanglement Of Politics And Platforms In The 2016 US Presidential Election*
Association of Internet Researchers 17: Tartu, Estonia.
- 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 PRESENTATIONS, POSTERS, AND PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

- 2019 [Invited Presentation] *The Development of Privacy Norms. The Modern Privacy Symposium.* Waltham, MA.
- 2018 [Public Scholarship] [The Many Mea Culpas of Mark Zuckerberg.](#) *Slate.*
- 2018 [Workshop Co-organizer] *Exploring the Shifting Sands: Accounting for Evolution In Analyzing Data from Social Media Platforms Workshop.* Association of Internet Researchers 2018 Conference. Montreal, Canada.

- 2018 [Workshop Co-organizer] *Early Career Workshop*. Association of Internet Researchers 2018 Conference. Montreal, Canada.
- 2017 [Invited Participant] Sandia Labs' Advanced Distributed Learning (ADL) division *User-Tailored Privacy Solutions for Total Learning Architecture (TLA) Summit*. Charleston, SC.
- 2017 [Program Committee and Invited Participant] *Bridging Industry and Academia to Tackle Responsible Research and Privacy Practices Workshop* with Future of Privacy Forum & Facebook. New York, NY.
- 2017 [Lead Workshop Organizer] *Studying Users Perceptions and Experiences with Algorithms* International Conference on Web and Social Media 17: Montreal, Canada.
- 2016 [Workshop Co-organizer] *Ethical Challenges in Social Media Research Workshop* International Conference on Web and Social Media 16: Cologne, Germany.
- 2016 [Workshop Presentation] *Fostering Ethics through Open Data Metadata Standards* International Conference on Web and Social Media 16: Cologne, Germany.
- 2016 [Poster Presentation] *NDN Values: Understanding Values in the Stack*. University of Maryland iSchool Research Day, University of Maryland: Maryland.
- 2015 [Workshop Presentation] *How to Assess Technical and Social Goals of a Future Internet Architecture*. NDNComm 2015: UCLA, CA.
- 2015 [Poster Presentation] *Exploring the Horizons of User Power at the Intersections of Information Flows, Discourse, and Belief*. The Center for the Advanced Study of Communities and Information, University of Maryland: Maryland.
- 2015 [Poster Presentation] *An Examination of Library and Information Studies Faculty Experience with and Attitudes toward Open Access Scholarly Publishing*. iConference 15: Newport Beach, CA.
- 2015 [Poster Presentation] *Exploring User Knowledge of Information Flows on Twitter*. ALISE: Chicago, IL.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- Fall 2017 - current **Assistant Professor**
 University of Kentucky
 ICT 202 – ICTs for Information Services
 ICT 205 – Issues in ICT Policy
 ICT 600 – ICTs in Society
 ICT 690 – ICT Ethics
- Fall 2015 – Spring 2017 **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 Piechowski

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND GRANTS

2017

Research Improvement Grant

School of Information Studies, University of Maryland

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

- 2019 Reviewer for *CSST Summer Program*.
- 2019 Reviewer for *CSCW* Conference.
- 2019 Editorial Board Member - *Journal of Sociotechnical Critique*.
- 2018 Program Committee for *Computer Ethics, Philosophical Enquiry*.
- 2018 Reviewer for *Technology, Mind & Society* Conference.
- 2018 Reviewer for *CSCW* Conference.
- 2017 Reviewer for *Library Hi-Tech* Journal.
- 2017 Reviewer for *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication*.
- 2017 Programs Committee Member for International Conference on Social Media and Society.
- 2017 Reviewer for Association of Internet Researchers Conference.
- 2017 Reviewer for *Big Data & Society* Journal.
- 2017 Reviewer for *Social Media & Society* Journal.
- 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* Journal.
- 2014 Reviewer for *New Media & Society* Journal.
- 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 - 2017 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