Curriculum Vitae   Christo Sims

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Current Position

2012-pres.	**University of California, San Diego** Assistant Professor, Department of Communication

Education

2012	**University of California, Berkeley** Doctor of Philosophy from the School of Information Committee: Paul Duguid (co-chair), Jenna Burrell (co-chair), AnnaLee Saxenian, Barrie Thorne Dissertation: "The Cutting Edge of Fun: Making Work Play at the New American School"
2007	**University of California, Berkeley** Master of Information Management & Systems from the School of Information Advisor: Peter Lyman
2000	**Bowdoin College** Bachelor of Arts in Economics Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Research Experience

2011-2012	**Nonresident Student Fellow, Connected Learning Research Network** *University of California Humanities Research Institute* Working under Mimi Ito to help develop shared conceptual frameworks and pilot research protocols for the Connected Learning Research Network, a MacArthur Foundation research network studying the role of digital media in learning organized between settings of school, after-school, homes, and peer cultures. http://dmlcentral.net/projects/3677
2008-2010	**Graduate Researcher, Digital Media and Learning Hub** *University of California Humanities Research Institute* Worked under Mimi Ito and Heather Horst to help establish the Digital Media and Learning Hub, a research collaboratory that promotes collaboration amongst researchers studying the relationships between media, technology, and learning. Conducted literature reviews, original fieldwork, and co-authored reports.

2005-	**Graduate Researcher, The Digital Youth Project**
2008	*Institute for the Study of Social Change, University of California, Berkeley*

Independently ran two ethnographic case studies for Peter Lyman and Mimi Ito's exploratory study of how young people's informal uses of digital media affect communication, learning, and play. Co-authored book based on the project. The project, funded by a $3.3 million grant from MacArthur Foundation, was the most extensive qualitative U.S. study yet conducted on teens and their use of digital media. http://digitalyouth.ischool.berkeley.edu/

2006 Graduate Researcher, Information & Service Design Program
University of California, Berkeley
Worked under Robert Glushko to develop a curriculum for the new Information & Service Design program at U.C. Berkeley. Researched and tested human-centered methodologies for the design of information-rich services and experiences.

2005 Research Intern
Yahoo! Research Labs, Berkeley, CA
Worked under Marc Davis at a research partnership between Yahoo! and U.C. Berkeley. Assessed user needs, developed information architecture diagrams, prototyped user interface wireframes, and designed information visualizations for desktop and mobile applications that leveraged temporal, spatial, and social metadata for multimedia capture, use, and reuse.

Publications

Books

2011 *Digital Media and Technology in Afterschool Programs, Libraries, and Museums*. The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Reports on Digital Media and Learning. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. (with Becky Herr-Stephenson, Diana Rhoten, and Dan Perkel)

2010 *Hanging Out, Messing Around, Geeking Out: Living and Learning with New Media*. Cambridge: MIT Press. (with Mizuko Ito, Sonja Baumer, Matteo Bittanti, danah boyd, Rachel Cody, Becky Herr-Stephenson, Heather A. Horst, Patricia G. Lange, Dilan Mahendran, Katynka Martinez, C.J. Pascoe, Dan Perkel, Laura Robinson, and Lisa Tripp)

Peer-Reviewed Articles, Reports, and Presentations

2014 (exp) Gaming Gender: Negotiating Masculinity in Middle School. *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society.* Invited contribution for Comparative Perspectives Symposium on gender and new media. Invited contribution to a special issue. Forthcoming 2014.

2012 (exp) From Differentiated Use to Differentiating Practices: Understanding Social Inequalities, Digital Media, and Identity Negotiations in Middle School. In preparation for summer 2012.

2012 (exp) Useless Fun: Productivity, Play, and Learning Social Difference. **In preparation** for *Games and Culture.*

2012   The Politics and Paradoxes of Inclusions. Co-organized panel with danah boyd and presented paper for the *2012 Digital Media and Learning Conference,* San Francisco, CA, March 3, 2012. (with Mary Gray, Antero Garcia, and Jeffrey Lane)

2011   Doing Boy Cultures "In Plain Sight": Video Games, Masculinity, and Racialized Social Class. *2011 Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science,* Cleveland, OH, November 5, 2011.

2011   Digital Media Practices and Negotiating Gender Identity at School. *110th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association*, Montreal, Canada, November 17, 2011.

2011   When Does Digital Media Make a Difference? Negotiating Social Identity in Middle School. *2011 Digital Media and Learning Conference*, Long Beach, CA, March 5, 2011.

2010   A Citizen of What? *2010 DIY Citizenship Conference*, Toronto, Canada, November 13, 2010. (with Ingrid Erickson)

2010   Situating Interests: The Case of Nico. *2010 Digital Media and Learning Conference*, La Jolla, CA, February 19, 2010.

2008   Beyond the Family Plan: Cell Phones and the Socioeconomic Lives of Teenagers. *107th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association*, San Francisco, CA, November 21, 2008. (with Heather Horst)

2007   Controlled Casualness: Teenage Practices of Flirting with New Media. *29th Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science*, Montreal, Canada, October 11, 2007.

2007   Wireless Sensor Networks for Home Health Care. *21st International Conference on Advanced Information Networking and Application Workshops.* (with Chris R. Baker, Kenneth Armijo, Simon Belka, Merwan Benhabib, Vikas Bhargava, Nathan Burkhart, Artin Der Minassians, Gunes Dervisoglu, Lilia Gutnik, M. Brent Haick, Christine Ho, Mike Koplow, Jennifer Mangold, Stefanie Robinson, Matt Rosa, Miclas Schwartz, Christo Sims, Hanns Stroffregen, Andrew Waterbury, Eli S. Leland, Trevor Pering, and Paul K. Wright.

Academic Honors, Fellowships & Grants

2012   UC Berkeley Graduate Division Summer Grant. $3,500

2011   Fellow, Digital Media and Learning Summer Institute, University of California Humanities Research Institute. August 14-20, 2011. (full funding)
• Competitive MacArthur Foundation supported institute for advanced doctoral students and postdoctoral scholars studying digital media and learning.

2010-
2011   UC Berkeley Normative Time Fellowship. Full tuition, fees, and stipend for living expenses.

2010   Summer Fellow, Consortium for the Science of Socio-Technical Systems (CSST), Stevenson, WA. June 13-17, 2010. (full funding)
• Competitive NSF supported institute for advanced doctoral students and junior faculty studying socio-technical systems.

2010	Peter Lyman Graduate Fellowship in New Media, Berkeley Center for New Media, $3,000.
2010	Digital Media and Learning Research Associate, Digital Media and Learning Hub (full funding) • Attended a biannual workshop supported by the MacArthur Foundation to promote emerging scholars within the field of Digital Media and Learning.
2010	Junior Consulting Researcher at danah boyd's Social Media Collective, Microsoft Research New England. January 18-22, 2010.
2007-2009	UC Berkeley School of Information, Doctoral Fellowship. Full tuition, fees, and living stipend.
2007	UC Berkeley School of Information Student Commencement Speaker. (elected by classmates)
2007	James R. Chen Award for outstanding masters thesis, School of Information, University of California at Berkeley. $500.
2005	UC Berkeley School of Information Masters Fellowship. Full tuition and fees.
2000	Haldane Cup awarded to the graduating senior who "has shown outstanding qualities of leadership and character." Bowdoin College.
1999	Phi Beta Kappa. Bowdoin College.
1999	Paul H. Douglas Prize for "a junior who shows outstanding promise in scholarship in economics." Bowdoin College. $500.

Invited Talks, Panels, Workshops, and Posters

2011	Networked Participation Workshop. Organized by The Joan Ganz Cooney Center, New York, NY, November 11, 2011.
2011	Socio-technical Research: Connecting Disciplines in the iSchools. Organized workshop at the *2011 I-Conference*, Seattle, WA, February 8, 2011. (with Andrea Forté, Sean Goggins, Steve Sawyer, Dana Rotman, Michael Twidale, Kalpana Shankar, Brian S. Butler, Katie Panciera, Helena Mentis)
2010	A Brief Introduction to Situated Learning. Invited talk for panel on "Other Pedagogies and the Phylum Porifera," at the *2010 Curiouser Conference, VCUarts*, Richmond, VA, October 20-21, 2010. (with Hope Ginsburg, J. Morgan Puett, Larissa Harris, Tse-Lynn Loh, Caroline Woolard, and Christopher Lee Kennedy)
2010	A Games-Based School for Digital Kids: Design Overview and Early Research Observations. Invited talk for The Horowitz Center, NYU Steinhardt, at the invitation of Professor Glynda Hull, March 11, 2010. (with Robert Torres)
2009	Navigating Multi-Disciplinary Spaces: Reporting on the UC I-Schools PhD Workshop. Research roundtable for the *2009 I-Conference*, Chapel Hill, NC, February 11, 2009. (with Rebecca Dean, Lilly Irani, Silvia Lindtner, Lilly Nguyen, and Sameer Patil)
2009	"Engaging Across Disciplines." Research roundtable for the *2009 I-Conference*, Chapel Hill, NC,

February 10, 2009. (with Andrew Fiore, Judd Antin, and Coye Cheshire)

2008   Intimacy Work: Teens, New Media, and Personal Relationships. Invited talk for the People and Practices Group, Intel Research, Portland, OR, December 4, 2008.

2008   The Digital Youth Project. Poster for the *Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association*, New York, NY, March, 25 2008. (with Dan Perkel)

2008   Mediating Intimacy: Close Friends, Family, and Romantic Partners. Research Roundtable for the *2008 I-Conference,* Los Angeles, CA, February 29, 2008. (with Andrew Fiore and Coye Cheshire)

2007   Composing the Ephemeral. *Berkeley Center for New Media Para*Site Symposium*, U.C. Berkeley, CA, October 26th, 2007.

2007   The Digital Youth Project." Artifact for the *Ethnographic Praxis in Industry Conference*, Keystone, CO, October 5, 2007. (with Dan Perkel, Michael Carter, and Patricia Lang)

2007   Defining Services for Designers: Services as Systems of Social and Technical Relations." Paper presented at *Information & Service Design Symposium*, U.C. Berkeley, CA, March 2, 2007.

Teaching & Lecturing Experience

Interests:
Equity, Diversity and Digital Media
Childhoods and Consumer Cultures: Historical and Contemporary
Ethnographic Practice and Qualitative Methods
Digital Media & Learning
Social Practice Theories
Social Studies of Information and New Media (general)

2012   Invited Lecture: Reconsidering the Digital Divide. Prof. Janaki Srinivasan. Technology and Poverty course, summer 2012.

2006   Invited Lecture: Considering users in service design. Prof. Robert Glushko, Information and Service Design course, fall 2006.

1997-   Writing Instructor, The Writing Project, Bowdoin College
2000   • Paired with a differed course each semester to provide detailed writing feedback on drafts of students' papers for the course. Met individually with students for each assigned paper and staffed a drop-in writing center. (6 semesters)

Professional Associations & Service

Organizing:
Consortium for the Science of Socio-Technical Systems Workshop at the 2011 I-Conference.
Doctoral Student Colloquium for University of California I-Schools. 2009.

Memberships:
Society for the Social Studies of Science
American Anthropological Association
American Sociological Association

Peer Reviews:
Media International Australia
Ethos
International Journal of Learning and Media