ITDS NEWSLETTER

Internet, Technology, & Digital Sociology Research Cluster of the Canadian Sociological Association

WELCOME!

Hello ITDS Members! We are excited to share with you the debut issue of the ITDS Newsletter. In this issue you will find news and updates from the cluster, upcoming events and ongoing opportunities, recent works by our members, and so much more! We hope you enjoy the newsletter and if you have any news you would like to share in future issues of the newsletter, please reach out!

IN THIS ISSUE

CLUSTER NEWS

Hello ITDS cluster members,

We would like to welcome you to the first issue of our biannual newsletter! Moving forward, we will be planning to release issues in both the Fall and Spring semesters, which will provide updates on cluster initiatives, details about the annual CSA conference, information about professional opportunities and resources related to digital sociology, and will also include personal announcements from our membership. We thank our Newsletter Committee, Molly-Gloria Patel and Salwa Khan, for their tremendous efforts to design and put together this issue.

On October 26, 2022, the ITDS cluster had the great opportunity to co-host a special panel on "Researching Digital Media Literacy in Canada" with both MediaSmarts and the Rogers Chair of Studies in Journalism and New Information Technology as part of Media Literacy Week. The well-attended panel featured four ITDS members (Andrey Kasimov, Milana Leskovac, Monica Pauls, and Jinman Zhang) who gave talks about their experiences conducting research in digital spaces. The overall goal was to share stories and help establish "communities of care for digital sociologists" through a discussion about the opportunities and challenges associated with common forms of research in the field. We will be continuing this conversation in a panel on "Doing Digital Sociology" at the upcoming CSA conference, organized and moderated by Samantha McAleese and Kara Brisson-Boivin from MediaSmarts.

In terms of cluster initiatives, we are pleased to announce that we are currently accepting submissions for the second annual ITDS Student Paper Award. The competition is open to authors who are currently enrolled as graduate students with CSA memberships in good standing. The deadline to nominate (or self-nominate) a paper is March 31. This year we are also launching a mentoring program to pair together faculty and students who work at the intersections of technology and society. The objective is to help foster connections between established and junior scholars to discuss like-minded interests in research and teaching, and to provide advice and other support. We will be encouraging and facilitating meetings between mentors and mentees at the CSA conference. Please be on the lookout for our email in the coming weeks that will contain sign-up sheets for both roles.

Thank you for taking the time to read our first newsletter and we hope to connect at the CSA conference in May/June!

Sincerely,
Michael Adorjan, University of Calgary
Andrew D. Nevin, University of Massachusetts Boston
Anabel Quan-Haase, Western University
(ITDS Co-Chairs, 2022-23)

STUDENT PAPER AWARD

We are now accepting submissions for the 2023 ITDS Student Paper Award competition. Papers must be presented at the CSA conference, ideally in an ITDS-affiliated session. Follow the link below to learn more details about the submission guidelines, eligibility criteria, and adjudication process. The deadline to nominate a paper (self-nominations are welcome) is March 31, 2023. To submit, please email a copy of the paper along with the required information to the Award Committee Chair, Michael Adorjan (madorjan@ucalgary.ca). Results will be communicated by the committee by May 5, 2023. There will be one winner, who will receive from the CSA a prize of $100, a certificate of achievement, and a 'Commit Sociology' T-shirt (available while supplies last). In addition, up to two honourable mentions/runner-ups will receive a certificate and T-shirt.

We look forward to reading your submissions!

Link: **https://www.csa-scs.ca/files/webapps/csapress/itds/student-paper-award/**

UPCOMING EVENTS
CANADIAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2023 Canadian Sociological Association conference is taking place at York University from May 29 to June 2, 2023. The ITDS research cluster is affiliated with 8 regular sessions and 1 invited panel, totaling 35 presentations and 4 panelists across these sessions. Here is a list of our sessions:

- **Technology and Society: General Topics** (Organizers: Andrew Nevin & Anabel Quan-Haase)
- **Assessing and Responding to Digital Risks** (Organizers: Andrew Nevin & Anabel Quan-Haase)
- **Technology and Social Control** (Organizers: Andrew Nevin, Anabel Quan-Haase, & Michael Adorjan)
- **Qualitative Methods and Online Communities** (Organizer: Michael Adorjan)
- **Access, Inclusion, and Agency in Online Spaces** (Organizer: Jordan Fairbairn)
- **Perceptions and Influences of Online Mass Media** (Organizer: Jordan Fairbairn)
- **Understanding and Contesting Polarization Online** (Organizer: Andrey Kasimov)
- **Mobilizing Social Media** (Organizer: Andrey Kasimov)
- **Being Online: A Conversation About Doing Digital Sociology** (Panel Organizers: Samantha McAleese & Kara Brisson-Boivin, MediaSmarts). Panelists: Andrey Kasimov (McMaster University), Milana Leskovac (University of Calgary), Monica Pauls (University of Calgary), and Jinman Zhang (Western University)

Please check the CSA website in the coming months for information about the conference schedule. Most sessions are scheduled to be in-person, while some may have a possibility of remote participation. All presenters must be CSA members in good standing and registered as Congress Delegates by April 15th. For more information, please visit https://www.csa-scs.ca/conference/membership-requirement/. We hope to see you there!

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

CONFERENCE CALLS

Human Factor in Cybercrime (5th Annual Conference)

Location: Halle (Saale), Germany, September 10-12, 2023

Submission deadline (abstracts): April 30, 2023

Submission deadline (full paper): September 1st, 2023

Link: **https://www.hfc-conference.com/call-for-papers**

After a successful in-person event in Florida, we are proud to announce that the 5th Annual Conference on the Human Factor in Cybercrime will take place in Halle (Saale) in Germany immediately after the ESC's conference in Florence, Italy.

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

CALLS FOR PAPERS

Social Media + Society

Link: **https://journals.sagepub.com/page/sms/collections/cfp**

Online Social Networks and Media

Link: **https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/online-social-networks-and-media/about/call-for-papers**

Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication

Link: **https://academic.oup.com/jcmc/pages/call-for-papers**

The Journal of Communication and Media Studies

Link: **https://oncommunicationmedia.com/journal/call-for-papers**

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Gaming, Media, & Communication – Assistant Professor
Simon Fraser University
Application due: March 8th, 2023
Link: **https://www.universityaffairs.ca/search-job/?job_id=60053**

Faculty Cluster Hire in AI/ML and Big Data
University of Wyoming
Application due: Dates vary
Link: **https://www.uwyo.edu/SOC/people/2022-cluster-hire.html**

Postdoctoral Research Associate – Fixed Term
Michigan State University
Link: **https://careers.msu.edu/en-us/job/513145/research-associatefixed-term**

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Sociology – Assistant Teaching Professor</u>

University of Calgary

Application due: March 8th, 2023

Link:**<u>https://www.universityaffairs.ca/search-job/?job_id=60610</u>**

<u>Journalism & Communication – Term Instructor</u>

Carleton University

Application due: March 3rd, 2023

Link: **<u>https://www.universityaffairs.ca/search-job/?job_id=60605</u>**

<u>Media & Technology Studies – Faculty Position (Artificial Intelligence & Indigeneity</u>

University of Alberta

Application due: April 4th, 2023

Link: **<u>https://www.universityaffairs.ca/search-job/?job_id=60669</u>**

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Communications, Media, & Film – Assistant Professor (Term Position)
University of Windsor
Application due: March 12th, 2023
Link: **https://www.universityaffairs.ca/search-job/?job_id=60682**

Communications, Pop Culture, & Film – Assistant Professor (Organizational Communication)
Brock University
Application due: March 16th, 2023
Link: **https://www.universityaffairs.ca/search-job/?job_id=60709**

Sociology – Sessional Position (9 Month Term)
Mount Allison University
Application due: April 3rd, 2023
Link: **https://www.universityaffairs.ca/search-job/?job_id=60559**

RECENT WORKS IN DIGITAL SOCIOLOGY

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Hauser, D.J., Moss, A.J., Rosenzweig, C., Jaffe, S.N., Robinson, J., & Litman, L. (2023). Evaluating CloudResearch's approved group as a solution for problematic data quality on MTurk. Behavior Research Methods. https://doi.org/10.3758/s13428-022-01999-x

Nau, C., McLaughlin, R., & Quan-Haase, A. (2023). Women-focused non-profit organizations and their use of Twitter during the covid-19 pandemic: Characterizing a gendered pandemic through information, community, and action. Social media and Society, 9(1), 20563051221146489

Nau, C., Zhang, J., Mendes, K.& Quan-Haase, A. (2022). Vernacular practices in digital feminist activism on Twitter: Deconstructing affect and emotion in the #MeToo movement. Feminist Media Studies, 22(1), https://doi.org/10.1080/14680777.2022.2027496

Patel, M.-G. & Quan-Haase, A. (2022). The social-ecological model of cyberbullying: Digital media as a predominant ecology in the everyday lives of youth. New Media & Society. https://doi.org/10.1177/14614448221136508

Patel, M.G., Quan-Haase, A. & Hollingshead, W. (2022). Mobilizing social support: New and transferable digital skills in the era of COVID-19. First Monday, 27(4). doi: https://dx.doi.org/10.5210/fm.v27i4.12559

RECENT WORKS IN DIGITAL SOCIOLOGY

BOOKS & BOOK CHAPTERS

Engel, U., Quan-Haase, A., Liu, X., & Lyberg, L. (2022). The Handbook of Computational Social Science: Data Science, Statistical Modelling and Machine Learning Methods. Routledge.

Engel, U., Quan-Haase, A., Liu, X., & Lyberg, L. (2022). The Handbook of Computational Social Science: Theory, Case Studies and Ethics. Routledge.

Michel Desmurget, Screen Damage: The Dangers of Digital Media for Children, Andrew Brown (tr.), Polity Press, 2022, 350pp., $24.95 (pbk), ISBN 9781509546404
In this new book, leading neuroscientist Michel Desmurget rejects the popular view that children are "digital natives" who can adapt easily to prolonged screen use. Drawing on a wide range of evidence, Desmurget shows that over-use of screens has significant detrimental consequences for children's health, behavior, and academic outcomes.
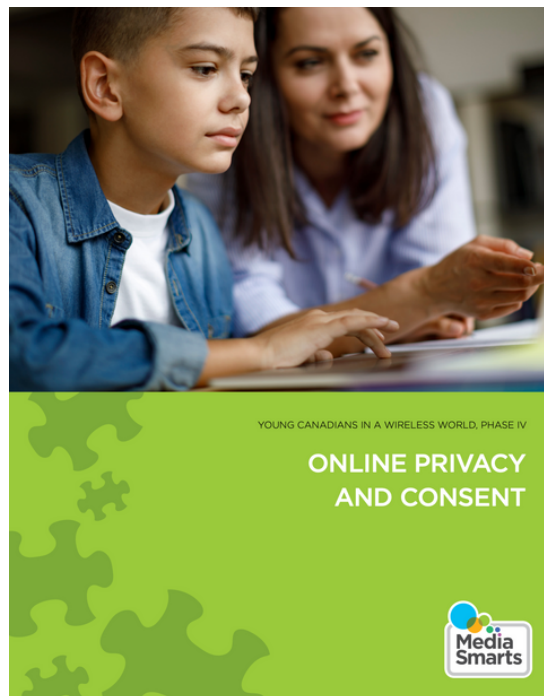*www.politybooks.com*

Sloan, L. & Quan-Haase, A. (2022). The Sage Handbook of Social Media Research Methods. London (2nd Ed.): Sage. [Brings together 60+ experts in the field.]

RECENT WORKS IN DIGITAL SOCIOLOGY

REPORTS

MediaSmarts (2023). Young Canadians in a Wireless World, Phase IV: Online Privacy and Consent. Available at: https://mediasmarts.ca/research-reports/young-canadians-wireless-world/young-canadians-wireless-world-phase-iv/young-canadians-wireless-world-phase-iv-online-privacy-consent

RECENT WORKS IN DIGITAL SOCIOLOGY

IN THE NEWS

Haggart, B. (2023, January). ChatGPT strikes at the heart of the scientific world view. CIGI Online.

Available at: https://www.cigionline.org/articles/chatgpt-strikes-at-the-heart-of-the-scientific-world-view/

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, BIG DATA

ChatGPT Strikes at the Heart of the Scientific World View

That this AI is adaptive and can produce complex outputs is a technical triumph. But at its heart, it's still just pattern recognition.
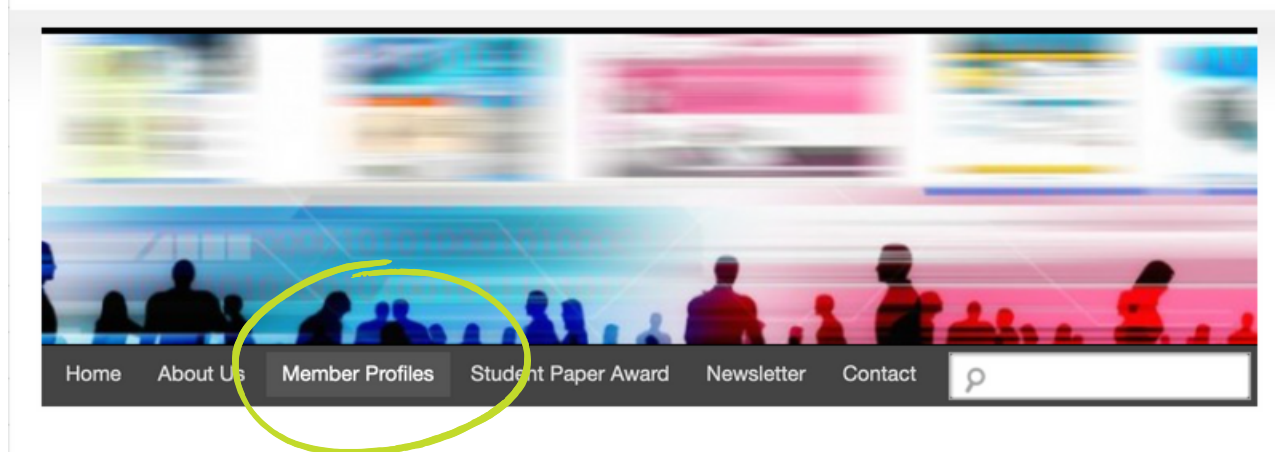
Blayne Haggart

January 23, 2023

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Want to become an ITDS member and/or have your profile featured on the cluster website?
Email Andrew Nevin (andrew.nevin@umb.edu) your information to be added to our webpage!

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

To be featured in our next newsletter (Fall 2023), send us the following information:

- **Announcements:** Upcoming conferences, employment openings, and opportunities for funding/publishing.
- **Accomplishments:** Promotions, honors, and awards.
- **Publications:** Recently published books and articles.
- **Current Events:** Issues affecting digital sociology.
- **Features:** Are you doing innovative research on digital sociology?
- **Graduate Students on the Market:** Are you on the market? If so, send us your name, degree, institution.

You can email your information to Andrew Nevin (andrew.nevin@umb.edu).