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Positions Held

Assistant Professor, School of Information, University of Arizona, 2014-current

Education

Ph.D Spring 2014, University of Arizona, Major LIS; Minor: Philosophy.

Dissertation: Pluralism and Context: Intellectual Property and the Social Understandings of Intellectual Goods.

Committee: Kay Mathiesen (chair), Julia Annas, Don Fallis, Bryan Heidorn.

Master of Arts in Information Resources and Library Science. Public library emphasis. University of Arizona, December 2008.

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, University of Arizona, 2006.

Ongoing Teaching (syllabi available upon request)

Graduate level

LIS/INFO 520: Ethics for Information Professionals

LIS/INFO 517: Introduction to Digital

Undergraduate level

eSoc 330 Digital Dilemmas

eSoc 315 Publishing: Papyrus to eBooks

eSoc 150b1 (Tier One Gen Ed) Social Media and Ourselves

eSoc 480 Digital Engagement

Service

Chair, Curriculum and Instruction, School of Information, University of Arizona 2017-current.

Annual Program Review/ALA Accreditation Steering Committee, member, School of Information, University of Arizona, 2017- current

Co-Chair, Ad Hoc Mission and Vision Committee, School of Information, University of Arizona 2016-2017

Ad Hoc Annual Review Document Committee School of Information, University of Arizona School of Information, 2016-2017

Curriculum and Instruction Committee member, University of Arizona School of Information.

2014-2015.

Publications

Review of *Beyond Humanity: The Ethics of Biomedical Enhancement*. *The Journal of Value Inquiry* 46(4), 497-501.

“Normative notions of authorship and participation in the i-society.” *iConference 2009 Proceedings*. Available at <http://hdl.handle.net/2142/15228>

Works in progress (drafts available on request)

Knowledge, preservation, and belonging: Diverging epistemologies and cultural heritage protection, co-authored with Kay Mathiesen.

Globalization, identity, and meaning: The case for international cultural property rights.

Scholarly Presentations

“Taking the long-view: Critical distance and archival education.” School of Information Science, University of Pittsburgh, February 21st, 2013.

“Personal information, personal property.” Poster presented at *iConference 2013*. Fort Worth, TX, February 12-15th, 2013.

“Market-inalienable property rights and large aggregations of personal data.” Poster presented at the Jean Tague Sutcliffe Doctoral Poster Competition, *ALISE 2013*. Seattle, Washington, January 22-25, 2013.

“A property-based approach to personal data and privacy.” *SIRLS Research Brown Bag Series*, University of Arizona, November 14th, 2012.

“Privacy and the relevant-reasons approach to intellectual property: Protecting traditional cultural expression and Indigenous knowledge in a digital age.” Paper presented at the *Information Ethics Roundtable 2012* at Hunter College, April 27-28, 2012.

Comments presented on “From Codification to Actualization: Amartyr Sen’s Capabilities Approach” at the *Information Ethics Roundtable 2011: Human Rights as Information Rights*, at the University of Arizona, April 15-16, 2011.

Comments presented on “Why there are no bald-faced lies” at the *Information Ethics Roundtable 2009: Misinformation and Disinformation*, at the University of Arizona, April 3-4, 2009.

Roundtable panelist, “iSchools and Philosophy: “I think, therefore iSchool.” Roundtable discussion held at the *iConference 2009*. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, February 8-11, 2009.

Workshops and Colloquiums

Information Ethics and Policy: Intellectual Property, Privacy, and Freedom of Speech. Seattle, WA. April 24th, 2013.

Doctoral Student Colloquium, *iConference 2013*. Fort Worth, TX. February 15th, 2013.

Professional/Outreach Presentations

“Errors and Mistakes in a digital Age” Interview on KJZZ National Public Radio, Phoenix, AZ
March 13th, 2018.

Invited speaker/moderator, Data Privacy. *Philosophy in the Public Interest* Hot Topics Café.
November 30th, 2018. Museum of Northern Arizona, Flagstaff, AZ.

Conference co-organizer, Information Ethics Roundtable 2009 & 2015.

Roundtable panelist, “Ethical challenges in Arizona libraries,” *PEAKS Interdisciplinary
Conference*, Northern Arizona University, February 25-26th, 2012.

Roundtable panelist, “Got Ethics? New challenges for the professional.” *AzLA 2009 Annual
Conference*, December 8-9, 2009.

Awards

Outstanding Part-time Faculty, Fall 2010

Outstanding Part-time Faculty, 2011-2012 Academic year

Professional Affiliations

- American Library Association (ALA)
- The American Philosophical Association (APA)
- Society for the history of authorship, reading, and publishing (SHARP)
- Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE)