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EDUCATION

2013-2021 Duke University, Durham, NC

PhD, Computational Media Arts and Cultures

Dissertation: Maintenance Works: the Aesthetics and Politics of Collective Support Committee: Mark Hansen (Chair), Kristine Stiles, Mark Olson, Annabel Wharton

2010-2012 the New School for Social Research, New York, NY

MA, Historical Studies

Thesis: Utopian Endgames: Counterculture Architectures of the 60s and 70s

Supervisors: Orit Halpern & Jeremy Varon

2001-2005 Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY

BA, Concentration in Art History and Visual Arts

Thesis: Constant Nieuwenhuys and the Situationist International at the End of

Modernism

Supervisors: Judith Rodenbeck & Joe Forte

Graduate Institutes

August 2017 Concordia College, Montreal, QC, Canada

Planetary Futures: International Graduate Summer School

Fieldwork-based research course co-produced by Orit Halpern & Pierre-Louis Patoine:

http://planetaryfutures.net

April 2016 Haus der Kulturen der Welt and the Max Planck Institute, Berlin, Germany

The Anthropocene Campus, 2016: The Technosphere Issue

https://www.anthropocene-curriculum.org/pages/root/campus-2016/

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Modern and Contemporary Art History & Theory | Visual Cultural Studies | Aesthetics & Politics | Media Theory | U.S History | Critical Code Studies | Practice-Based Research | Digital Humanities | Creative Coding | Web Media Programming & Design

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed

Shannan L. Hayes & Max Symuleski (2019) Counterpublic and counterprivate: Zoe Leonard, David Wojnarowicz, and the political aesthetics of intimacy, Women & Performance: a journal of feminist theory, DOI: 10.1080/0740770X.2019.1671104

Max Symuleski, "Earth, World, Globe: Phenomenological Considerations of the Contemporary Planetary Landscape," View: Theories and Practices of Visual Culture, vol. 8 (2015)

Other Publications

"Maintenance" and "Scale" in Planetaryfutures.net: Planetary Futures Fieldglossary (2018)

Co-produced by participants of Planetary Futures, a fieldwork-based research course developed by Orit Halpern & Pierre-Louis Patoine, Concordia University, 2017:

http://planetaryfutures.net/

"Sensing%Knowing," Response Paper to Knowing (in) the Anthropocene, The Anthropocene Campus 2016:
The Technosphere Issue (2017) at http://www.anthropocene-curriculum.org/pages/root/campus-2016/knowing-in-the-anthropocene/

EXHIBITIONS

QueerXScape, Multimedia Installation, Digital and Analog Collage, Screen Print Basement Gallery, Chapel Hill Nov. 15 – Jan. 12, 2019

QueerXScape, Multimedia Installation, Digital and Analog Collage, Screen Print Agora Gallery, Rubenstein Arts Center, Duke University Sept. 10 – Oct. 6, 2019

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

Apr. 9, 2021	Figuring Magic Realism – International Interpretations of an Elusive Term Presentation: "All That is Sold Melts: QueerXScape and Magical Realism for a Precarious Age" Co-written and presented with Sinan Goknur
Oct. 18-20, 2018	Radical Networks, Berlin, Germany, https://radicalnetworks.org/ Presentation: "Speculative Network Topologies: Modeling Futurity" Lecture & Performance co-produced and presented with Rebecca Uliasz
Sept. 20, 2018	MITH Digital Dialogue Series: Eco DH, Maryland Institute for Technology in the Humanities Presentation: "The Invisible Maintainer: A Maintenance Perspective for the Digital Humanities"
Mar. 23, 2018	Global Digital Humanities Symposium Presentation: "Maintenance and the Eco/Critical/Digital Humanities" Panel: Environmental Digital Humanities
Nov. 3-4, 2017	HASTAC 2017: The Possible Worlds of Digital Humanities Presentation: "Digital Maintenance" Panel: Possible Digital Worlds, One Material World: EcoDH
Apr. 21-23, 2017	Open Engagement, University of Illinois, Chicago Paper: "Trash Talk: Maintenance and Environmental Justice" Panel: Maintenance, Justice, and Self-Determination: Connections and tensions between sustained social practice and its archives with the Duke FHI Social Practice Lab
Feb. 19-20, 2015	2015 Graduate Student Symposium, Duke University Department of Art, Art History and Visual Studies Paper: "From World to Earth: Phenomenological Considerations of Whole Earth Imagery"

PROFESSIONAL PROJECTS

2019, March 1 &2 Incomputable Futures: A Symposium on Representation, Computation, and Experimental Scholarship

Web Designer & Co-Organizer with Quran Karriem, Rebecca Uliasz, and Jordan Sjol

Two-day symposium and seminar: http://incomputablefutures.com/

Budget: approx. \$18,000

Sponsors: Computational Media Arts and Cultures, the Dean of the Humanities, the

Franklin Humanities Institute, and the Provost for Interdisciplinary Studies

Duke University, Durham, NC

2018, April 12 & 13 Data Determinacy: Algorithms, Race & Critical Intervention

Co-Organizer with Shannan Hayes and Eylul Iscen

Two-day symposium and workshop: http://datadeterminacy.site

Budget: \$12,500

Sponsors: Computational Media Arts and Cultures, The John Hope Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke Graduate School, Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist

Studies, Duke Literature, and Marxism & Society

Duke University, Durham, NC

2016, April 1 & 2 Dark Matter: An MFA Thesis Performance by Jess Shell

University of North Carolina, Greensboro

Digital Media Designer & Programmer for Nebula

2015-Present The Art of the MOOC, under the direction of Prof. Pedro Lasch

Duke University, Durham, NC & Creative Time, New York, NY Wiki Site Manager and Co-Producer: http://artofthemooc.org

Spring 2015 The Lives of Things: The Brummer Apostles for the exhibit "Medieval Color Comes to

Light"

Project Team Member

Nasher Museum of Art, Duke University, Durham NC

Duke University Bass Connections Project

Spring-Summer 2011 Trevor Paglen, The Last Pictures (2012)

Research Assistant

Public art installation and book

Commissioned by Creative Time, New York, NY http://creativetime.org/projects/the-last-pictures/

Instructor - VMS 202D Introduction to Visual Culture

TEACHING

Fall 2020

Duke University, Durham NC

Fall 2019	Instructor - VMS 328 / LIT 317/ISS 214 Media Theory: Artist as Media Theorist
Summer 2019	Instructor – ISS 240 Web-Based Multimedia Communication
Spring 2019	Instructor – AMI/ISS 241/VMS 257 Web Project Design and Development
Fall 2018	Teaching Assistant – ISS 240 Web-Based Multimedia Communication
Fall 2017	Teaching Assistant – ISS 240 Web-Based Multimedia Communication
Fall 2016	Teaching Assistant – MFAEDA 713 / VMS 580S Computational Media Proseminar Studio
Fall 2015	Teaching Assistant – ARTHIST 303 History of Photography: 1839-Present

The New School for Social Research, New York, NY

Spring 2012 Teaching Assistant – Power, Knowledge, and Vision: Introduction to the Study of Art,

Teaching Assistant - VMS 266 Media History: Old and New

Design and Media in Contemporary Society

SERVICE

Spring 2014

Departmental & Institutional Service

2019-Present Program Coordinator

The Language, Arts and Media Program (LAMP)

Duke University, Durham, NC

2017-2019 Graduate Assistant

The Duke Human Rights Center at the Franklin Humanities Institute

Duke University, Durham, NC

Summer 2018 Graduate Student Instructor

An Illustrated Memoir of the Global HIV/AIDS Pandemic: The Maria de Bruyn Papers

Speak

Story+ Project, Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke University

Summer 2018 Research Assistant

Bruno Latour / Critical Zones

Humanities Futures Project, John Hope Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke University

Summer 2017 Triangle University Internship Program

National Humanities Center, Durham, NC

Summer 2017 Co-Author

Summary Report on Practice-Based PhD Programs

Program in Computational Media Arts and Cultures, Duke University

2016-Present Co-Founder

Aesthetics and Politics Reading Group

Duke University

2013-2018 Member

Speculative Sensation Lab, S-1, led by Professors Mark Hansen and Mark

Olson

Duke University, Computational Media Arts and Cultures

2016-2017 Member

Social Practice Lab, led by Professor Pedro Lasch Duke University, Franklin Humanities Center

2014-2015 Co-Chair

Graduate Student Association

Duke University, Department of Art, Art History and Visual Studies

2011-2012 Co-Editor

2020

2001-2005

Canon: The Interdisciplinary Student Journal

The New School for Social Research

2011-2012 Research Assistant to Professor Eli Zaretsky

The New School for Social Research

Honors, Awards & Grants

2018-19
PHD Lab Fellow, Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke University
PHD Lab Fellow, Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke University
Research Travel Grant, FHI Social Practice Lab, Duke University
Duke STEAM Challenge, 2nd Place for "New Media Memex: a qualitative data analysis and network visualization tool for the humanities," with Evan Donahue and Eylul Iscen

Competitive Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University, Kline Family Fellowship Fund

Academic Merit Scholarship, the New School for Social Research

Presidential Merit Scholarship, Sarah Lawrence College

Competitive Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017-2018 Repair Technician

Triangle E-Cycling, Durham, NC

2006-2013 Faculty and Administrative Assistant

Columbia Law School, New York, NY

2012-2013 Assistant Editor

American Journal of International Law

2011-2012 Administrative Assistant

Academic Fellows Program

2006-2011 Administrative Assistant

Entry Level Appointments Committee

2005-2006 Admissions Counselor

Columbia Business School Office of Admissions New York, NY

AFFILIATIONS

College Art Association (recent) | Society for Literature, Science & the Arts (recent) Duke Graduate Student Union (current) | UAW Local 2110 (2006-2012)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Spring 2017 Volunteer Intern Technician

Triangle E-Cycling Durham, NC

2006-2012 Co-Founder, Switch-n-Play: A Brooklyn-Based Drag Alliance

Monthly drag and burlesque night of community engagement making small

charitable donations, ongoing since 2006

Brooklyn, NY

http://switchnplay.com

SKILLS

Applications: extensive knowledge of desktop applications including the Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Photoshop, Premiere and Acrobat

Markup and Scripting: extensive knowledge of HTML/CSS and JavaScript, proficiency in PHP, experience with Java, Python, Ruby, and working with RESTful APIs. Knowledge of several libraries and JavaScript frameworks including node.js, p5.js, and JQuery.

Web Development: WordPress and WordPress Theme development, SQL and database management

Physical Computing: experience with Arduino-based prototyping with Arduino and Particle Photon, personal computer repair and refurbishing

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Natural Languages: Spanish (intermediate)