

Education

PhD Interdisc./Intermedial Collaborative Practices, University of Maine, Orono, ME 2014

Dissertation: Use of Algorithmically-Moderated Collaboration Models in
Offline Distributed Creativity Situations

(Chair: Dr. Owen F. Smith. Committee: Marcia Douglas, Dr. Anne Goodyear, Dr.
Kirsten Jacobson, Dr. Kristin Sobolik)

MFA Intermedia, University of Maine, Orono, ME, 2011

Thesis: The Variable Museum

(Chair: Dr. Owen F. Smith. Committee: Jon Ippolito, Dr. Jessica Miller, Dr. Nicholas
Giudice)

BA New Media, University of Maine, Orono, ME, 2007

Grants, Awards, and Honors

2016 Knight News Challenge Winner, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation (with
Nicholas Giudice, Dimitrios Latsis, Lorenzo Torresani, Mark Williams)

2016 E-Learning Technology Grant, University of Maine (with Jon Ippolito)

2015 Tier I Research & Development Grant, National Endowment for the Humanities
Preservation and Access Division (with Mark Williams)

2015 E-Learning Technology Grant, University of Maine (with Jon Ippolito)

2014 Research Grant, University of Maine Intermedia MFA Program

2013 HASTAC Scholar, Humanities, Arts, Science, and Technology Alliance and
Collaboratory

2013 Maine Economic Improvement Fund Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Award,
University of Maine Graduate School

2013 Travel to Present Grant, University of Maine Graduate Student Government

2012 Research Equipment Grant, University of Maine Graduate Student Government

2012 Chase Distinguished Research Assistantship, University of Maine Graduate School

2012 Stage 1 and 2 Winner, Digital Media+Learning Competition 4, HASTAC/Mozilla
Foundation/MacArthur Foundation (PI)

2011 Alston D. and Ada Lee Correll New Media Researcher in Residence, Fall 2011,
University of Maine

2011 Research Equipment Grant, University of Maine Graduate Student Government

2010 Faculty Research Grant, University of Maine (with Nicholas Giudice)

2010 Travel to Present Grant, University of Maine Graduate Student Government

2010 Research Grant, University of Maine Intermedia MFA Program

2009 Research Equipment Grant, University of Maine Intermedia MFA Program

2009 1st Place, Visual and Performing Arts, University of Maine Graduate Research Expo

- 2006 J. Morris Weinberg Student Innovation Award, University of Maine
- 2003 John M. Rezendes Ethics Award, University of Maine Honors College

Professional Experience

- Present–2014 Lead Application Developer (Digital Humanities), Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire
- Present–2013 Media Ecology Project, Architect, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire
- Present–2012 The Core 5 Incident, Co-Founder and President, Orono, Maine
- Present–2011 University of Maine Graduate School, Adj. Asst. Professor, Orono, Maine
- Present–2007 Still Water (for network art and culture), Senior Researcher, Orono, Maine
- 2014–2011 Alliance for Networking Visual Culture, Experimental Developer (Scalar project), University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California
- 2012–2011 Virtual Environments and Multimodal Interaction Lab, Technical Consultant, Orono, Maine
- 2011–2010 Virtual Environments and Multimodal Interaction Lab, Senior Programmer, Orono, Maine
- 2011–2009 University of Maine New Media, Teaching Assistant, Orono, Maine
- 2011–2007 Variable Media Network, Senior Developer, Orono, Maine
- 2009–2008 University of Maine New Media, Adjunct Lecturer, Orono, Maine
- 2007–2003 University of Maine New Media, Web Developer, Orono, Maine
- 2006–2005 Re:Poste, Founder, Corinth, Maine
- 2005–2001 University of Maine Upward Bound, Database Administrator, Orono, Maine
- 2000–1998 Instructional Technologies, Manager for Special Projects, Orono, Maine
- 1998–1996 Instructional Technologies, Consultant, Orono, Maine
- 1996–1994 University of Maine Upward Bound, Webmaster, Orono, Maine

Selected Presentations and Conferences

- 2018 "Calvinball and Coders," January 23, Critical Code Studies Working Group, online hosted by the University of Southern California
- 2017 "Deconstructive Play: Speedrunning and the Right to Unmake," October 5, University of Maine Digital Humanities Week 2017, Orono, Maine
- 2017 "Tweeting from the Ivory Tower," October 4, University of Maine Digital Humanities Week 2017, Orono, Maine
- 2017 "The Semantic Annotation Tool," August 7, Digital Humanities 2017, Montreal, Quebec
- 2017 "Distributed Controlled Vocabularies for Scholarly Annotation," May 11, CLARIAH Annotation Symposium, Amsterdam, Netherlands

- 2017 "Scalar and Designing Digital Scholarship," February 16, College Art Association Annual Conference, New York City, New York
- 2016 "Baton: Lightweight, Service-Oriented Workflow Management," June 15, Open Repositories 2016, Dublin, Ireland
- 2016 "Just in Time Learning Through Badge-Based Tutorials," May 20, University of Maine Faculty Institute, Augusta, Maine
- 2016 "Webinar on the Media Ecology Project," February 17, CLIR Postdoctoral Fellowship Program, Online
- 2015 "Linked Data and Name Authorities," December 4, NECode4Lib, Hanover, New Hampshire
- 2015 "Online Access for Scholars Adds Value to Media Archives," June 9, Open Repositories 2015, Indianapolis, Indiana
- 2014 "The Media Ecology Project: Using Linked Data to Support Distributed Analysis of Visual Culture," May 25, International Workshop on Linked Media, Extended Semantic Web Conference, Anissaras, Greece
- 2014 "A Collaborative Model for PhDs," April 5, TEDxUMaine, University of Maine, Orono, Maine
- 2013 "Linked Data in the Media Ecology Project," December 2, Bowdoin College Museum of Art, Brunswick, Maine
- 2013 "Sideloaded Archives: Third-Party Metadata in the Media Ecology Project," November 9, Association of Moving Image Archivists Annual Conference, Association of Moving Image Archivists, Richmond, Virginia
- 2013 "Digital Documentation of Art," October 26, Maine International Conference on the Arts, Maine Arts Commission, Orono, Maine
- 2013 "Badges as Disruptive Technology in Higher Education," October 7, Surfacing: Digital Humanities THATCamp, University of Maine, Orono, Maine
- 2013 Preserving.exe Software Preservation Summit, May 20 – 21, Library of Congress, Washington, DC
- 2013 "10 PRINT CHR\$(205.5+RND(1)); : GOTO 10," May 9, Comparative Media Studies Colloquium, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- 2013 "10 PRINT," April 9, Intermedia MFA Visiting Artist Series, Orono, Maine
- 2013 "Social Graph Search and Mobility," March 27, Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce, Brewer, Maine
- 2012 "Variable Media Game Preservation," December 12 – 13, Preserving Virtual Worlds II Advisory Board Meeting, Washington, DC, hosted by University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- 2012 "Critical Code Studies Working Group 2012," January 30 – February 20, Online hosted by the University of Southern California
- 2011 "Viral Marketing and Social Media," November 4-5, Juice Conference, Camden, Maine
- 2010 "Archiving Experience: The Third Generation Variable Media Questionnaire," August 24, International Symposium on Electronic Arts, Dortmund, Germany

- 2010 “The Topology of Creativity: User Ratings as Limiting Factors in The Pool’s Social Network,” May 10, Arts/Humanities & Complex Networks at NetSci2010, Boston, Massachusetts
- 2010 “Avoiding a Cultural Bottleneck: Networked, Distributed, and Agile Collaborations,” April 15, HASTAC 2010, Online hosted by University of Illinois
- 2010 “Critical Code Studies Working Group,” February 1–March 21, Online hosted by University of Southern California
- 2009 “Developing AJaX-based Web Applications,” October 10–December 13, Sutherland Weston Marketing Communications, Bangor, Maine
- 2008 “Forging the Future Summit,” September 8–11, Still Water, Lucerne, Maine
- 2008 “Can Creativity be Crowdsourced?,” July 29, Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- 2007 “In-progress Update on the Third Generation Variable Media Questionnaire,” September 26, Documentation and Conservation of the Media Arts Summit, Montreal, Quebec
- 2006 “Jump Into the Pool,” September 19, University of Maine, Orono, Maine
- 2005 “Jump Into the Pool,” September 22, University of Maine, Orono, Maine
- 2004 “Creativity, Code, and Community,” September 17, Still Water, Orono, Maine
- 2003 “The Pool Interface: A Dynamic Information System,” May 16, Networked Digital Salon, Orono, Maine

Selected Publications

- 2015 “Diffused Museums – Networked, Augmented, and Self-Organized Collections,” *International Handbook of Museum Studies*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, (with Jon Ippolito)
- 2013 “The Variable Museum: Off-Topic Art,” *Leonardo Electronic Almanac* 19.1, San Francisco: Leonardo/ISAST, peer reviewed.
- 2012 “10 PRINT CHR\$(205.5+RND(1));: GOTO 10,” Cambridge: MIT Press. Software Studies series. (single-voice book with Patsy Baudoin, Ian Bogost, Jeremy Douglass, Mark Marino, Michael Mateas, Nick Montfort, Casey Reas, Mark Sample, Noah Vawter)
- 2010 “When the Rich Don’t Get Richer: Equalizing Tendencies of Creative Networks,” *Leonardo* 44.3 (with Jon Ippolito), Cambridge: MIT Press, peer reviewed. Reprinted in Maximilian Schich et al., eds, *Arts, Humanities, and Complex Networks* (Cambridge: MIT Press ebook, 2012)
- 2010 “Archiving Experience: The Third Generation Variable Media Questionnaire,” *ISEA2010 Ruhr: Proceedings of the 16th International Symposium on Electronic Art*. Berlin: Revolver Publ., peer reviewed entry
- 2010 “Representing Culture via Agile Collaboration,” *Handbook of Research on Technologies and Cultural Heritage: Applications and Environments*. Hershey, PA: Information Science Reference, (with Craig Dietrich), peer reviewed

2009 "Opening the Source of Art," *Open Source Business Resource* October 2009. Ottawa: Talent First Network, peer reviewed

Selected Exhibitions

- 2015 *FLOAT*, August 7-September 6, Center for Maine Contemporary Art, Rockport, Maine
- 2014 *Invasive Species*, July 31-August 1, Innovative Media Research and Commercialization Center, Orono, Maine
- 2014 *Intermedia*, Feb 6, Innovative Media Research and Commercialization Center, Orono, Maine
- 2013 *Knick'd*, January 29-Feb 2, Lord Hall Art Gallery, Orono, Maine
- 2012 *See, Touch, Hear*, September 22-October 19, Asymmetrick Arts, Rockland, Maine
- 2011 *Pixxelpoint 2011: Let's Get Ready*, December 2-9, Metropolitana Gallery, Gorizia, Italy
- 2011 *Without Borders VIII: Breaking Ground*, August 15-September 16, Lord Hall Art Gallery, Orono, Maine
- 2011 *The Gorsedd*, April 23, Corey Daniels Art Gallery, Wells, Maine
- 2010 *The Gorsedd*, December 14–18, Pavilion Theater, Orono, Maine
- 2010 *Octris (op 1 capriccio for bells and space)*, September 22, Lord Hall Art Gallery, Orono, Maine
- 2010 *Art Stays International Festival of Contemporary Art*, July 20–August 30, Ptuj, Slovenia
- 2010 *An Evening with Professor Enki*, May 5–7, Lord Hall Art Gallery, Orono, Maine
- 2009 *Class Action*, December 17–19, Installation at Former Circuit City, Bangor, Maine
- 2009 *Without Borders VI: Conjunction*, August 21–September 5, Lord Hall Art Gallery, Orono, Maine
- 2009 *Graduate Research Expo*, April 14–15, University of Maine, Orono, Maine
- 2009 *Intermedia MFA*, March 26, University of Maine, Orono, Maine
- 2008 *Freese Pop!*, December 12–17, Installation at Freese's Building, Bangor, Maine
- 2006 *Re:Poste*, April 27, University of Maine, Orono, Maine
- 2003 *Ars Electronica 2003: Code*, September 6–11, Brucknerhaus, Linz, Austria

Selected Bibliography and Media

- 2015 *Valley News*, "Dartmouth, UMaine Aim to Help Scholars Study Historic Films", December 27
- 2014 *The Higher Degree*, "Profile: John Bell," April 10
- 2014 *Leonardo*, "10 PRINT CHR\$(205.5+RND(1)); : GOTO 10," February 1
- 2013 *Neural*, "VVAA – 10 PRINT CHR\$(205.5+RND(1)); : GOTO 10," July 22
- 2013 *PC Magazine*, "Editors Choice: Scalar," May 30

- 2013 Lanfranco Aceti and Richard Rinehart, *Leonardo Electronic Almanac 19.1: Not Here, Not There*, "Interview with John Bell," January 15
- 2012 Kathi Inman Berens, *The Chronicle of Higher Education - ProfHacker*, "A One-Line Program as a Book: *10PRINT*," December 3
- 2012 Geeta Dayal *The Slate Book Review*, "Inside a Single Line of Code, a Labyrinth," November 30
- 2012 Britta Konau, *The Free Press*, "art current: See Touch Hear at Asymmetrick Arts," October 10
- 2011 Margaret Nagle, *UMaine Today*, "A Surreal Meal," Fall 2011 Issue
- 2009 Jessica Bloch, *Bangor Daily News*, "UMaine Art Students Plug Into Former Circuit City Building," December 14
- 2008 Zachary McCune, *Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University*, "Q+A with Jon Ippolito and John Bell on Open Source Art," July 28
- 2008 Andrea Foster, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, "New-Media Scholars' Place in 'The Pool' Could Lead to Tenure," May 30
- 2006 Margaretha Haughwout, *First Monday*, "A Reflecting and/or Refracting Pool: When a Local Community Becomes Autonomous Online," April 3
- 2003 Michelle Delio, *WIRED*, "Copyright Doesn't Cover This Site," December 16

Classes Taught or Developed

Present-2008 University of Maine

Undergraduate:

- Design Patterns for New Media
- Introduction to Dynamic Web Content (PHP)
- Introduction to Programming in Javascript: Script Your World
- Fundamentals of Information Systems (TA) (Processing, Max/MSP)
- Introduction to New Media Technology (TA) (Scratch, Processing)
- Introduction to Problem Solving Using Computer Programming (TA) (Python)

Graduate:

- Intermedia Research Studio II: Projects in Collaborative Production
- Type and Text in Art
- Metadata Systems for Digital Curation
- Digital Collections and Exhibitions
- Social Media I & II (1cr. each)
- Networked Workflows (1cr.)
- Web Application Design (1cr.) (PHP)
- Dynamic Web Programming I & II (1cr. each) (PHP)
- Relational Databases (1cr.) (MySQL)

Service

- Present–2011 Digital Curation Program Committee, University of Maine
- 2017–2015 Digital Scholarship Center Exploratory Committee, Dartmouth College
- 2015 Altmetrics Working Group B, National Information Standards Organization
(white paper: "Outputs of the NISO Alternative Assessment Metrics Project")
- 2015 Hiring Committee (Instructional Designer), Dartmouth College
- 2015 Hiring Committee (Digital Scholarship Librarian), Dartmouth College
- 2014–2011 Innovative Communication Design Program Committee, University of Maine
- 2014–2009 Information Technology Administrator, New Media Department, University
of Maine
- 2014–2008 Student Capstone Consultant, New Media Department, University of Maine
- 2014 Selection Committee (Researcher in Residence, Innovative Media Research
and Commercialization Center), University of Maine
- 2012 Hiring Committee (Archives Manager, Maine Folklife Center), University of
Maine
- 2012–2011 Grant Writer, Innovative Communication Design Program, University of
Maine
- 2011 Curation Committee, Without Borders VIII
- 2011–2010 Baseline Programming Language Integration Committee, New Media
Department, University of Maine
- 2010 Curation Committee, Without Borders VII
- 2010–2009 Fabrication Lab and Digital Archiving Working Groups, Innovative Media
Research and Commercialization Center, University of Maine