Innovations in Research

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IS MAKING KNOWLEDGE PUBLIC A PART OF A PROFESSOR’S JOB?

Juan Pablo Alperin an Assistant Professor in Publishing and the Director of the Scholarly Communications Lab at SFU. Esteban Morales is a Master’s student at SFU’s Educational Technology and Learning Design program. Michelle La is a Master’s student at SFU’s Department of Sociology and Anthropology program. They are all researchers with a strong commitment to open access to researchers who believe that research, when made available, can make a positive and lasting contribution to society.

FAKE NEWS DISCOURSES ON INSTAGRAM

Ahmed Al-Rawi is an Assistant Professor at SFU’s School of Communication. He has been studying social media and news for over five years and has published a number of peer-reviewed research papers in high-quality journals, including Information, Communication & Society, Online Information Review, Social Science Computer Review, Social Media and Society. He introduced the concept of news organizations 2.0 and examined several aspects of news production and consumption practices.

EXPLORING THE PERSPECTIVES OF HEALTH SCIENCES REGARDING REFUGEE AND NEWCOMER HEALTH NEEDS

Bakht Anwar is an Honours student at SFU in the Faculty of Health Sciences. She is interested in how health outcomes of refugees and newcomers can be improved. Her current research involves understanding how future healthcare workers can be better equipped in delivering quality care to this population.

THE MEDIA’S PORTRAYAL OF REFUGEES AND IRREGULAR BORDER CROSSINGS

Currently, Micayla is in her last semester at Simon Fraser University. Micayla is an undergraduate student pursuing a double major in Political Science and French.
WE DON’T KNOW WHAT WE WANT WHEN WE ARE ON THE INTERNET
(AND THAT’S OK)

Clint Burnham is a professor in the Department of English at Simon Fraser University and the author of over a dozen books; he is also a poet.

DISCUSSING PAST ATTACKS OR PLANNING NEW ONES?
EVALUATING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE DISCUSSIONS ON ONLINE HACKING AND EXTREMIST FORUMS

Emily Choma is a fourth-year student in the Criminology Honours program. Her thesis work relates to critical infrastructure on online hacking and extremist forums. She has strong interests in cybercrime research and has recently undertaken several projects that focus on online hacking forums. She would like to conduct research on detecting and responding to online disinformation campaigns. In particular, she is interested in the use of AI-based tools to manipulate public opinion and spread disinformation.

FROM THE OTHER SIDE

Professor of Dance, Performance Studies and New Technology, scholar, performer, choreographer, and Artistic Director of Full Performing Bodies, Henry’s research concentrate on strengthening notions of Practice-as-Research (PaR), Arts-based-Research, and Research/Creation in Canada. He has a professional background in dance, theatre, and new media with a career that started in his native Trinidad & Tobago and continued in the USA, Germany, the UK, and Canada.

CONFRONTING DISINFORMATION WITH PUBLIC ACCESS TO RESEARCH

Heather DeForest is the Community Scholars Librarian. She holds an MA (Queens) and an MLIS (UBC). She works closely with graduate researchers across disciplines on a variety of activities such as conducting literature and scoping reviews.

Ali Moore is a Digital Scholarship Librarian with SFU Library’s Research Commons. She specializes in author disambiguation, research impact, bibliometrics, and scholarly networks. Ali graduated with a Master of Library and Information Studies from McGill University in 2015.
CONFRONTING MISINFORMATION IN CHRONIC HEALTH SUPPORT GROUPS
ON SOCIAL MEDIA — AND A PROPOSED, LOCAL SOLUTION

Jenika Ebing is both an SFU student in Communications and a patient with a chronic illness. Encountering the different forms of support both on social media and in the community, she was determined there was a need to create local resources accessible where patients may be searching for help. In her spare time, she also volunteers with the Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation and participates in research with Respirologists at the same facility.

DIGITAL STORY CREATION WITH SCRIBJAB:
HUMAN AND MATERIAL ENCOUNTERS

Magali Forte is interested in researching identity in multilingual and pluricultural contexts, specifically in second language learning environments. Gwenaelle Andre’s research interests focus on how youth experience digital practices, analyzing both above and beneath the screen literacies. They are PhD students in the Languages, Cultures and Literacies doctoral program in the Faculty of Education. They are also working as research assistants with Drs. Diane Dagenais and Geneviève Brisson.

FAKE NEWS FOR FAKE PILLS: DISINFORMATION BEYOND POLITICS,
AND ITS HISTORICAL ROOTS REFUGEE AND NEWCOMER HEALTH NEEDS

Sun-ha Hong investigates cultures of speculation and fantasies of objectivity around big data and smart machines. He is the author of Fabrications: Knowledge and uncertainty in a data-driven society (NYU Press, Forthcoming 2019), and his current research examines emerging styles of truthmaking across self-tracking, political disinformation and deepfakes.

ALGORITHMS IN THE AGE OF THE DIGITAL PUBLIC SPHERE:
FILTER-BUBBLES AND DISINFORMATION

Kayli Jamieson is a third-year Communications student who has a strong interest in politics, disinformation, and digital journalism. An avid reader of varying genres of books ranging from magical realism to new media to political science. She believes it’s important to educate her peers or repackage ideas in an accessible format that makes it easier for others to understand concepts or issues they may be unaware of that affect their daily lives significantly.
POWER AS REVELATORY: CHALLENGING THE IDEA THAT POWER CORRUPTS IN SHAKESPEARE’S MEASURE FOR MEASURE

Aliya Kazmi is an undergraduate student at Simon Fraser University. Her research interests span across a stream of disciplines and topics: Feminism and Gender Equality, Philosophy, analyzing the treatment of religious, ethnic and cultural minorities globally and is most curious as to the function of a rubber duck. She is currently working on completing her non-fiction book, Power Is Revelatory, her novel The Silent Genocide and publishing her first poetry and prose collection.

DR. GOOGLE

Akira Kojima, Rielle Harding, Nick Shum, and Ann Ness are four undergraduate students in the Faculty of Health Sciences. They are enrolled in the Spring 2019 Semester in Dialogue Program on the topic, Complexity of Health & Wellness.

DATA LITERACY IN A PEACE EDUCATION COURSE, AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS DISINFORMATION IN COLOMBIA

Esteban Morales is a master’s student in Simon Fraser University’s Educational Technology and Learning Design program. He holds a Master’s in Transmedia Communication from EAFIT University, Colombia. Since 2012, he has worked as a research assistant on projects related to the improvement of learning environments through technology, data literacy, media, or open resources. His main research interest is how data and media literacies relate to the notion of citizenship in students.

ADDRESSING POVERTY: THE IMPORTANCE OF ACKNOWLEDGING COMPETENCE

Anne Peirce is an undergraduate in psychology, with a minor in counselling and human development. She is a research assistant in SFU’s Intergroup Relation and Social Justice Lab, and Relationships and Wellbeing Lab. In the community, Anne is a crisis line volunteer at Battered Women’s Support Services and a mentor with Kidstart. Her research interests involve transitions, identity, trauma and wellbeing. She hopes to pursue a Counselling Psychology MA and PhD.
POLITICAL OPINION LEADERS AND NORMATIVE CHANGE:
A TRUMP EFFECT ACROSS THE CANADA/US BORDER?

Mark Pickup is a specialist in Political Behaviour and Psychology and Political Methodology. Substantively, his research primarily falls into four areas: political identities and vote choice; the economy and democratic accountability; conditions of democratic responsiveness; and polls and electoral outcomes. His research focuses on political information, public opinion, political identities, and election campaigns within North American and European countries.

JOURNALISM FOR CLIMATE SOLUTIONS:
RETHINKING STANDARD APPROACHES TO CLIMATE CHANGE REPORTING

Kamyar Razavi’s focus is on reimagining the relationship between journalism and objectivity, and rethinking its role in a democratic society. He is interested in countering the spread of disinformation on social platforms. He believes that good journalism plays an important role in piercing through political apathy and cynicism. In addition to his work as a PhD student, he has an M.A. from Tsinghua University in China and a Bachelor of Journalism from Ryerson University.

DISINFORMATION, TRUST & COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY:
THE CASE FOR BUILDING SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

Daniel Savas is a public affairs research specialist. He has worked on a range of public affairs issues in Canada and internationally. He currently leads the research and design of SFU Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue’s Strengthening Canadian Democracy project and recently advised civil society organizations in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Ivory Coast on public opinion research projects to support the democratic initiative.

ALGORITHMS IN THE AGE OF THE DIGITAL PUBLIC SPHERE:
FILTER-BUBBLES AND DISINFORMATION

Maite Taboada is Professor of Linguistics at Simon Fraser University, where she leads the Discourse Processing Lab. Her research is at the intersection of linguistics, computational linguistics and data science. Her current research involves the study of constructiveness and toxicity in online news comments and a comparison of fake and fact-based news stories. She is also involved in the Gender Gap Tracker, a tool to track the percentage of male and female sources in mainstream Canadian news media.
BEYOND THE IVORY TOWER: EMPOWERING OUR STUDENTS TO COMMUNICATE THEIR SCIENCE TO THE PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Eileen Van der Flier-Keller is a Teaching Professor in Earth Sciences at Simon Fraser University and Special Advisor on Public Education and Outreach to the Dean of Science. She is passionate about science communication and empowering teachers and informal educators to engage their students in inquiry-based, hands-on, societally relevant science. Eileen has developed many science activities for youth and is the author of the best selling “Field Guide to the Identification of Pebbles”

CONFRONTING DISINFORMATION TO IMPROVE CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH

The Children’s Health Policy Centre is an interdisciplinary research group in the Faculty of Health Sciences at Simon Fraser University. They focus on improving social and emotional well-being for all children, and on the public policies needed to reach these goals. To learn more about their work, please visit their website: childhealthpolicy.ca.

RIGHT-WING EXTREMISM ONLINE: ARE WE PART OF THE PROBLEM?

Naomi Zakimi is a master’s student in the School of Criminology and a research assistant at SFU’s International CyberCrime Research Centre. Her research interests focus on understanding the way online platforms facilitate radicalization and extremist conversations. One of her main goals is to identify the online behaviour and interests of forum users to create more effective and targeted approaches for the prevention and countering of radicalization in Canada.

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Joy Johnson leads Simon Fraser University’s strategic research initiatives and facilitates international opportunities that foster research collaborations and student exchange. Her work focuses on facilitating research excellence and helping the university respond to new opportunities. She works with members of SFU’s eight faculties to ensure they have the support and resources required to conduct excellent cutting-edge research in all its forms. Building on her long-standing leadership and research experience, she works with faculty, students and staff to secure research partnerships within the community and industry.
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