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CURRENT POSITION

Postdoctoral Fellow

Faculty of Information, University of Toronto

2020 – Present

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy

Information Studies, University of Toronto

2015 – 2020

- Supervision: Dr. Sarah Sharma (Advisor), Dr. Leslie Shade (committee member), Dr. Alessandro Delfanti (committee member)
- Dissertation: “Platform Feminism: Feminist Protest Space and the Politics of Spatial Organization”

Master of Arts

Communications and New Media, McMaster University

2014 – 2015

Honours Bachelor of Arts (Distinction)

English Literature and Political Science, University of Guelph

2009 – 2013

AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING

Feminist media studies, social media, media theory, digital activism, platform studies, surveillance studies, critical race, and critical geography.

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Sharma, Sarah and Rianka Singh. *MsUnderstanding Media*. (under contract with Duke University Press).

Book Chapters

Singh, Rianka and Sarah Banet-Weiser. "Sky High: Platforms and the Feminist Politics of Visibility." (Forthcoming in *MsUnderstanding Media*).

Sharma, Sarah and Rianka Singh. "Introduction: A Feminist Medium is the Message." (Forthcoming in *MsUnderstanding Media*).

Peer Reviewed Publications

Singh, Rianka. 2020. "Resistance in a Minor Key: Care Survival and Convening on the Margins." *First Monday*, 5, (4).

Dyer-Witherford, Nick, Kristy Milland, Lily Irani, Alessandro Gandini, and Rianka Singh. 2019. "Checking in on Log Out: Reflections on Platform Labour." *Notes From Below*, 7.

Singh, Rianka and Sarah Sharma. 2019. "Platform Uncommons." *Feminist Media Studies*.

Singh, Rianka. 2018. "Platform Feminism: Protest and the Politics of Spatial Organization." *ADA: A Journal of Gender, New Media and Technology*, 14.

Shade, Leslie Regan and Rianka Singh. 2016. "Honestly, We're Not Spying on Kids': School Surveillance of Young People's Social Media." *Social Media + Society*, October-December 2016.

Book Review

Singh, Rianka. 2016. "Awkward Politics: Technologies of Pop Feminist Activism by Carrie Smith-Prei and Maria Stehle." *The Monitor by the Canadian Center for Policy Alternatives*, July/August.

Podcast Interview

"Books Aren't Dead: Low Power to the People: Pirates, Protest, and Politics in FM Radio Activism." 2017. Interview by Rianka Singh with Christina Dunbar-Hester. Fembot Collective. August 2017. <https://fembot.adanewmedia.org/blog/2017/08/05/books-arent-dead-low-power-people-pirates-protest-politics-fm-radio-activism/>.

GUEST LECTURES AND INVITED TALKS

Invited lecture: Eating the Other and Digital Blackface **2019**
Presented to CCT200: Race, Media and Culture, University of Toronto Mississauga

Invited co-moderator: Monday Night Seminar with Simone Browne **2019**
McLuhan Centre for Culture and Technology, University of Toronto

Invited talk: Platform Feminism
Social Justice and Digitality Lunch, Digital Humanities Network, University of Toronto **2019**

Invited Moderator: Platform Labour's Algorithmic Frictions with Safiya Noble and Tero Karppi **2017**

McLuhan Centre for Culture and Technology, University of Toronto

Invited lecture: Platform Feminism **2017**

Presented to CCT340HF: Gender, Media and Technology, University of Toronto Mississauga

Invited lecture: Gender and Digital Activism **2016**

Presented to CCT340HF: Gender, Media and Technology, University of Toronto Mississauga

Invited lecture: Technology and Aging **2016**

Presented to HLTHAGE 1BB3: Aging and Society, McMaster University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Platforms and the Politics of Elevation." Society for Social Studies of Science (4S), New Orleans, LA, September 2019.

"Protest, Platforms and the Politics of Spatial Organization." American Association of Geographers (AAG), Washington, DC, April 2019.

"Platform Feminism." Union for Democratic Communications (UDC), Chicago, IL, May 2018.

"Placing Cyberspace." Canadian Communications Association (CCA), Toronto, ON, June 2019.

"The Politics of Metaphors and Cyberspace." International Association of Media and Communication Research (IAMCR) Conference, Leicester, UK, July 2016.

"On Cyber Metaphor, Digital Activism and Open Access." Union for Democratic Communications (UDC) Conference, Detroit, MI, June 2016.

"On Hacker Manifestos, Violence and Collectivity." Circuits of Struggle: Union for Democratic Communications (UDC) Conference, Toronto, ON, July 2015.

"Digital Homes: A Contemporary Critique of *The Poetics of Space*." Canadian Communications Association (CCA) Conference, Ottawa, ON, June 2015

"On Hacker Manifestos, Violence and Collectivity." International Association of Media and Communication Research (IAMCR) Conference, Montreal, ON, May 2015.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Course Instructor **2020**

INF2301H – Special Topics in Information: Activism, Media, and Information, Faculty of Information University of Toronto

Teaching Assistant MDSC02: Media, Identities, Politics, University of Toronto Scarborough	2020
Teaching Assistant MDSB15H3 – Social Media, Platform Politics and Digital Cultures, University of Toronto Scarborough	2020
Teaching Assistant CCT400H5F – Information Technology and Globalization, University of Toronto Mississauga	2019
Teaching Assistant CCT200H5S – Race, Media, Culture, University of Toronto Mississauga	2017– 2019
Teaching Assistant CCT340HF – Gender, Media and Technology Communication, University of Toronto Mississauga	2016 – 2018, 2020
Teaching Assistant CCT316HF – Communication and Advertising, Media and Technology Communication, University of Toronto Mississauga	2016 – 2019
Teaching Assistant CCT200H5S – Race, Media, Culture	2017– 2019
Teaching Assistant CCT110 – Rhetoric and Media, University of Toronto Mississauga	2016 – 2017
Teaching Assistant CCT109 – Contemporary Communication Technologies and Media, University of Toronto Mississauga	2015 – 2019
Teaching Assistant CMST1A03 – Introduction to Communications, McMaster University	2014
Teaching Assistant MM1A03 – Multimedia and Digital Society, McMaster University	2013

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Faculty of Information Postdoctoral Fellowship	50,000 CAD	2020
4S Graduate Student Travel Award	300 CAD	2019
Florence Partridge Research Fellowship	1,500 CAD	2018
University of Toronto Faculty of Information – PhD Travel Award	700 CAD	2018
University of Toronto – SGS Conference Grant	710 CAD	2016

University of Toronto Fellowship	66,500 CAD	2015 – 2020
McMaster Graduate Scholarship	4,000 CAD	2013

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Sarah Sharma McLuhan Center for Culture and Technology, University of Toronto	2018 – 2020
Managing Editor Catalyst: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience Journal	2017 – 2019
Research Assistant to Leslie Regan Shade eQuality project, University of Toronto	2015 – 2017

WORKING GROUPS AND COLLECTIVES

Member, Working Group “Illegible Media” McLuhan Centre for Culture and Technology	2018 – 2019
Member, Working Group “You’re Deactivated” McLuhan Centre for Culture and Technology	2017 – 2019
PhD Student Summer Residency McLuhan Centre for Culture and Technology	2017

ACADEMIC & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Service to the Department

Dean Search Committee Faculty of Information, University of Toronto	2018 – 2019
President, Doctoral Students Association Faculty of Information, University of Toronto	2017 – 2018
Secretary, Doctoral Students Association Faculty of Information, University of Toronto	2016 – 2017
Space Allocation Committee, Doctoral Students Association Faculty of Information, University of Toronto	2015 – 2016

Service to the Discipline

Reviewer: Critical and Ethical Studies of Social and Digital Media track
HICSS Conference **2020**

Reviewer: Social Media and Society **2019**

Reviewer: ADA – A Journal of Gender, New Media and Technology **2018**
