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Curriculum vitae

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## EDUCATION

- 2022            Ph.D., Communication  
                  Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism  
                  University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- Graduate Certificate in Science and Technology Studies  
                  USC Dornsife Center on Science, Technology, and Public Life
- Committee:* Drs Christina Dunbar-Hester (chair), Mike Ananny, and  
                  Geoffrey C. Bowker (UC-Irvine Department of Informatics)
- Dissertation:* Sunsetting: Platform Closure and the Construction of Digital Cultural Loss
- 2019            M.A., Communication  
                  Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism  
                  University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- 2013            B.A., English, cum laude  
                  Barnard College, Columbia University, New York, NY

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2023–            Assistant Professor  
                  Department of Information Culture and Data Stewardship  
                  School of Computing and Information (SCI)  
                  University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2022–2023      Postdoctoral Fellow  
                  Center on Digital Culture and Society (CDCS)  
                  Annenberg School for Communication  
                  University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

## PUBLICATIONS

### Journal Publications

#### *Peer-reviewed Journal Articles*

- 2022 (Forthcoming) Alarcon, A., Altrudi, S., **Corry, F.**, Forelle, M.C. (Alphabetical order) The sociotechnical imaginaries of 1968. *International Journal of Communication*.
- 2021 **Corry, F.** Why does a platform die? Diagnosing platform death at Friendster's end. *Internet Histories*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/24701475.2021.1985360>
- 2021 **Corry, F.** Screenshot, Save, Share, Shame: Making sense of new media through screenshots and public shame. *First Monday*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.5210/fm.v26i4.11649>
- 2020 **Corry, F.** 'LADY U SEND ME YR MOVIE:?' Constructing Joanie 4 Jackie's Feminist Distribution Network. *Feminist Media Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14680777.2020.1785912>

#### *Journal Articles Under Review*

Please email for a list of articles under review.

#### *Journal Editorials*

- 2019 **Corry, F.**, Loup, A. (2019). Capture It While You Can: Revisiting SIGCOMM 99's 'Technical History of the Internet.' *Computer Communication Review (CCR)*. doi: 10.1145/3371934.3371949

#### *Book Reviews*

- 2020 **Corry, F.** (2020). Review of the book *Archives (In Search of Media)* by Andrew Lison et al. *International Journal of Communication*. <https://ijoc.org/index.php/ijoc/article/view/14744>
- 2019 **Corry, F.** (2019). Review of the book *Dot-Com Design: The Rise of a Usable, Social, Commercial Web* by Megan Sapnar Ankerson. *Technology and Culture* 60(1), 339-340. doi: 10.1353/tech.2019.0023
- Corry, F.**, Loup, A. (2019). Review of the book *Minitel: Welcome to the Internet*, by Julien Mailland and Kevin Driscoll. *International Journal of Communication* (13)4. <https://ijoc.org/index.php/ijoc/article/view/11347/2559>
- 2018 **Corry, F.** (2018). Review of the book *The Grid: Biography of an American Technology*, by J. A. Cohn. *New Media & Society* (20)11. doi: 10.1177/1461444818788327

## Conference Proceedings

- 2022            **Corry, F.**, Sridharan, H., Luccioni, A.S., Ananny, M., Schultz, J., Crawford, K. *A Framework for Dataset Deprecation: Standardizing Documentation, Identification, and Communications.*

## Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

- 2021            Gipson, B., **Corry, F.** & Noble, S.U. (2021). Intersectionality and Big Data. In N. B. Thylstrup (Eds.), *Uncertain Archives*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

## Popular Press Writing

- 2021            **Corry, F.** (2021, May 4). Op-Ed: Yahoo! Answers is shutting down and taking a record of my teenage self with it. *Los Angeles Times*.  
<https://latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-05-04/yahoo-answers-shut-down-social-platforms>

## CONFERENCE & RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

### Invited Talks

- 2018            **Corry, F.** *Women in Internet History*. ICANNWiki's Women & the Net Hackathon. Nedspace, Portland, OR. April 26.

### Peer-reviewed Conference Presentations

- 2022            Ananny, M., Sridharan, H., Kang, E., **Corry, F.** *Tracing Training: Understanding Media Industries' Machine Learning Datasets*. International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference.
- 2021            **Corry, F.** *Never Forget? Memory Maintenance on an Aging Platform*. National Communication Association (NCA) Annual Conference. Seattle, WA, USA.
- Corry, F.** *As in life, so in death: Employee values and content preservation during platform closure*. Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR) Conference. (Remote due to COVID-19).
- Alarcon, A., Altrudi, S., **Corry, F.** (Alphabetical order) *Of Bread and Time: Temporal Mending Practices Under Quarantine*. 4S Society for Social Studies of Science Conference. Toronto, Canada. (Remote due to COVID-19).
- Corry, F.** *Values in decline: Understanding MySpace employee attitudes toward data loss*. 2021 Research Infrastructure for the Study of Archived Web Materials (RESAW) Conference. Luxembourg City, Luxembourg. (Remote due to COVID-19).
- Corry, F.** *The Intersectional Way to Shut Down a Social Network: Theorizing Online Deletion Through Video Platform Vine*. 2020 Society for Cinema and Media Studies Conference. (Rescheduled, remote due to COVID-19).

- 2020 **Corry, F.** *The Intersectional Way to Shut Down a Social Network: Theorizing Online Deletion Through Video Platform Vine*. 2020 Society for Cinema and Media Studies Conference. Denver, Colorado, United States. (Canceled due to COVID-19)
- 2019 **Corry, F.** *Failure Objects: Flops, Fascination, and Bad Feelings in the Vasa Museum and the Museum of Failure*. 2019 International Communication Association Conference. Washington D.C., United States.
- Corry, F.** *A Revolution in Record-Keeping: Historicizing Big Data-Driven, Predictive Policing*. 2019 International Communication Association Conference. Washington D.C., United States.
- Corry, F.** *Preservation paradox: Assessing attitudes and behaviors toward personal archiving on the social web*. 2019 International Communication Association Conference. Washington D.C., United States.
- 2018 **Corry, F.** *MemoryCast: Connecting Personal Memory and Web Archives*. Special Interest Group for Computing, Information and Society (SIGCIS), Society for the History of Technology (SHOT) Conference. St. Louis, MO. October 14.
- Corry, F.** *Crisis Communications: 50 Years of 9-1-1*. STS & Cultural Studies Panel. The Fire This Time: Afterlives of 1968, Critical Mediations Conference. University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA. October 4.
- Corry, F.** *Measuring Social Media Time through Expectancy Violations Theory: Chronemic Expectancy Violation on Facebook*. 2018 International Communication Association Conference. Prague, Czech Republic. May 27.
- Corry, F., Loup, A.** *Beyond the 'Founding Fathers': Locating women's work in the development of the Internet*. Network(ed) Histories preconference, 2018 International Communication Association Conference. Prague, Czech Republic. May 24.
- Corry, F.** *What's the Right Way to Shut Down a Social Networking Site?* National Forum on Ethics and Archiving the Web. New Museum, New York City, New York. April 23.
- Corry, F.** *'LADY SEND ME YR MOVIE:': Making and Preserving Joanie & Jackie's Feminist Distribution Network*. 2018 Society for Cinema and Media Studies Conference. Toronto, Canada. April 17.
- Corry, F., Loup, A.** *Setting forth on the digital frontier: the rhetorical construction of the Internet pioneer*. USC Graduate Research Symposium. Los Angeles, CA. February 12.
- 2017 **Corry, F.** *Never Forget?: Exploring Precarious Digital Memory in a Community Online Discussion Forum*. Digital Existence II: Precarious Media Life Conference. Sigtuna Foundation, Sigtuna, Sweden. October 31.
- Corry, F.** *Digital space in the personal archive: a focus on screenshots*.

Personal Digital Archiving 2017. Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA. March 30.

### Other Research Presentations

- 2020 Alarcon, A., Altrudi, S., Cooper, A. & **Corry, F.** (Alphabetical order) *Of Bread and Time: Temporal mending practices under quarantine*. Annenberg Research Symposium (ARS). University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA. September 28. (Online due to COVID-19)
- 2019 **Corry, F.**, Loup A. *Capture it While You Can: Revisiting SIGCOMM '99's Technical History of the Internet*. ACM SIG Heritage Workshop. Charles Babbage Institute, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota. May 20.
- 2018 **Corry, F.** *MemoryCast: Sharing stories about the web's past*. New Works: Library Innovation Lab Fellows' Presentation. Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. August 2.
- 2017 **Corry, F.** *Negotiating memories of 9/11 in a community online discussion Forum*. Annenberg Research Symposium (ARS). University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA. September 27.

### RECOGNITION & FUNDING

#### Fellowships

- 2021-22 Final Year Research Fellowship. Graduate School and Provost's Office, University of Southern California. (\$32,000)
- 2020-21 Annenberg School of Communication Dissertation Fellowship. Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, University of Southern California. (\$34,000)
- 2019 Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) History Committee Continued Support Fellowship. (\$4,000)
- 2018 Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) History Committee Fellowship. (\$2,000)
- For "Capture it While You Can: Revisiting SIGCOMM '99's 'Technical History of the Internet,'" an archival project and exhibition on SIGCOMM '99s Internet history tutorial. With Anna Loup.
- 2018 Fellow, The Library Innovation Lab at Harvard University. (\$6,000)
- For MemoryCast, a project exploring user storytelling through web archives.
- 2017 Annenberg Summer Research Fellowship. (\$2,500)
- For "Never Forget?: Exploring Precarious Digital Memory in a Community Online Discussion Forum."

## Funding

- 2021 USC Dornsife Center for Science, Technology and Public Life Summer Research Stipend. (\$2,500)  
For “Historicizing Big Data Driven Predictive Policing.”
- 2020 USC Media as Sociotechnical System (MASTS) Research Group – Mobilizing Controversy funding recipient. (\$4,000)  
For “Quarantine, Fast and Slow.” With Andrea Alarcon, Soledad Altrudi, and Ashton Cooper.
- 2019 Annenberg Travel/Research Award. USC Graduate School. (\$1,000)
- 2018 Competitive funding recipient. USC Annenberg Graduate Fellowship Research Symposium. With Anna Loup. (\$1,000)
- 2017 NSF travel funding recipient. Archives Unleashed 3.0: Web Archive Datathon; Internet Archive, San Francisco, CA. (\$700)

## Awards & Recognition

- 2019 International Communication Association (ICA) Communication History Division, Notable Student Paper Travel Award (Declined)
- 2018 Competitive award, Humanities Division, Graduate Research Symposium; University of Southern California. With Anna Loup.
- 2013 Pass with Distinction (highest departmental honors); Department of English, Barnard College.
- 2012 Ruth Gould Scoppa Scholarship; Barnard College.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Instructor of Record

- Summer 2020 The Cultures of New Media. Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, University of Southern California.
- Spring 2020 Public Speaking. Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, University of Southern California.

### Discussion Leader

Spring 2019 Communication & Culture, Prof. Cristina Mejia Visperas. Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, University of Southern California.

### **Guest Lectures**

2020 *Dead platforms & nostalgia*. Internet Research. USC, Nov. 2.

2020 *Archives & historiography*. Qualitative Research Methods in Communication. USC, Sept. 16.

2019 *Postracialism*. Communication & Culture. USC, April 15.

*Web 2.0*. The Cultures of New Media. USC, Feb. 21.

### **Training**

2020 Future Faculty Teaching Institute, Center for Excellence in Teaching, USC.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

### **Research positions**

2021–Present Oral history editor, *ACM A.M Turing Awards*. Association for Computing Machinery.

2021 Research assistant, *Knowing Machines*, PI: Kate Crawford, Jason Schultz, Mike Ananny.

2017–2019 Project manager, *Autograph Project*, PI: Josh Kun. Los Angeles Public Library, Los Angeles, California.

2018 Research associate, Computer History Museum, Center for Software History, Mountain View, California.

2017 Research editor, *International Journal of Communication*, Annenberg Press, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California.

### **Research groups**

2017-2020 Media as Sociotechnical System (MASTS), Annenberg Innovation Lab.

Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, University of Southern California. PI: Mike Ananny, Colin McClay

2018-2019 Critical Information Studies Research Group.

Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, University of Southern California. PI: Safiya Noble

## EXHIBITIONS

### Curator

2019 The Autograph Book of L.A. First Floor Galleries, Central Branch, Los Angeles Public Library. Los Angeles, CA. September 26-January 19, 2020. Co-curated with Josh Kun.

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

### Conference Organization

2018-2019 Co-founding member, finance officer, Critical Mediations: Annenberg Communication & Cultural Studies Graduate Student Conference.

### Conference Service

2019 Chair, *Exploring Information Processing in Cyber World*. International Communication Association Conference. Washington D.C., United States.

2018 Chair, *Afterlives: The Spirit of '68 and the Problem of the Archive*. Critical Mediations: The Fire This Time, Afterlives of 1968. Los Angeles, California. October 4.

Chair, *We Can Do This: Film Communities and Political Activism*. Society for Cinema and Media Studies (SCMS) Conference. Toronto, Canada. April 17.

2015 Volunteer, Radical Networks Conference. New York City, New York.

### Departmental Service

2020 Panelist, Quals Information Session, USC Annenberg, Nov. 12.

2020 Panelist, Admitted student Q & A, USC Annenberg, Mar. 27.

2019 Panelist, Quals Information Session, USC Annenberg, Nov. 6.

2018-2019 Treasurer, Annenberg Communication Graduate Student Association.

2018 Panelist, USC Annenberg PhD Orientation, Aug. 15.

2017 Student co-organizer, admitted USC Annenberg PhD Student Visit.

2016-2017 First-year representative, Annenberg Communication Graduate Student Association.

### Ad-Hoc Reviewer

#### *Journals*

New Media & Society  
First Monday  
International Journal of Communication



### *Conferences*

International Communication Association (ICA)  
Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR)

## **IN THE MEDIA**

### **Print**

2021 “Screenshots are the Gremlins of the Internet.” *The Atlantic*. June 1. (Interview) [Link](#)

### **Television**

2020 “The Autograph Book Exhibit at the Los Angeles Public Library.” *LA This Week*.  
January 16. (Interview) [Link](#)

### **Online publications**

2022 “Receipts Culture has Gone Too Far.” DAZED. (Interview) [Link](#)

2018 “What’s the Right Way to Shut Down a Social Network?” *Rbixome*. March 30. (Press  
coverage) [Link](#)

Foucault, M. “Platform Issues.” *Artforum–Diary*. March 28. (Press coverage) [Link](#)

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

National Communication Association (NCA)  
International Communication Association (ICA)  
Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR)  
Society for Cinema and Media Studies (SCMS)  
Society for Social Studies of Science (4S)

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2013-2015 Marketing director, Ike Kligerman Barkley Architecture & Design. New York City, NY.

2012-2013 Press and marketing, Rudin Center, New York University, New York City, NY.

2012 Digital media editor, Hudson River Park Trust, New York City, NY.

2009-2011 Book repairer, Barnard College Library, New York City, NY.