AoIR2020 Life (online)
Annual General Meeting
Saturday, 31 Oct. 2020
13:00
Agenda

- Awards
  - Nancy Baym Book Award
  - Dissertation Award
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2020
Nancy Baym
Book Award

NSFW: Sex, Humor, and Risk in Social Media

by Susanna Paasonen, Kylie Jarrett, and Ben Light (The MIT Press)
Nancy Baym Book Award

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AoIR thanks the Book Award Committee: Nik John (Chair), Nancy Baym, Aram Sinnreich, and Kat Tiidenberg
Nancy Baym Book Award

Honorable Mentions:

Social Media Entertainment: The New Intersection of Hollywood and Silicon Valley

Stuart Cunningham and David Craig (New York University Press)

AND

Digital Media Ecologies: Entanglements of Content, Code and Hardware

Sy Taffel (Bloomsbury Academic)

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2020
Best Dissertation Award

The Technological Imaginaries
of Social Movements: The Discursive
Dimension of Communication Technology
and the Fight for Social Justice?

by
Dr. Elisabetta Ferrari
Dissertation Award

Dr. Elisabetta Ferrari  
(University of Pennsylvania)

The Technological Imaginaries of Social Movements: The Discursive Dimension of Communication Technology and the Fight for Social Justice?

Honorable Mention:  
Dr. Fernanda Rosa  
(American University)

Global Internet Interconnection Infrastructure: Materiality, Concealment and Surveillance in Contemporary Communication

AoIR thanks the Dissertation Award Committee: Carmen Lee (Chair), Jessica Beyer, Taina Bucher, and Aljosha Karim Schapals
2020
Best Student Paper Award

Guerilla Capitalism and the Platform Economy: Governing Uber in China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong

by
Ngai Keung Chan and Chi Kwok
Best Student Paper Award

Ngai Keung Chan and Chi Kwok (Cornell University and University of Toronto)

Guerilla Capitalism and the Platform Economy: Governing Uber in China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong

Honourable Mention:

Lauren Bridges (University of Pennsylvania)

Material Entanglements of Community Surveillance and Infrastructural Power
AoIR2020 Awards
Video Awards 1 (of 3)

MOST CREATIVE VIDEO
Nina Rasmussen @ Kings College London
“Data, Camera, Action: How Algorithms Are Shaking Up European Screen Production”

MOST MEMEFIED TALK
Ozlem Demirkol Tonnesen @ University of South Hampton
“Two Can Play At That Game”: Communicating Dissent As A Micro-celebrity In A Restricted National Twittersphere

BEST EXPERIMENTAL VIDEO
Natalie Dixon, Klasien van de Zandschulp, Gabriel Pereira, Alex Gekker, Stefania Milan & Amelia Johns
"""+27354689782 Has Left The Group: The Subjectivities And Localities of Life on WhatsApp""
Video Awards 2 (of 3)

COOLEST VIDEO LAYOUT
Michi S. Fujii + Nadia Kutscher @ University of Cologne
“Researching the role of digital media in enabling educational participation of young refugees”

MOST INSTAGRAMMABLE SLIDES
Monica Jean Henderson + Leslie Regan Shade + Katie Mackinnon @ University of Toronto
“Every click you make: Algorithmic literacy and the digital lives of young adults”

MOST ENGAGING VISUALS VIDEO
Tali Aharoni + Eedan Amit-Danhi @ Hebrew University
“Seeing into the future: A typology of future-oriented election visuals on Twitter”
MOST INTERNETY SOUNDS IN A VIDEO
Gina Sipley @ Hofstra University
“Lurker literacies: Living in/through neighbourhood Facebook groups”

BEST CHEMISTRY IN A CO-PRESENTED VIDEO
Chelsea Horne & Aram Sinnreich @ American Uni
“The internet as a series of analogies: The power play of imperfect metaphor in internet governance”
Pub Quiz Winners

Pub Quiz #1: Zucktilians
Pub Quiz #2: Team Broccoli
Pub Quiz #3: The Lynnopticon Fanclub

...with special recognition to Team Broccoli for finishing in the top 3 in all three quizzes with teammates across international time zones!
# AoIR2020 Awards

**MOST VALUABLE TWEETER**
Emily van der Nagel @ Monash University

**MOST VALUABLE YOUTUBE COMMENTER**
Rebecca Scharlach @ Hebrew University

**SPECIAL MENTION: BEST TEAM SPIRIT**
Team DMRC @ QUT

**BEST PUPPY PARTICIPANT**
Whiskey (Siva Vaidhyanathan’s pupper)
#AoIR2020 Awards

BEST RELUCTANT CAT APPEARANCE (TIE)
(These cats choose to remain anonymous)
The cat whose person is Axel Bruns @ QUT
The cat whose person is Jenni Hagedorn @ USyd

BEST PLANT IN ZOOM BACKGROUND (TIE)
Nina Rasmussen @ Kings College London
Brady Robards @ Monash University

MOST LIKELY TO HAVE A SINGING CAREER OUTSIDE OF ACADEMIA (TIE)
Katrin Langton @ Queensland University of Technology
Kate Miltner @ Edinburgh University
#AoIR2020 Awards

**OBVI HAS THE DANCE MOVES**  
Klare Lanson @ RMIT

**SPECIAL MENTION: BEST SMALL PERSON TO ZOOMBOMB KARAOKE**  
The children of Neta Kligler-Vilenchik @ Hebrew University

**MOST OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS (NON-EXEC MEMBER)**  
Tim Highfield @ University of Sheffield  
Christopher Persaud @ USC Annenberg

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**K.L.Gray @KishonnaGray · Oct 28**  
Can the #AoIR2020 community give a shout out to Chris Persaud @blackgaygemini who has worked so hard behind the scenes for our social events and for the doctoral colloquium (tons of unsung heroes!) the colloquium would not have happened without his labor and energy!

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**Dr Sarah Kate Merry @DrMerry30 · Oct 30**  
And so the third and final #AoIRPubQuiz has sailed away, sailed away, sailed away...  
Thank you, @timhighfield, you truly were the Host With The Most. I have never laughed so much during a pub quiz. (Good job too - it would have got me chucked out of an actual pub.)  
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AoIR2020 life (online)

- **Programme Chair:** Kylie Jarrett
- **Local Committee:** Aphra Kerr, Caroline O’Sullivan, Eugenia Siapera
- **Conference Committee:** Lynn Schofield Clark, Tama Leaver, Axel Bruns, Kelly Quinn, Kat Tiidenberg, Zoë Glatt, Crystal Abidin, Fabio Giglietto, Erika Pearson, *Michelle Gardner*
AoIR2020 Statistics

● **2020**
  ○ 682 submissions received
  ○ 38% papers accepted, 80% panels accepted
  ○ No parallel tracks
  ○ 767 delegates

● **2019**
  ○ 431 submissions received
  ○ 66% papers accepted, 88% panels accepted
  ○ 10 parallel tracks
  ○ 408 delegates
Countries at AoIR2020

Australia • Austria • Bangladesh • Belgium • Brazil • Canada • China • Costa Rica • Denmark • Dominican Republic • Egypt • Estonia • Finland • France • Germany • Hong Kong • India • Indonesia • Ireland • Israel • Italy • Japan • Malta • Netherlands • New Zealand • Nigeria • Norway • Pakistan • Philippines • Poland • Portugal • Russian Federation • Singapore • South Africa • Spain • Sweden • Switzerland • Turkey • United Kingdom • United States
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(thank you)
AoIR2020 Exhibitors & Sponsors

In such an unusual year we are truly grateful for our Exhibitors and Sponsors!!
The organizing committees that pulled everything together behind the scenes:

**Video team & playlists:** Zoë, Erika, Michelle, Kylie

**Infrastructure team:** Axel, Michelle, Erika

**Moderator team:** Kylie, Fabio, Lynn

**Social events team:** Kylie, Lynn, Michelle
   Tim Highfield, Kate Miltner, Heidi Ippolito

**Communication team:** Kat, Lynn, Michelle
   George Maier, Luyue Ma, Heidi Ippolito

**OnlineTown:** Michelle & Adam
Thank you!

**Speakers**
Kate Crawford
Alondra Nelson
Seeta Peña Gangadharan
Rob Kitchin
Helen Kennedy

**Doctoral Colloquium team**
Kishonna Gray
Chris Persaud
Shawn Walker
And all mentors

**Early Career Researchers Pre-conference team**
Tanya Lokot
Jeff Hemsley
Nili Steinfeld
Olga Boichak
Leonie Tanczer
Elinor Carmi
Melinda J Sebastian
Thank you!

Pre-conference coordinators
Jakob Linaa Jensen
Anja Bechmann
Marina Charquero Ballester

Live roundtable and panel organizers
Tim Highfield
Aleena Chia
T.L. Cowan
Zoetanya Sujon
Charles Ess
Jane Bailey
Elena Maris
Lina Dencik
Mirca Madianou
Giovanna Mascheroni
Tangni C. Dahl-Jørgensen

Program assistants/Grad/recent grad students
Heidi Ippolito
George Maier
Luyue Ma
Jaana Davidjants
Ehsan Dehghan
Giada Marino
Thank you!

Karaoke hosts
Emily van der Nagel
Sophie Bishop
Ben Light

Ceili dance
Klare Larson
Kate Matriyoga

Moderators
Exec & Host committee members
Jack Qiu

Reviewers
AoIR community (h/t to Brady Robards)

AoIR Flashpoint Symposium in Brazil
Raquel Recuero
Adriana Amaral
Suely Fragoso

Special issue editors
Aphra Kerr
Jonathon Hutchinson
Thank you, Michelle!

Association Coordinator extraordinaire & AoIRTown architect!
Thank you, Lynn!

AKA Lynnopticon

(and, no, you’re not allowed to delete this slide!)
Thank you!

And a huge thank-you to the AoIR community who, despite the world around us right now, embraced the online conference in its entirety!

It’s your organisation and YOU made the conference what is was!

THANKS!
Post Conference Survey

• Conference videos, playlists, moderated session x 3 timezones, AoIRTown social events, pub quizzes (mostly sans pubs), Zoom karaoke, embodied dance parties, it was *almost all new this year* and we really need to know what worked for you!

• We’re also after feedback on existing things that need further thought: *cough* review process, etc.

• Look for the post-conference survey in your email early next week!

(Tama Leaver, Chair)
Committee Reports
AoIR Flashpoint Symposium 2020

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATIONS:
POLARIZATION, MEDIA MANIPULATION AND RESISTANCE

#AoIR Flashpoint Symposium 2020
Unisinos, Porto Alegre, Brazil

Organizers: Raquel Recuero, Adriana Amaral, Fernanda Carrera, & Suely Fragoso

Speakers:
Susanna Paasonen, Patricia Rossini, & Simone Pereira de Sa
The AoIRchive Project

- Institutional memory committee chair, Crystal Abidin
  - 2018–2019: Infrastructure, History
  - 2020: Time capsule
  - 2021: Archive #AoIR2020 and historical interviews

*Looking for subcomm members; grad students with interview skills especially welcome.*
Critical Race & Internet Studies committee

- Committee: Crystal Abidin, Radhika Gajjala, Kishonna Gray
- Produced Collated Resources for Critical Race & Internet Studies in the aftermath of George Floyd’s death
- Initiated process for 2021 preconference
Translations Committee

- Crystal Abidin, committee chair; Nik John committee member.
  - To be launched in 2021.

Looking for subcomm members; members with expertise and research in languages other than English especially welcome.
Committee: Association Code of Conduct

- Crystal Abidin & Kat Tiidenberg have worked on this, with input from Kylie Jarrett and members of the Dublin committee.
- Moving forward; Jonathon Hutchinson agrees to co-chair.
## Nominations Committee

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(Michelle Gardner, Assoc. Coor.)
Future Conferences
AoIR 2021
Philadelphia, PA, USA
13-16 October
Conference Theme: Independence
AoIR 2022
Dublin, Ireland

Kylie Jarrett and Aphra Kerr – Maynooth University
Caroline O’Sullivan – Technological University Dublin
Eugenia Siapera – University College Dublin

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New Business
Proposal: Guidelines for Academics in Big Tech

• Sarah Roberts (agrees to co-chair)
Other business?
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(thank you)