



AoIR2020 Life (online)

Annual General Meeting

Saturday, 31 Oct. 2020
13:00

Agenda



- Awards
 - Nancy Baym Book Award
 - Dissertation Award
 - Best Student Paper Award
- #AoIR2020 Awards
- #AoIR2020 Stats
- Reports
 - AoIR Flashpoint Symposium 2020
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Awards



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



NSFW: Sex, Humor, and Risk in Social Media

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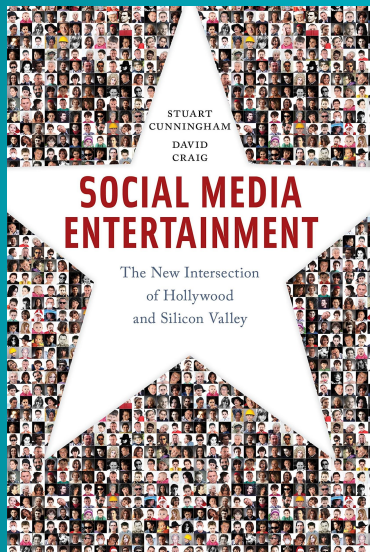
AoIR thanks the Book Award Committee: Nik John (Chair),
Nancy Baym, Aram Sinnreich, and Kat Tiidenberg

Nancy Baym Book Award

Honorable Mentions:

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

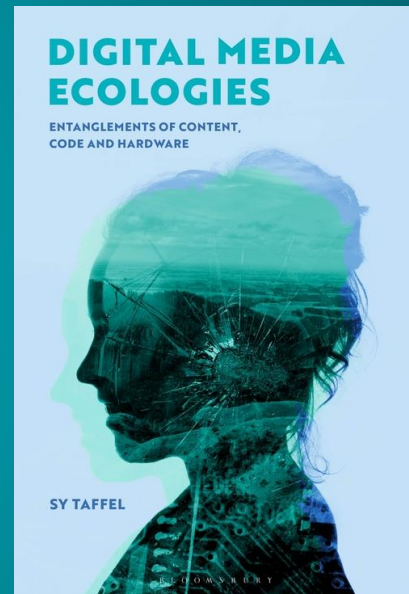
Stuart Cunningham and
David Craig (New York
University Press)



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

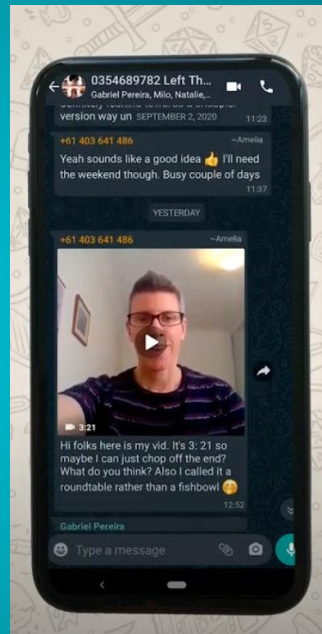
Ozlem Demirkol Tonnesen @ University of South Hampton

"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

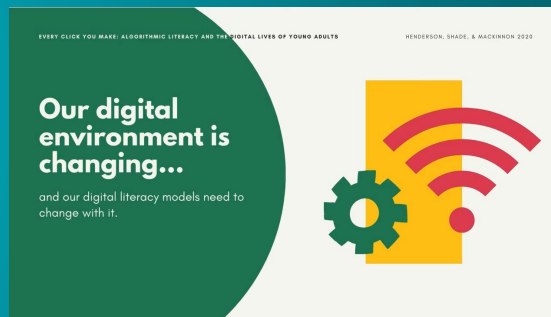
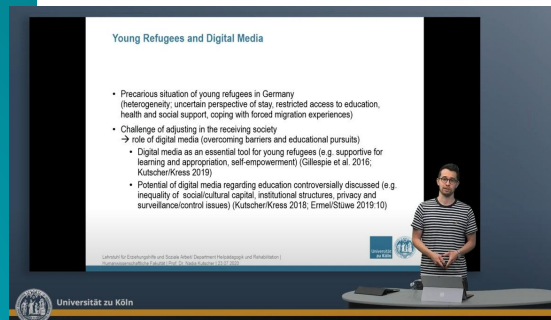
Monica Jean Henderson + Leslie Regan Shade + Katie Mackinnon @ Uni of Toronto

“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”



Video Awards 3 (of 3)

MOST INTERNETY SOUNDS IN A VIDEO

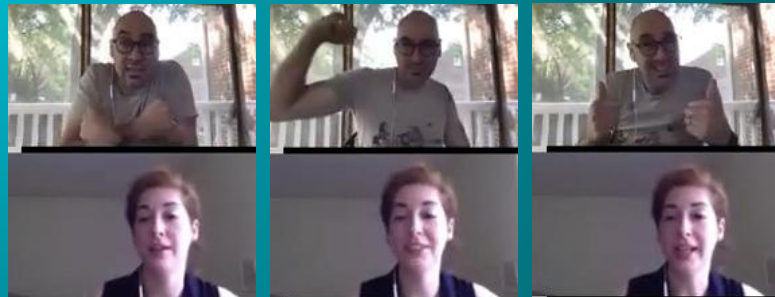
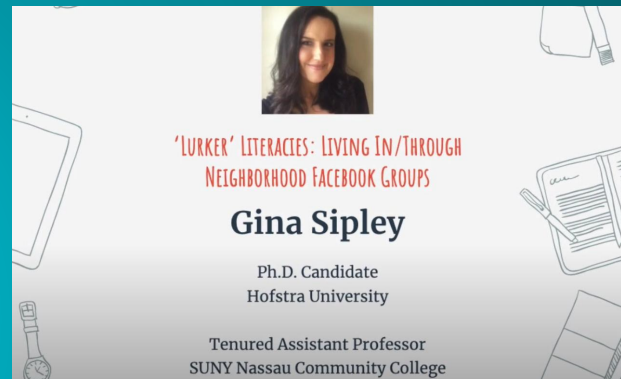
Gina Siple @ Hofstra University

“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!

Question 4

Who is this, and what will he never do?
Which internet phenomenon is associated with him?



(3 points)

Question 5

The URLs last.fm, instagr.am, and bit.ly are examples of domain hacks, using the country codes of specific countries to make names and phrases – which countries do **.fm**, **.am**, and **.ly** represent?

(3 points)

#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)

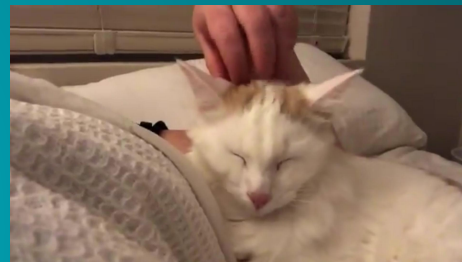
Nina Rasmussen @ Kings College London

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**



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!



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

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
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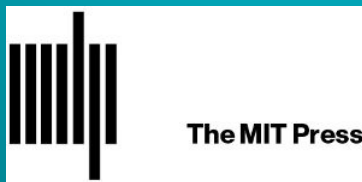
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(thank you)

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

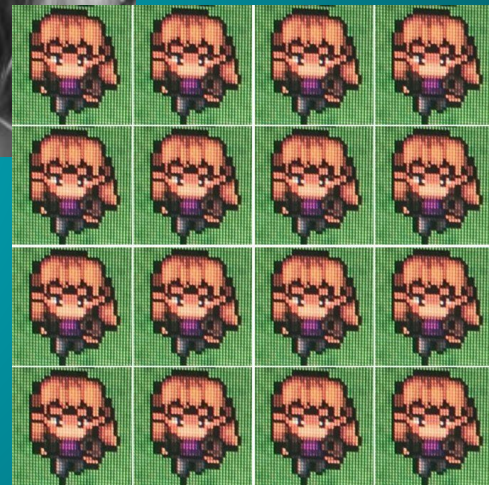
Raquel Recuero
Adriana Amaral
Suely Fragoso

Special issue editors

Aphra Kerr
Jonathon Hutchinson

Thank you, Michelle!

**Association Coordinator
extraordinaire &
AoIRTown architect!**





Nancy Baym
@nancybaym

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Shout out to [@LynnSchofClark](#) for being an extraordinary emcee of an intensive and challenging event. [#AoIR2020](#)

7:38 AM · Oct 30, 2020 · Twitter Web App

3 Retweets 3 Quote Tweets 27 Likes



Jean Burgess @jeanburgess · Oct 30

...

Replying to [@nancybaym](#) and [@LynnSchofClark](#)
+1 and such a positive supportive presence

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Nancy Baym @nancybaym · Oct 30

...

And making it look like it's not even work.

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Kylie Jarrett @kylzjarrett · 10h

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Her calm is extraordinary!



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Thank you, Lynn!

AKA Lynnopticon

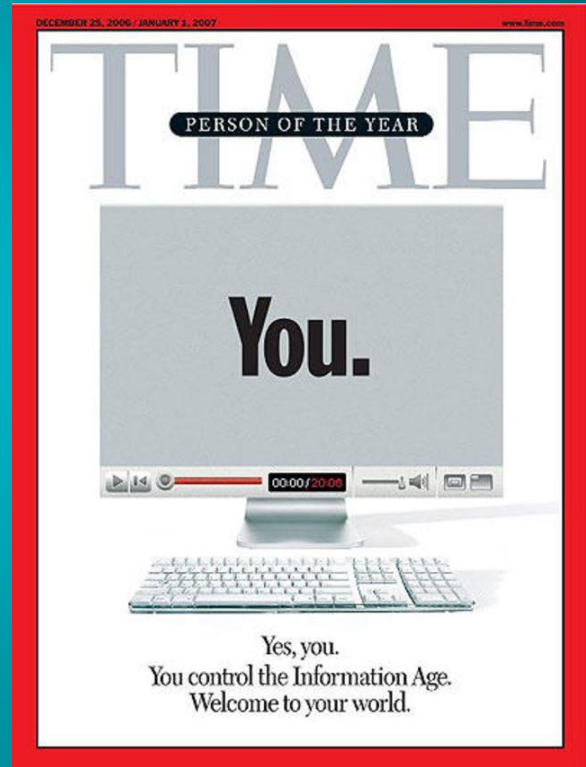
(and, no, you're not allowed to delete this slide!)

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!*

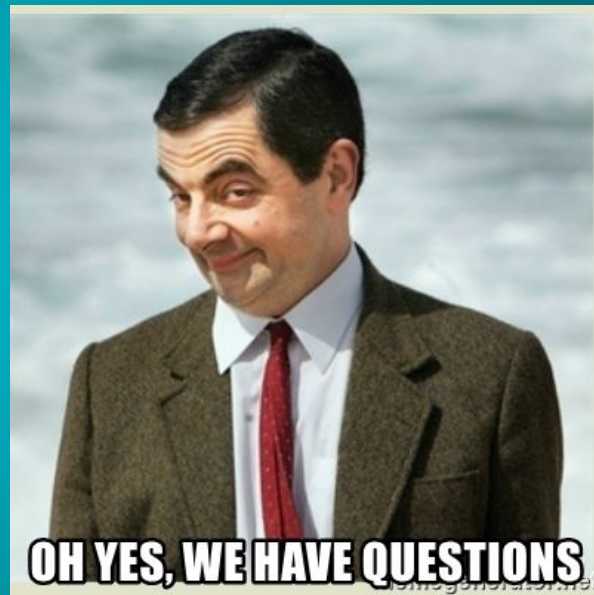
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Post Conference Survey

- 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)





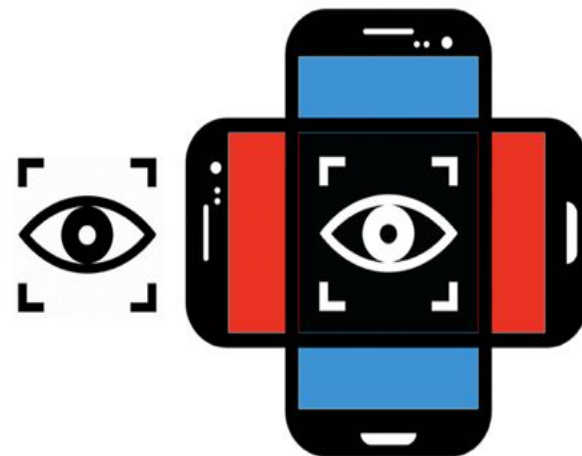
Committee Reports

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

2019-2021

Lynn Schofield Clark, President
Tama Leaver, Vice President
Axel Bruns, Past President
Kelly Quinn, Treasurer
Kat Tiidenberg, Secretary
Zoe Glatt, Grad Student Rep
Crystal Abidin, Open Seat
Fabio Giglietto, Open Seat
Erika Pearson, Open Seat

2021-23

Tama Leaver, President
Lynn Schofield Clark, Past President
? Vice President
? Treasurer
? Secretary
? Grad Student Rep
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(Michelle Gardner, Assoc. Coord.)



Future Conferences



AoIR 2021

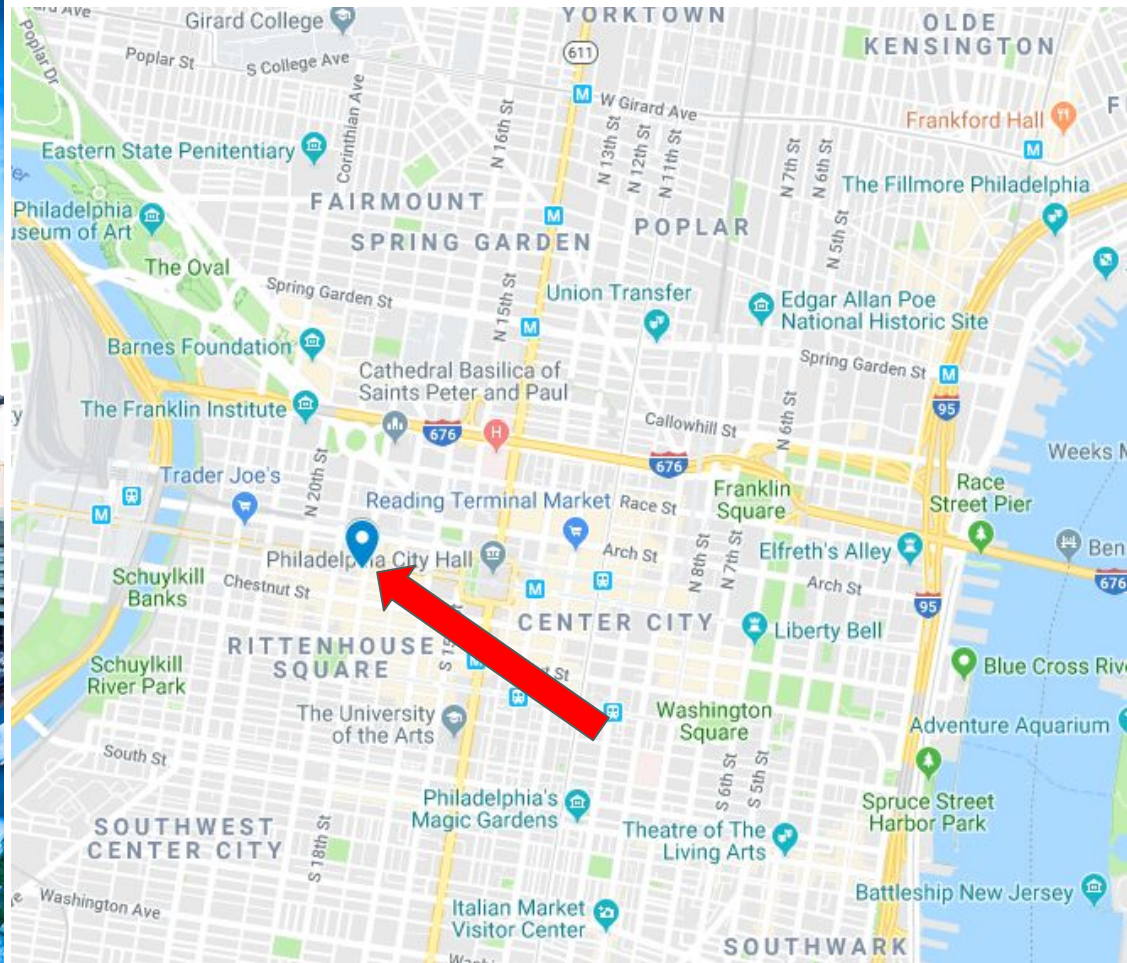


Philadelphia, PA, USA
13-16 October





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



New Business

Proposal: Guidelines for Academics in Big Tech

- Sarah Roberts (agrees to co-chair)

Other business?

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(thank you)