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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. **University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee**
Information Studies, May 2015
Dissertation Title: “Informational Power on Twitter: A Mixed-Methods Exploration of User Knowledge and Technological Discourse about Information Flows”
Advisor: Dr. Michael Zimmer
- M.A. **Georgetown University**
Communication, Culture and Technology, May 2008
Thesis: “Privacy: How Do We Define It, Assess It, and Seek to Protect It Online”
- B.S. **George Mason University**
Information Technology, Spring 2006
Major Area: Network Administration and Security

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS HELD

- 2017 - Current **School of Information Science, University of Kentucky**
Assistant Professor
- 2015 - 2017 **College of Information Studies, University of Maryland, College Park**
Postdoctoral Scholar
- 2008-2010 **National Science Foundation - Arlington, VA.**
Science Assistant - Office of Integrative Activities (OIA)
- 2008 **Internet Education Foundation – Washington, D.C.**
Google Policy Fellow

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Vitak, J., **Proferes, N.**, Shilton, K., & Ashktorab, Z. (2017). “Ethics Regulation in Social Computing Research: Examining the Role of Institutional Review Boards.” *Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics*(X)X.
- Proferes, N.** (2017). “Information Flow Solipsism in an Exploratory Study of Beliefs about Twitter.” *Social Media & Society*, 3(1), doi: 10.1177/2056305117698493
- Hoffmann, A., **Proferes, N.**, Zimmer, M. (2016). “Making the World More Open and Connected”: Mark Zuckerberg and the Discursive Construction of Facebook and Its Users. *New Media & Society*. doi: 10.1177/1461444816660784.
- Proferes, N.** (2016). “Web 2.0 User-knowledge and the Limits of Individual and Collective Power.” *First Monday* 21(6). doi: 10.5210/fm.v21i6.6793
- Peekhaus, W. & **Proferes, N.** (2016). “An Examination of North American Library and Information Studies Faculty Perceptions of and Experience with Open-Access Scholarly Publishing.” *Library & Information Science Research* 38(1), 18-29.

Peekhaus, W. & **Proferes, N.** (2015). "An Analysis of How Library and Information Science Faculty Perceive and Engage with Open Access." *Journal of Information Science* 41(5), 640-661.

Zimmer, M. & **Proferes, N.** (2014). "A Topology of Twitter Research: Disciplines, Methods, and Ethics." *Aslib Journal of Information Management* 66(3), 250-261. [Awarded Outstanding Paper of 2014 by *Aslib Journal of Information Management*].

Proferes, N. (2012). [Book Review] Delete: The Virtue of Forgetting in the Digital Age. Viktor Mayer-Schönberger. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2009. *The Journal of Popular Culture*, 45(1), 226–228. doi:10.1111/j.1540-5931.2011.921_1.x

BOOK CHAPTERS, CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS & WHITE PAPERS

Proferes, N., Shilton, K. (Forthcoming – Nov 2017). Web Architecture and Values in the Stack: Exploring the Relationship between Internet Infrastructure and Human Values. In Plaisance, P. (Ed.) *Handbook of Communication Ethics*. Berlin, Germany: De Gruyter.

Proferes, N. (2017). Response to C. Puschmann's, "Bad Judgment, Bad Ethics? Validity in Computational Social Media Research." In Zimmer, M. & Kinder-Kurlanda, K. (eds.) *Internet Research Ethics for the Social Age: New Cases and Challenges*. Frankfurt, Germany: Peter Lang.

Proferes, N. (2015). Methodological Considerations in Tracing User Knowledge of Information Flows on Social Media Sites. *Selected Papers of Internet Research – Proceedings of the Association of Internet Researchers*. Phoenix, AZ.

Proferes, N. (2015). Legal Limits To Technology Use. In R. Mansell & P. Ang (eds.), *International Encyclopedia of Digital Communication & Society*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.

Proferes, N. (2014). What Happens to Tweets? Descriptions of Temporality in Twitter's Organizational Rhetoric. *iConference Proceedings*. Berlin, Germany.

Zimmer, M. & **Proferes, N.** (2013). Privacy on Twitter / Twitter on Privacy. In K. Weller, A. Bruns, J. Burgess, M. Mahrt & C. Puschmann (eds.), *Twitter and Society*. New York, NY: Peter Lang.

Adamick, J., Buchanan, E., Fountain, J., Goncalves, M.S., **Proferes, N.** (2010). [White Paper] Advancing Ethical Research Across Disciplines, NSF SBE 2020.

http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/sbe_2020/2020_pdfs/Adamick_Jessica_139.pdf

CONFERENCE PAPER PRESENTATIONS

2016 *Values in a Shifting Stack: Exploring How App Developers Evaluate Values and Ethics of a New Internet Protocol*
IEEE International Symposium on Ethics in Engineering, Science, and Technology, 2016:
Vancouver, British Columbia

2015 *Methodological Considerations in Tracing User Knowledge of Information Flows on Social Media Sites*
Association of Internet Researchers 16: Phoenix, AZ.

2014 *What Happens to Tweets? Descriptions of Temporality in Twitter's Organizational Rhetoric.*
iConference 14: Berlin, Germany.

- 2013 *Users, Myth, and Social Media* [Student Presentation].
Oxford Internet Institute Summer Doctoral Program: *Toronto, ON.*
- 2012 *The Ethics of Twitter Research: A Topology of Disciplines, Methods and Ethics Review Boards*
Co-presented with Dr. Michael Zimmer
2nd International Symposium on Digital Ethics: *Chicago, IL.*
- 2012 *The Political Economy of Reputation Online: Karma, Reddit, and the Knowledge Factory*
Midwest Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference: *Milwaukee, WI.*
- 2011 *Oh, the Ethics You'll Know* [IGNITE Presentation]
Association of Internet Researchers 12: *Seattle, WA.*

WORKSHOP, POSTER, AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 *Studying Users Perceptions and Experiences with Algorithms* [lead organizer for workshop]
International Conference on Web and Social Media 17: *Montreal, Canada.*
- 2016 *Ethical Challenges in Social Media Research Workshop* [co-organizer for workshop]
International Conference on Web and Social Media 16: *Cologne, Germany.*
- 2016 *Fostering Ethics through Open Data Metadata Standards* [workshop presentation]
International Conference on Web and Social Media 16: *Cologne, Germany.*
- 2016 *NDN Values: Understanding Values in the Stack.* [poster]
University of Maryland iSchool Research Day, University of Maryland: *Maryland.*
- 2015 *How to Assess Technical and Social Goals of a Future Internet Architecture.* [workshop presentation]
NDNComm 2015: *UCLA, CA.*
- 2015 *Exploring the Horizons of User Power at the Intersections of Information Flows, Discourse, and Belief.* [poster]
The Center for the Advanced Study of Communities and Information, University of Maryland: *Maryland.*
- 2015 *An Examination of Library and Information Studies Faculty Experience with and Attitudes toward Open Access Scholarly Publishing.* [poster]
iConference 15: *Newport Beach, CA.*
- 2015 *Exploring User Knowledge of Information Flows on Twitter.* [poster]
ALISE: *Chicago, IL.*

RESEARCH AND TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- Fall 2017 **Assistant Professor**
University of Kentucky
ICT 205 – Issues in ICT Policy
- Fall 2015 – Spring 2017 **Instructor**
University of Maryland
INST 612 – Information Policy, INST 641 - Policy and Ethics in Digital Curation

- Fall 2014 - Spring 2015 **Project Assistant**
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Center for 21st Century Studies
- Spring 2013 - Spring 2014 **Instructor**
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
INFOST 110 – Introduction to Information Science, INFOST 120 –
Information Technology Ethics
- Spring 2013 **Editorial Assistant**
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Law & Policy Volume of the International Encyclopedia of
Digital Communication & Society; Editor: Dr. Sandra Braman
- Fall 2012 - Summer 2013 **Research Assistant**
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Dr. Sandra Braman
- Fall 2012 **Teaching Assistant**
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
L&I SCI 110 – Introduction to Information Science
Instructor: Dr. Michael Zimmer
- Summer 2012, Summer
2013, Summer 2014 **Project Assistant**
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Dr. Michael Zimmer
- Fall 2012, Summer 2013,
Summer 2014 **Project Assistant**
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Dr. Wilhelm Peekhaus
- Fall 2010 - Spring 2012 **Project Assistant**
UWM Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Training Program
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Dr. Elizabeth Buchanan, Dr. Janis Eells, Dr. Marjorie Piechowski

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2017 **Research Improvement Grant**
School of Information Studies, University of Maryland
- 2015 **Outstanding Paper of 2014**
Aslib Journal of Information Management
- 2014 **Chancellor's Graduate Student Award**
School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
- 2014 **Graduate Teaching Award**
School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
- 2013 **Chancellor's Graduate Student Award**
School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
- 2013 **Graduate Teaching Award**
School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

- 2013 **Travel Award**
Graduate School, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
- 2013 **Doctoral Research Grant**
School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- 2013 **Featured Graduate Student**
Graduate School, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
- 2012 **Chancellor’s Graduate Student Award**
School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
- 2011 **Chancellor’s Graduate Student Award**
School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
- 2011 **Travel Award**
Graduate School, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2017 Reviewer for *Library Hi-Tech*.
- 2017 Reviewer for *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication*.
- 2017 Programs Committee Member for International Conference on Social Media and Society.
- 2017 Reviewer for Association of Internet Researchers Conference.
- 2017 Reviewer for *Big Data & Society*.
- 2017 Reviewer for *Social Media & Society*.
- 2016 Reviewer for Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences.
- 2016 Reviewer for Association of Internet Researchers Conference.
- 2016, 2015 Reviewer for *Journal of Web Science*.
- 2015 Reviewer for *Information Society*.
- 2014 Reviewer for *New Media & Society*.
- 2013 President, School of Information Studies Doctoral Student Organization.
- 2013 PhD Student Representative, School of Information Studies Doctoral Program Committee.
- 2013 Editor, School of Information Studies Newsletter.
- 2012 PhD Student Representative, UWM Learning and Technology Center Review Committee.
- 2012 PhD Student Representative, UWM Responsible Conduct of Research Advisory Group.
- 2011 Student Volunteer, Computer Ethics/Philosophical Enquiry Conference.
- 2011 Reviewer for Great Lakes Graduate Conference
- 2010 - 2011 PhD Student Representative, School of Information Studies Diversity and Equity Committee.
- 2010 - 2015 Judge for UWM Undergraduate Research Fair

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2015 - 2017	Senior Fellow with Center for the Advanced Study of Communities and Information, University of Maryland.
2013 - Current	American Association for the Advancement of Science
2012 - 2015	Social Studies of Information Research Group
2011 - 2014	ThinkMakeDigital Student Digital Humanities Group
2010 - Current	Association of Internet Researchers