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Current Appointments

2010-present: Visiting Scholar, HCII, Carnegie Mellon University

Education

2007-present: Ph.D., Science, Technology and Society, Bar-Ilan University

2005-2006: M.A., Law, Bar-Ilan University

2002-2005: B.A., Economics and Communication Studies, Tel-Aviv University

Research Interests

The intersections of social media, local interactions, and cultural identity production; location-based technology and urban studies; Digital Humanities, big data research, data visualizations and cultural analytics; ethnographic approaches to digital media studies.

Publications

Schwartz, R. (2012) *The networked familiar stranger: An aspect of virtual and local urban anonymity*. In Cumiskey, K., and Hjorth, L., eds., *Seamlessly Mobile? Mobile Media Practices, Presence & Politics*. Routledge (under review).

Cranshaw J., Schwartz R., Hong J. I., and Sadeh N. (2012) *The Livehoods Project: Utilizing Social Media to Understand the Dynamics of a City*. To appear in The Sixth International AAAI Conference on Weblogs and Social Media (ICWSM-12). Dublin, Ireland, June 2012.

Academic Conference Presentations

Re-imagining Place Attachment through Location-Based Social Networks, *Local and Mobile - joint international conference of the Pan-American Mobilities Network and the Cosmobilities Network*, Raleigh, North Carolina, March 2012.

Out of the Grind? Grindr and Teen Queer Identity Work in Rural US, *The American Anthropological Association Invited Session Paper Presentation*, Montréal, Canada, November 2011.

Virtual Place Making and the Physical Place, *The Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) annual meeting*, Cleveland, Ohio, November 2011.

Hello Stranger: Location-Based Services and the Emergence of a Virtual Familiar Stranger, *Seamlessly Mobile? Mobile Communication @ a Crossroad Pre-Conference, ICA Annual Conference*, Boston, Massachusetts, May 2011.

I'm the Mayor here! The Virtually Personalized Physical Place, *Theorizing the Web*, College Park, Maryland, April 2011.

The Meet Industry: Virtual Local Communities, *The Social Science History Association (SSHA) Annual Meeting*, Chicago, Illinois, November 2010.

Virtual Serendipity: Mobility and Third Places, *Internet Culture Area, PCA/ACA Conference*, St. Louis, Missouri, April 2010.

Workshops

Hot Apps: Queering Location/Mobilizing Media Design, Microsoft Research New England, Boston, Massachusetts, April 2011.

Honors and Grants

Graduate Student Excellence Fellowship, Science, Technology and Society Program, Bar-Ilan University, 2010, 2011.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Travel Grant, April 2011.

Summer Dissertation Development Travel Grant, Science, Technology and Society Program, Bar-Ilan University, 2009.

Dean's list, Faculty of Social Sciences, Tel-Aviv University, 2003, 2004.

Non-Academic Work

Glare, International New Media Art Non-Profit Organization, Founder and CEO, 2005-2007.

Marmelada, Israeli Online Editorial Magazine, Founder and CEO, 2006-2009.

Artlook, Israeli Industrial Design Online Promotion and Distribution Platform, Founder and CEO, 2005-2008.