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EDUCATION

2022 – 2027 **PhD, Information** (expected)
School of Information, University of Michigan

2022 **M.A., Communication**
Department of Communication, University of Illinois at Chicago

2020 **B.A., Sociology** (*summa cum laude*, Distinction in Major)
Department of Sociology, Temple University

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

Thach, H. (2021). A cross-game look at transgender representation in video games. *Press Start*, 7(1), 19-44.

Peer-Reviewed Book Reviews

Thach, H. (2022, forthcoming). [Review of the book *Intersectional Tech: Black Users in Digital Gaming*, by K. L. Gray]. *Press Start*, 8(1), x-x.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2022 UMSI Merit Scholar, University of Michigan School of Information
2021 REMS Fellow, University of Michigan School of Information
2020 Benjamin and Irma Robboy Award in Sociology, Temple University
2017-2020 Dean's List, Temple University
2019 Diamond Research Scholar, Temple University

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

External

2021 Research Experience for Master's Students Fellowship, University of Michigan School of Information, $10,000

Internal

2020 Benjamin and Irma Robboy Award in Sociology, Temple University, $700
2019 Diamond Research Scholars Fellowship, Temple University, $4000

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

Refereed Conference Presentations

2022   Maris, E., Caplan, R., & **Thach, H.** (2022, May). *Taking Back and Giving Back: Redistributing Value in the Algorithmic Economy*. Paper presented at International Communication Association (ICA) annual conference, Paris, France.

2020   **Thach, H.** (2020, May). *A Cross-Game Look at Transgender Representation in Video Games*. Paper presented at Queerness and Games (QGcon) annual conference, Montreal, Canada.

Campus and Departmental Talks

2021   **Thach, H.** (2021, August). *"Should we unban, Chat?" Content moderation visibility on Twitch*. Poster presented at UMSI Summer 2021 Poster Fair, Online.

2020   **Thach, H.** (2020, April). *A Cross-Game Look at Transgender Representation in Video Games*. Poster presented at Temple University annual symposium for undergraduate research and Creativity, Online.

Panel/Symposia Moderator

2022   *Content Moderation on Discord*, D/ARC Bonfire Chat

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Current Research Projects

2022   **Graduate Student Researcher,** "Report on Anti-Asian Racism in U.S. History, Digital Culture, and Gaming"
PI: Dr. Lisa Nakamura

2022-Present   **Graduate Student Researcher,** "Exploring the Digital Strategies of Restauranteurs of Color"
PI: Dr. Matthew Bui

2022-Present   **Graduate Student Researcher,** UMSI AnthroTechLab
PI: Dr. Michaelanne Thomas

2021-Present   **Graduate Student Researcher**, "Taking Back and Giving Back: Redistributing Value in the Algorithmic Economy"
PI: Dr. Elena Maris & Dr. Robyn Caplan

2021-Present   **Principal Investigator**, ""Should we unban, Chat?," Communal content moderation on Twitch," University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Communication Thesis Project
Chair: Dr. Steve Jones

2021-Present   **Graduate Student Researcher**, UMSI Social Transition Tech Lab
PI: Dr. Oliver Haimson – Funding: NSF Grant Award #1942125

Past Research Projects

2020   **Qualitative Coder**, "Goffman in Games," Temple University
PI: Aiden Kosciesza

2019-2020   **Research Assistant**, LGBTQ Game Archive

PI: Dr. Adrienne Shaw
2018   **Survey Researcher**, Penn State Abington, Department of Psychological and Social
            Sciences
            PI: Dr. Jake Benfield

TEACHING EXPERTISE

University of Illinois at Chicago

Courses Assisted

Fall 2020   COMM102 Introduction to Interpersonal Communication, 70 undergraduates
Spring 2021   COMM102 Introduction to Interpersonal Communication, 62 undergraduates
Summer 2021   COMM200 Social Media and Marketing, 18 undergraduates
Fall 2021   COMM102 Introduction to Interpersonal Communication, 72 undergraduates
Spring 2022   COMM102 Introduction to Interpersonal Communication, 63 undergraduates

Guest Lectures

2020   Twine Demo for ENG3501, Writing for Electronic Media at Emmanuel College.
2020   "Video Game Representation and Culture" for PSYCH434, Psychology of Gaming at
            Penn State Abington.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2021-Present   Co-Founder and Executive Officer, Discord Academic Research Commuinity (D/ARC)
2021-2022   Editor, Press Start Journal
2021   Student Volunteer, ACM Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work and
                Social Computing (CSCW)

AD-HOC REVIEWER

Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICCS) (August, 2021)
Transgender Studies Quarterly (TSQ) (July, 2021)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Association of Internet Researchers
Association for Computing Machinery Special Interest Group on Computer-Human Interaction
International Communication Association

MEDIA MENTIONS

2018   "Okay" zine published in Temple University's *Emerge: Interactive and New Media Work
            (Vol 2)*. Curators: Dr. Laura Zaylea & Dr. Adrienne Shaw.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Languages: Vietnamese (conversational), Latin (reading)
Programming: HTML, CSS, and JavaScript
Software: Twine, Atlas.ti Cloud
Methods: Qualitative thematic analysis, axial coding, digital ethnography, interviewing

REFERENCES

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Associate Professor - Media & Communication, Media Studies and Production
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