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Education

Ph.D.	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY Communication and Rhetoric Dissertation: <i>Arguments in Big Social Data Analysis: Uncovering the Hidden Rhetoric of Sociological Data Science</i> (Advisor: Dr. Ekaterina Haskins)	May 2017
Certificate	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY Graduate Certificate in Human-Computer Interaction	May 2015
M.S.	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY	May 2014
B.A.	The George Washington University, Washington, DC Anthropology and Statistics, Cum Laude	May 2012

Fellowships and Awards

Rensselaer Founders Award of Excellence	Oct. 2016
Rensselaer Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (HASS) Fellowship	Aug. 2015 – May 2017
The McKinney Prize, 1 st Place Graduate Essay	April 2016
Joanne Wagner Memorial Fellowship	Sept. 2015 – Sept. 2016
The McKinney Prize, 2 nd Place Graduate Essay	April 2015
Rhetorical Studies Award, Dept. Travel Award	Aug. 2014
Rensselaer Graduate Fellowship	Aug. 2012 – May 2013
Board of Trustees Scholar (GWU)	Aug. 2010 – May 2012

Refereed Publications

Chambers, J., & Lanius, C. (In review). Tumblr, pro-ana, and neurotic trends: Exploring the role of social media in the struggle with anorexia nervosa. *Florida Communication Journal*.

Lanius, C. (In review). In the arms of humor. In H. Crandall & K. Morehouse (Eds.), *Public Speaking Teacher Stories*.

Robinson, J., Weber, R., & Lanius, C. (Forthcoming). Mapping the territory of UX research. *Communication Design Quarterly Special Issue on Rethinking Approaches to Usability and User Experience Design*, 5(3).

Lanius, C. (Forthcoming). Data Cannot Speak for Themselves: Unreasonable Claims within the Big Social Data Community. *Proceedings of the Summer Conference on Argumentation* (20th, Alta, Utah, July 20-23).

Lanius, C. & Hubbell, G. (2017). The new data: Argumentation amidst, on, with, and in data. In A. Hess & A. Davisson (Eds.), *Theorizing digital rhetoric*. New York: Routledge.

Lanius, C. (2017). Tiffi (Candy Crush). In R. Mejia, J. Banks, & A. Adams (Eds.), *The 100 greatest video*

game characters. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.

Lanius, C. (2017). Telling the quants from the quacks: Evaluating statistical arguments in debates online. In M. Folk & S. Apostel (Eds.), *Establishing and evaluating online credibility and digital ethos*. Hershey, PA: IGI Global.

Lanius, C. (2016, September). Arguments and interpretation in big social data analysis: A survey of the ASONAM community. In *2016 International Conference on Advances in Social Networks Analysis and Mining (ASONAM)* (pp. 1364 - 1367). IEEE.

Lanius, C. (2016). Big data goes to Washington: How protestors navigate aggregated social media content. In G. W. Richardson, Jr. (Ed.), *Social media and politics: A new way to participate in the political process*. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger.

Lanius, C. (2015). OpenNY: Civic engagement through open data and open platforms. In E. Gordon & P. Mihailidis (Eds.), *The civic media project*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. civicmediaproject.org.

Lanius, C. (2011). YouTube commentary: Social interactions in online publics. *The Eagle Feather*, University of North Texas, Denton. (Available at eaglefeather.honors.unt.edu/2011/article/143#.WGMOi_krLIU).

Presentations

Lanius, C. (2017, July 22). *Data cannot speak for themselves: Unreasonable claims within the big social data community*. Paper for the 2017 Alta Argumentation Conference, Alta, Utah.

Lanius, C. (2016, November 11). *"It's common sense!": The unseen resources for generating research questions and interpretations in big social data*. Paper for the 2016 National Communication Association Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Lanius, C. (2016, October 25). *The hidden anxieties of the quantified self movement: A user experience take on self-tracking and the therapeutic relationship*. Invited talk for the User Experience Professionals Association- Tennessee Valley (UXPA), Huntsville, Alabama.

Lanius, C. (2016, September 15). *Data sharing practices in big social data: A review of the ASONAM community*. Poster presented at the Research Data Alliance's 8th Plenary, Denver, Colorado.

Lanius, C. (2016, September 14). *Panel: Data for the public good- a next-generation vision*. Panel at the International Data Forum, Denver, Colorado.

Lanius, C. (2016, September 7). *The hidden anxieties of the quantified self movement: A rhetorical take on self-tracking and the therapeutic relationship*. Invited grand round presentation at Albany Medical Center, Department of Psychiatry, Albany, New York.

Lanius, C. (2016, August 18). *Arguments and interpretation in big social data analysis: A survey of the ASONAM community*. Poster at the 2016 IEEE/ACM International Conference on Advances in Social Networks Analysis and Mining, San Francisco, California.

Lanius, C. (2016, May 28). *Data differentiation, rhetoric's machines: Procedures, algorithms, and computation*. Paper for the 2016 Rhetoric Society of America Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.

Lanius, C. (2016, May 27). *Topoi of mathematical statistics*. Paper for the 2016 Rhetoric Society of

America Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.

Lanius, C. (2016, May 19). *"It's common sense!": The unseen resources for generating research questions and interpretations in big social data*. Invited paper presentation at Albany Medical Center Journal Club, Albany, New York.

Lanius, C. (2015, November 18). *Finding agency in the data science machine: Understanding emerging climate change arguments from automated data modeling*. Paper for the 2015 National Communication Association Convention, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Lanius, C. (2014, November 20). *The bigger the data the harder the fall? Opportunities, methodologies, and challenges to big data analysis*. Paper for the 2014 National Communication Association Convention, Chicago, Illinois.

Lanius, C. (2014, September 22). *RDA/US: Building the infrastructure in the United States*. Poster presented at the Research Data Alliance's 4th Plenary, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Hubbell, G. & Lanius, C. (2014, May 22). *Borders within rhetoric: What are the contemporary canons?* Paper for the 2014 Rhetoric Society of America Conference, San Antonio, Texas.

Lanius, C. (2012). *Contextualizing Kony 2012*. Paper for the Neoliberalism 2.0: Technologies, Power, and Resistance Across Borders Conference. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Research and Communication Positions

Alliance for Digital Humanities Organizations August 2017 - Current
Communications co-Chair

Worked with Pietro Santachiara to supervise the Fellows program, oversee website internationalization, and strategic communication for the organization.

Alliance for Digital Humanities Organizations July 2015 – July 2016
Communications Fellow

Supervisor: Hannah Jacobs, Duke University

Supported ADHO's outreach mission by writing news releases, blog posts, and announcements for ADHO's constituent organizations. Monitored, researched, and updated the ADHO website.

Research Data Alliance Aug. 2014 – Aug. 2015
US Resident

Supervisor: Dr. Francine Berman, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Graduate Research Assistant for the RDA/US leadership team, assisting with outreach projects, communication efforts, and research necessary for long term strategy development.

Time Inc. June – Aug. 2014
Digital Product Analyst/ UX Research

Manager: Manoj Shah, Technology & Product Engineering, New York, NY

Graduate Internship working collaboratively with a development team on a novel mobile reading experience. Analyzed current digital products, completed competitor research and audience surveys.

Anthropology Department, GWU Sept. 2011—May 2012
Administrative and Research Assistant

Supervisor: Dr. Stephen Lubkemann, Anthropology, The George Washington University

Provided administrative assistance and supported primary research on Diasporas in post-conflict societies by processing analytical frames, performing statistical analyses, and preparing data.

Anthropology Research Experience for Undergraduates

June – July 2011

NSF REU Researcher

Director: Dr. Beverly Davenport, Anthropology, University of North Texas

Independent research on the formation of social understanding in interactive, online communities.

Utilized conversation analysis, statistical testing, qualitative surveys, and content frequency mapping.

Teaching Experience

Lecturer

Department of Communication Arts, University of Alabama in Huntsville

CM 620 Advanced Research Methods	Spring 2018
CM 420/520 Public Relations Writing	Spring 2018
CM 113 Introduction to Rhetorical Communication (3 sections, 1 honors)	Fall 2017
CM 220 Introduction to Public Relations	Fall 2017
CM 313 Professional and Business Communication [Hybrid]	Summer 2017
CM 113 Introduction to Rhetorical Communication	Summer 2017
CM 552 User Centered Design	Spring 2017
CM 340 Digital Rhetoric	Spring 2017
CM 113 Introduction to Rhetorical Communication (2 sections, 1 honors)	Spring 2017
CM 113 Introduction to Rhetorical Communication (4 Sections)	Fall 2016

Guest Lecturer

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY

Professor Rebecca Rouse, Communication and Media

Course: Proposing and Persuading April 2015

Professor Nathan Fisk, Science and Technology Studies

Course: Internet & Law March 2013

Course: Youth & Teens Online Dec. 2012

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Aug. 2013 – May 2014

Professor Roger Grice, Communication and Media

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY

Courses: Foundations of HCI, Introduction to HCI

Novice Debate Education Coordinator

Sept. 2010 – May 2012

George Washington Parliamentary Debate Society

The George Washington University, Washington, DC

Statistics Tutor

Sept. 2010 – May 2012

The George Washington University, Washington, DC

Writing Preceptor and Teaching Assistant

Jan. 2011- May 2011

Dr. Catherine Timura, Writing in the Discipline Program

The George Washington University, Washington, DC

Course: Foundations in Anthropological Thought

Professional Service

Research Data Alliance

Co-Chair <i>Ethics and Social Aspects of Data Sharing</i> Interest Group	April 2015 – Current
8 th Plenary Newcomer's Session Co-organizer, Denver, Colorado	Sept. 2016
6 th Plenary Newcomer's Session Organizer, Paris, France	Sept. 2015
5 th Plenary Program Committee, San Diego, CA	March 2015
<i>Journal of Games Criticism</i>	Aug. 2013- 2016
Editorial Board Member - Press Editor	
Reviewer for:	
<i>Communication +1</i>	2016
National Communication Association <i>Student Section</i>	2016
National Communication Association <i>Human Computer Technology Division</i>	2015
Big Data, Ethics, and Society (BDES) Network	Jan. 2016
Member	
HASS <i>UnLearn</i> Event	Feb. 2013
Planning Committee and Participant	
George Washington Parliamentary Debate Society	
<i>Vice-President</i>	Aug. 2011 – May 2012
<i>Communication's Chair</i>	Aug. 2010 – July 2011
<i>Member-at-Large</i>	Jan. 2010 – July 2010

Other Writing

- Lanius, C. (2016, January 20). Big Data's Negligible Impact on Underserved Communities is Still Firmly Ignored. Guest post for *Cyborgology*. thesocietypages.org/cyborgology/2016/01/20/big-datas-negligible-impact-on-underserved-communities-is-still-firmly-ignored. View count: 487.
- Lanius, C. (2015, November 5). How Do We Talk About Ethics at a Tech Conference? Guest post for *Cyborgology*. thesocietypages.org/cyborgology/2015/11/05/how-do-we-talk-about-ethics-at-a-tech-conference. View count: 396.
- Lanius, C. (2015, May 5). The Hidden Anxieties of the Quantified Self Movement. Guest post for *Cyborgology*. thesocietypages.org/cyborgology/2015/05/05/the-hidden-anxieties-of-the-quantified-self-movement. View count: 714.
- Lanius, C. (2015, January 12). Fact Check: Your Demand for Statistical Proof is Racist. Guest post for *Cyborgology*. thesocietypages.org/cyborgology/2015/01/12/fact-check-your-demand-for-statistical-proof-is-racist. View count: 19,491

Technical Skills

Graphic Design for Scientific Applications

- Rhetoric of visual communication elements – contrast, scale, color, typography
- Visualization type selection – charts, tables, graphs, geospatial maps, networks, etc.
- Graphic software suites and data visualization platforms: Cytoscape, Science of Science (Sci2).
- Iterative design and validation with clients or user communities.

Human-Computer Interaction

- User centered interface design
- Static and dynamic interface prototyping
- Usability testing

- Client and community design validation
- Technical writing for documentation and introductory tutorials

Statistical Programming

- Statistical languages: SPSS, R, and SAS for both operational use and program management.
- Built automated statistical operators using Pascal:
- Basic literacy in programming languages: Python and CSS.

Survey Research and Research Design

- Survey building and coding: Qualtrics, Google forms, SurveyMonkey
- Qualitative data analysis: Atlas.ti
- Strong verbal and written communication

Professional Affiliations

Alliance for Digital Humanities Organizations

National Communication Association

Research Data Alliance

Rhetoric Society of America

Association for Computing Machinery

References

Available upon request.

Personal Interests

Amateur Runner

Rocket City Marathon, Huntsville, AL	Dec. 2017
Bridge Street Half Marathon, Huntsville, AL	April 2017
Heel and Crank Duathlon, Mooresville, AL	April 2017
Little River Canyon Half Marathon	Oct. 2016
Bridge Street Half Marathon, Huntsville, AL	April 2016
Rocket City Marathon, Huntsville, AL	Dec. 2015
Huntsville Half Marathon, AL	Nov. 2015
Monte Sano 15k, Huntsville, AL	Oct. 2015
Empire State Marathon, Syracuse, NY	Oct. 2014
ING Hartford Half Marathon, Hartford, CT	Oct. 2012