

New Faculty Colloquium

October 12, 2022 at 10 a.m. on Zoom



Jessica Yi-Yun Cheng

Jessica Yi-Yun Cheng is an assistant professor of Library and Information Science. She is interested in investigating how interoperability issues in taxonomies and metadata, may have implications towards data curation. Her work leverages conceptual modeling, qualitative reasoning, and logic-based methods for merging and aligning geographic and biodiversity taxonomies.



Youngrim Kim

Youngrim Kim is an assistant professor of Journalism and Media Studies. Kim studies the role of digital platforms and data-driven systems in relation to state institutions and governance. She examines how state institutions build and utilize digital technologies to manage complex governance challenges, especially in cases of imminent public health or environmental crises. Kim investigates how crisis response technologies reconfigure state-society relations.



Kristina Scharp

Kristina Scharp is an associate professor of Communication. Scharp's research meets at the intersection of interpersonal, family, and health communication with a particular focus on difficult family transitions and the process of marginalization. She most often examines marginalization in the contexts of relational/family distancing, complicated health diagnoses, and disenfranchised student populations.



Sarah Shugars

Sarah Shugars is an assistant professor of Communication and studies how everyday people talk about, engage with, and collectively shape the modern world around them. Bringing together computational communication and the principles of deliberative democracy, they develop new text & network methods in order to examine the relational nature of public life, the linguistic modes through which people express themselves, and the technological affordances which shape digital discourse.

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