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Education

2005: Doctorate in Design and Tech Studies, Harvard University

2002: M.S., Media Arts and Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

1998: B.S., Industrial Engineering, Stanford University (Graduate with Distinction)

Academic Employment

*2023-Present: Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, School of Education and Information Studies, UCLA

*2023-Present: Assistant Director of Community Engagement, DataX, UCLA

*2023-Present: Host and Creator Utopias Podcast (guests include Rep Ro Khanna, Kevin Roose (NY Times columnist), Dr. Cornel West, Andrew Yang, Maurice Mitchell (US Working Families Party director), and more.

2005-Present: Professor, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Department of Information Studies and Design|Media Arts (affiliated)

2015-Present: Director, UCLA Digital Cultures Lab
(<http://globaldigitalcultures.org>)

2012-2018: Associate Professor, University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Information Studies and Design|Media Arts (affiliated), and American Indian Studies (affiliated)

2022-Present: IDEO, Advisor on Designing for Community Initiative

2022-Present: Advisor, One Project Initiative

2019-Present: Stanford University, Digital Civil Society Lab Affiliate (Digital Action Research Network)

2019-Present: Civic Signals (dir: Eli Pariser) Advisory Committee Member

2022-Present: 2012 (September – December): Visiting Professor, Official Appointment, [Stanford University - Freeman-Spoegli Institute](#), Center for Direct Democracy and Rule of Law (CDDRL)

2012 (September – December): Visiting Professor, Official Appointment, UC Santa Cruz – Department of Digital Arts/New Media

2005-2012: Assistant Professor, Department of Information Studies (courtesy: Department of Design|Media Arts), University of California, Los Angeles.

2005: Lecturer - University of California at San Diego - Winter, 2004-2005: Designing Digital Environments for Culture and Community, Department of Ethnic Studies and College of Art, Culture and Technology.

2002–2005: Doctoral Research Fellow, Harvard University - Graduate School of Design

2004: Teaching Fellow, Harvard University - Dept. of Visual and Environmental Studies 61r: Physical Computing, Spring 2004

2003: Teaching Fellow, Harvard University - Dept. of Visual and Environmental Studies 60r: Digital Arts: Digital Expression, Fall 2003

2003: Teaching Fellow, Harvard University - Graduate School of Design 7301: Internet and Architecture, Spring 2003

2002: MIT Media Lab Asia Fellow

2000-2002: Research Fellow - MIT Media Laboratory, Cambridge, MA.

1998: Research Assistant – Organizational Ecology and Social Movement Analyses – Professors Susan Olzak and Michael Hannan – Stanford University, Department of Sociology and Graduate School of Business.

1997-1998: Research Assistant - Social Network Analysis, Stanford University. - Professor Mark Granovetter, Sociology Department

Policy/Advising

Srinivasan has informally advised or supported initiatives related to the United Nations Council on AI-Safety, Harris-Walz presidential committee (2024 - in discussion), Biden/Harris Innovation Policy Committee (2020), the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, Bernie Sanders' Campaign (2020), the ACLU, the New York Civil Liberties Union, Andrew Yang's initiative on Universal Basic Income, Congressman Ro Khanna (who cites his work extensively including in his recent award-winning book), Sen. Elizabeth Warren, Mark Warner, Anna Eshoo, and Tom Malinowski; Sens. Mark Warner and Mazie Hirono, Congresswoman Karen Bass (Mayor of Los Angeles and former chair of Congressional Black Caucus), NY Times columnist Thomas Friedman, Pulitzer-Prize winner Chris Hedges, Ralph Nader, Van Jones, Justin Rosenstein (inventor of Google Drive, Asana, and the Facebook 'like' button), David Axelrod (former Obama White house official), Facebook whistleblower Frances Haugan and Social Dilemma director Jeff Orlowski-Yang, Eli Pariser's New Public organization (author of the *Filter Bubble*), and numerous other prominent public figures. He is on the board (or adviser) of New Public, Digital Democracy, One

Project and other powerful organizations implementing and advocating for technology and democracy worldwide. He is also in constant dialogue with leading global intellectuals including Achille Mbembe, Noam Chomsky, Frances Fukuyama, Walter Mignolo, Cornel West, and more.

Honors/Awards

Beyond the Valley, Srinivasan's book with MIT press from October, 2019, was the press's top-selling book at time of release, was named a top 10 book of the year from Forbes Magazine among others and has garnered positive reviews from the Times of Higher Education, the Harvard Business Review, Engineering and Technology, and numerous other journals and magazines. Op-Eds and/or Interviews related to the book have been published with the Guardian, Washington Post, CNN, CNBC, the LA Times, Wired, the New York Times, Forbes, Jacobin, Orange County Register, KGO ABC News and numerous national and global media networks, including MSNBC, the PBS Newshour (via Hari Sreenivasan), National Geographic, WNYC, NPR, CBC, the BBC, Pod Save The People, Al Jazeera English, ESPN, NPR, The Young Turks, CBS, Democracy Now!. The book has been featured by UCLA Magazine and UCLA newsroom several times since release. Internationally in addition to those mentioned above he works closely and has published work with established and highly reputed media such as Folha Sao Paulo (Brazil), FAZ (Germany), The Wire (India), The Hindu (India), ABS-CIO news (the Philippines)

Beyond the Valley named Top 10 book of the year in Forbes Magazine (Tech) - <https://ampersand.gseis.ucla.edu/ramesh-srinivasan-beyond-the-valley-makes-forbes-top-10-tech-books-of-2019/>

Grants Received (all sole PI, except where *)

*National Endowment for Humanities	2024-2025	\$150,000
Waterhouse Family Institute Grant	2023-2024	\$4,000
UCLA Faculty Research Grants	2023-2024	\$10,000
UCLA Faculty Research Grants	2022-2023	\$9,000
UCLA Faculty Research Grants	2021-2022	\$2,500
National Science Foundation	2018-2021	\$444,534
UCLA Faculty Research Grants	2020-2021	\$7,200
UCLA Faculty Research Grants	2019-2020	\$1,500
Waterhouse Family Institute Grant	2017-2018	\$7,000
UCLA Faculty Research Grants	2016-2017	\$5,000

Michelson Family Foundation	2015-2016	\$25,000
Waterhouse Family Institute Grant	2015-2017	\$9,272
Diversity and Global Cultures, UCLA	2014-Present	\$10,000
UCLA Faculty Research Grants	2014-2015	\$2,000
UCLA Faculty Research Grants	2013-2014	\$8,770
UCLA Faculty Research Grants	2012-2013	\$8,700
National Science Foundation – 1057137- Science and Society Division	2011-2014	\$254,000
UCLA Faculty Research Grants	2010-2011	\$5,000
IMLS – Natl Leadership Grant	2009-2013	\$352,000
Google Grants	2008-2009	\$12,000
The Christensen Fund (research in Central Asia)	2007-2008	\$50,000
National Science Foundation 0621016 – Science and Society Division	2006-2009	\$300,000
California Institute for IT and Telecommunications (Cal IT2), ICT Development Research	2006-2007	\$20,500
UCLA Academic Senate	2006	\$10,000
The Christensen Fund	2006	\$20,000
UC Humanities Research Institute	2006–2008	\$20,000

Books

*Glimpses of Utopia, in preparation (for a major press, under discussion)

Beyond the Valley, MIT Press, October 28, 2019.

Whose Global Village?: Cross-Cultural Perspectives of Technology, NYU Press,
February 28, 2017

After the Internet, (with Adam Fish), Polity Press, in press (slated for publication
December, 2017).

Podcast

Srinivasan has launched the major digital society podcast *Utopias*, in mid October 2023. He has already interviewed leading figures including Dr. Cornel West, Dr. Sandeep Vaheesan and more.

Advisory Councils/Chairships

Chair: School of Education and Information Studies, Faculty Executive Committee (FEC)

DataX Assistant Director

Fulbright Reviewer, UCLA

Affiliated faculty with UCLA Design|Media Arts, and American Indian Studies Program

Refereed Scholarly Publications

*IEEE Spectrum accepted piece on Electronic Waste and Regenerative Digital Economies, in preparation.

2022: Srinivasan, R. and Ghosh, D. Policy and Internet, "A New Social Contract For Technology:", published online at
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/poi3.330>

2021: Ghosh, D. and Srinivasan, R. "The Future of Platform Power: Reigning in Big Tech", *Journal of Democracy* 32(3), pp. 163-167

2021: Parks, L, Srinivasan, R. and Aragon, D. "Digital Empowerment for Whom? An Analysis of 'Network Sovereignty' in Low-income, Rural Communities in Mexico and Tanzania", *Information Communication Society* (14), pp. 2140-2161

[1] Srinivasan, R. and Bloom, P. "Tech Barons Dream of A Better World - Without The Rest of Us", in: "Practicing Sovereignty in Times of Crisis", publisher TBA (MIT press in conversation with editors). Other contributors to book include Bruno Latour, Renata Avila and others.

*[2] 2018: Srinivasan, R. and Ramos, J. "Double Codes: Community Radio in Bolivia", *The Information Society* 34(5).

[3] 2014: Allen, D., Bailey, M., Carpentier, N., Fenton, N., Jenkins, H., Lothan, A., Qiu, J., Schafer, M., and Srinivasan, R.; *Participations: Dialogues on the Participatory Promise of Contemporary Culture and Politics*, *International Journal of Communication*, edited by Henry Jenkins and Nick Couldry.

[4] 2014: Seddon, J.S and Srinivasan, R. "Information and Ontologies: Challenges in Scaling Knowledge For Development", *Journal of the American Society of Information Science and Technology*. 65(6): 1124-1133.

- [5] 2014: Srinivasan, R. "What Tahrir Square Has Done For Social Media: A 2012 Snapshot in the Struggle for Political Power in Egypt, *The Information Society*, 30(1), pp. 71-80."
- [6] 2013: Srinivasan, R. "Re-thinking the Cultural Codes of New Media: The Question Concerning Ontology", *New Media and Society* 15(2): 203-223.
- [7] 2013: Srinivasan, R. "Bridges Between Cultural and Digital Worlds in Revolutionary Egypt", *The Information Society* 29(1): 49-60.
- [6] 2012: Juliano, L. and Srinivasan, R. "Tagging It: Considering how Ontologies limit the Reading of Identity", *International Journal of Cultural Studies*: 615-627.
- [7] 2012: Srinivasan, R. "Re-thinking Digital Cultures and Divides: The Case for Reflective Media", *The Information Society* 28(1)
- [8] 2012: Fish, A. and Srinivasan, R. "Digital Labor is the New Killer App ", *New Media and Society* 14(1): 137-52.
- [9] 2012: Srinivasan, R. and Fish, A. "Revolutionary Tactics, Media Ecologies and Repressive States ", *Public Culture* 23(3): 505-510.
- [10] 2011: Dalal, S., Khodyakov, D., Srinivasan, R., Straus, S. and Adams, J. "ExpertLens: A System for Eliciting Opinions from a Large Pool of Non-Collocated Experts with Diverse Knowledge", *Technology Forecasting and Social Change* 78(8): 1426-44.
- [11] 2009: Becvar, K. and Srinivasan, R. "Indigenous Knowledge and Culturally Responsive Methods in Information Research", *Library Quarterly* 79(4), p.421-441.
- [12] 2010: Srinivasan, R., Boast, R., Becvar, K., and Enote, J. "Diverse Knowledges and Contact Zones within the Digital Museum", *Science Technology and Human Values* 35(5), p.735-768.
- [13] 2009: Srinivasan, R., Boast, R., Furner, J. and Bevar, K. Digital Museums and Diverse Cultural Knowledges: Moving Past the Traditional Catalog, 25(4), *The Information Society*, p.265-278.
- [14] 2009: Srinivasan, Ramesh, Jim Enote, Katherine M. Becvar, and Robin Boast "Critical and reflective uses of new media technologies in tribal museums". *Museum Management and Curatorship*, 24(2): 161-181.
- [15] 2009: Srinivasan, R., Boast, R., Furner, J., and Becvar, K. "Blobjects: Digital Museum Catalogs and Diverse User Communities ", *Journal of the American Society of Information Science and Technology (JASIST)*, 60(4), p.666-678.
- [16] 2009: Srinivasan, R., Pepe, A., and Rodriguez, M. "A Clustering-Based Semi-Automated Technique to Build Cultural Ontologies", *Journal of the American Society of Information Science and Technology*, 60(3), p.608-620.
- [17] 2009: Srinivasan, R. and Fish, A. "Internet Authorship: Social and Political Implications Within Kyrgyzstan", *Journal of Computer Mediated Communication*, 14(3), p.559-580.

[18] 2007: Shilton, K., and Srinivasan, R., "Participatory Appraisal and Arrangement for Multicultural Archival Collections", *Archivaria* 63, p.87-101.

[19] 2007: Srinivasan, R. and Pyati, A. "Diasporic Information Environments: Reframing Immigrant-focused Information Research", *Journal of the American Society of Information Science and Technology*, 58(12), 1734-1744.

[20] 2007: Mehra, B., and Srinivasan, R. "The Library-Community Convergence Framework for Community Action: Libraries as Catalysts of Social Change", *Libri*, 57(3), p.123-139.

[21] 2007: Boast, R., Bravo, M. and Srinivasan, Ramesh, "Return to Babel: Emergent Diversity, Digital Resources, and Local Knowledge", *The Information Society*, 23(5), 395-403

[22] 2007: Srinivasan, Ramesh, "Ethnomethodological Architectures: Information Systems Driven by Cultural and Community Visions", *Journal of the American Society of Information Science and Technology*, 58(5), 723-733.

[23] 2006: Srinivasan, Ramesh, "Where Information Society and Community Voice Intersect", *The Information Society*, 22(5), 355-365.

[24] 2006: Srinivasan, Ramesh, "Indigenous, ethnic, and cultural Articulations of Media", *International Journal of Cultural Studies*, 9(4), 497-518.

[25] 2005: Srinivasan, Ramesh and Huang, Jeffrey- "Fluid ontologies for digital museums", *International Journal on Digital Libraries*, special issue on Digital Museums 5(3), 193-204

[26] 2004: Srinivasan, Ramesh - "Reconstituting the Urban through Community-Articulated Digital Environments", *Journal of Urban Technology* 11(2), p.93-111.

[27] 2004: Srinivasan, Ramesh - "Knowledge architectures for cultural narratives", *Journal of Knowledge Management*, 8(4), p.65-74.

Other Published Material (Peer-reviewed Chapters, Conference Proceedings)

[28] 2009: Wallack, J.S. and Srinivasan, R. "The Local and the Global – Reconciling Mismatched Ontologies in Development Information Systems" – Hawaii International Conference on Systems Sciences (HICSS 09), p. 1-10, IEEE press.

[29] 2009: Williams, R., Grenersen, P. Edwards, B., and Srinivasan, R., "Documentation and Communication in Aboriginal/ Indigenous communities", in the Proceedings of ASIST 2009 46(1), 1-3.

[30] 2008: Chu, C., Fisher, K., Srinivasan, R., Caidi, N., Allard, D. and DeChief, D., "ICT-Mediated Diaspora Studies: New Directions in Immigrant Information Behavior Research", in the Proceedings of ASIST 2008 45(1), 1-5.

[31] 2008: Srinivasan, Ramesh - "How does one do qualitative internet research that has global relevance? : A critical response", in "Internet Inquiry: Dialogue Among Scholars." (eds. Nancy Baym and Anette Markham), Sage Press.

[32] 2008: Srinivasan, R., "Digital Public Spaces: Implications toward Cultural Memory and Participation", in the proceedings of CATAC (Cultural Attitudes toward Technology and Communication) 2008.

[33] 2006: Srinivasan, R. , "A challenging view on the future of global knowledge sharing", in The Swiss Development News (EZA)

[34] 2006: Srinivasan, R., and Shilton, K., "'The South Asian Web': An Emerging Community Information System in the South Asian Diaspora" ACM Proceedings of the Participatory Design Conference (2006), ACM Press (August 2006), <http://pdc2006.org/>.

[35] 2005: Srinivasan, Ramesh - "Revolutionizing Information Architectures within Learning-focused web sites" in E-learning and Virtual Science Centers , pp. 215-27, (Idea Group Information Science Publishing, eds: Hin L.T.W and Subramaniam, R.)

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[37] Catalani, C., Castaneda, D., Srinivasan, R. and Spielberg, F. "Designing Community-Centered Health Information Technology for HIV Prevention in India., Journal of Health Communication.

Older Theses and Refereed Conference Publications (Proceedings)

2006: Srinivasan, Ramesh - "Reinvoking Culture and Context in Digital Libraries and Museums" - In Proceedings of the Information Architecture Summit (ASIS), 4/2006 - Vancouver, Canada

2005: Srinivasan, Ramesh, "Communities and Cultural Differentiation: Issues of Ontologies, Metadata, and Knowledge Representation" - In Proceedings of 4S conference, 9/2005 - Los Angeles, CA, USA

2004: Srinivasan, Ramesh - "Tribal Peace - Preserving the Cultural Heritage of Dispersed Native American Communities", In the Proceedings of International Conference Cultural Heritage and Informatics (ICHIM), 9/2004 - Berlin, Germany

2003: Srinivasan, Ramesh - "Articulating the Digital Environment via Community-Generated Ontologies", In the Proceedings of Digital Cities 9/03, (Springer-Verlag) Amsterdam

2004: Srinivasan, Ramesh - "Mediation: Indigenous Ontologies and Design" - In proceedings of the 4S EASST 9/2004 Paris, France

2003: Srinivasan, Ramesh - "Village Voice: A methodology, interface, and evaluation of the collection of cultural heritage material", In the Proceedings of International Conference Cultural Heritage and Informatics (ICHIM), 9/2003 - Paris, France

2003: Srinivasan, Ramesh - "Village Voice: An architecture for online community exhibitions", In the Proceedings of Museums and the Web 4/03, Charlotte

2001: Srinivasan, Ramesh, et. al., "PhotoGlas," In the Proceedings of Conference on Semiotics in Games and New Media 9/01, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Media Appearances, Articles, and Coverage (full links to most of the below found via rameshsrinivasan.org/press)

Srinivasan has either written for or had his work featured by the *New York Times*, *the Washington Post*, *the LA Times*, *CBS Sunday Morning*, *CNN*, *NPR*, *The Guardian*, *Salon*, *Jacobin*, *The Young Turks*, *MSNBC*, *BBC*, *Democracy Now*, *ESPN*, *Radio Pacifica*, *Public Radio International*, *Wired*, *Quartz*, *the Financial Times*, *Coindesk*, *the World Economic Forum*, *the Chronicle of Higher Education*, and dozens of other prominent international publications. He is a frequent host/commentator in particular for Al Jazeera English in its international main show coverage as well as The Young Turks.

Please consult for more details:

<http://rameshsrinivasan.org/media> and <http://rameshsrinivasan.org/articles-2>

Board Member

2023 - Digital Democracy Organization (digital-democracy.org), Member of Board of Directors.

Keynotes And Plenaries

WebSummit 2024 Keynote (forthcoming) - Lisbon, Portugal - November 10, 2024

IC3 Keynote (International Conference on Future of Education) - AI and the Bermuda Triangle - August 28, 2024 (with US ambassador Eric Garcetti)

Thyagaraja College of Business - Madurai, India - Digital Economies of Present and Future - June 13, 2024

ISTE Keynote - New Utopias - Digital Futures for Teachers and Learners - June 25 and 26, 2024

Future of Work Conference Berlin Keynote - AI, Labor and Digital Futures - #FutureWork - June 20, 2024

Re:publica Digital Futures Conference, Berlin, - The Limits of Calculation and Datafication - May 26, 2024

Fire On The Mountain, University of Colorado Invited Conference Keynote, January 2024.

TEDGateway 2024 - Mumbai, India, in discussion.

TED 2024 (under consideration, in discussion with curators)

Web Summit Plenary/Keynote, Lisbon - November 2023

World with Purpose Keynote, Dubai - November 2023

Huntington Library - on the Future of AI, invited keynote - November 2023.

For the Protection of All Beings Plenary, Goethe Institute-City Lights San Francisco Plenary Speech, October 2023

Zocalo Public Square Plenary Speaker/Moderator - On the State of Surveillance, September 2023

University of Pennsylvania Annenberg School - April 2023, Invited Panelist/Presenter, Democratizing the Internet: Pipes, Platforms, Possibilities.

Javeriana University, Bogota, Invited Keynote on Digital Societies and Latin America, March, 2023.

ChatGPT UCLA Townhall Invited Plenary Speaker - February 2023

iHub Nairobi, Kenya	October, 2022
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WISER (University of Witwatersrand)	September, 2022
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Darjeeling ThinkTank on Indian Tech Futures	August, 2022
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The Tosepan Community Network Initiative	July, 2022
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The Warsaw Biennale Invited Keynote	June, 2022
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UCLA Event with Frances Haugen and Jeff Orlowski Yang (Dir. Social Dilemma), April 2022

Masters of Social Sciences Colloquium Lecture, UCLA, February 2021

UCLA Alumni Network Lecture and Interview	Jan 9, 2021
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UC Santa Barbara Center for IT and Society	Jan 7, 2021
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UCLA Department of Information Studies Colloquium	Jan 7, 2021
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The African American Financial Professionals Meeting 2020 with fmr DNC chairwoman Donna Brazile	Nov 19, 2020
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UCLA Arts - What is Hope? (with Herbie Hancock)	Nov 2, 2020
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Yale University (Prof. Marijeta Bozovic)	October 27, 2020
USC Iovine and Young Academy (Dr. Dre)	October 16, 2020
The Economist Innovation Summit (Chicago)	March, 2020
Digital Life and Design (DLD) 2020 (Munich, Germany)	January, 2020
Internets of the World (Copenhagen, Denmark)	December, 2019
AI and African Futures (Cape Town, South Africa)	November, 2019
City Lights Bookstore (San Francisco w/ congressional candidate Shahid Buttar)	November, 2019
MIT Press Invited Keynote/Bookstore	November, 2019
NYU Institute for Public Knowledge (with Eric Klinenberg)	October, 2019
Big Data and Beyond the Valley with renowned author Cathy O'Neil	October, 2019
Chicago Ideas Festival Invited Speaker	October, 2019
Pocket Democracy (Thomas Mann House, Seattle)	October, 2019
Diversity, Technology and Inclusion (Atlanta, NMDSC)	October, 2019
Automation, Algorithms and FinTech (Atlanta CAAFP)	August, 2019
University of Pennsylvania Annenberg School Katz Colloquium	March, 2019
Indiana University Department of Informatics	March, 2019
Villanova University (Philadelphia)	March, 2019
Temple University (Philadelphia)	March, 2019
Moral Code: Art of the Algorithm (UCLA w/ Thomas Mann House)	May, 2019

****Was on leave due to injury in 2018-2019***

Invited UNESCO Forum plenary speaker (Guanajuato, Mexico)	September, 2017
Odyssey Media Forum / Keynote Speaker	May, 2017
Plenary Speaker, Transforming Hollywood	May, 2017
Plenary Speaker – Law, Policy, and Justice (Bangalore, India)	April, 2017
Keynote Speaker – International Council on Museums meeting	July, 2016

(Session on Human Rights and Museums, Milan, Italy)

Keynote Speaker – Middle East Monitor Meeting (Istanbul, Turkey) May, 2016

Invited Chancellor's Society Speaker, San Francisco September, 2015

Plenary IGNITE Speaker, Digital Media and Learning 2015 June, 2015

Plenary Speaker, Communication and Postcolonial Justice March, 2015
Villanova University

Invited Panelist/Consultant, United Nations, Timbuktu Renaissance February, 2015
(Timbuktu, Mali) – on media and the Islamic/Sahel world

Invited Panelist, Brookings Institute, US-Islamic Forum June, 2014
Doha, Qatar

UCHRI, Invited Speaker, WISER Johannesburg, S. Africa meeting March, 2014
On Secrecy, Surveillance, Control

Invited Keynote Lecture, Technology, Information and December, 2013
Culture Institutions, NODEM Conference, Stockholm, Sweden

Invited Chancellor's Faculty Speaker, UCLA November,
2013
"On the Road Program", Palo Alto, CA

Plenary Panelist, "Whose Change is it Anyway?" March, 2013

Digital Media and Learning Conference (DML 2013), Chicago

Keynote Lecture February 7, 2013
"Digital Media as a Bridge Between Heritage and the Everyday"
Reshaping the World Through Art and Heritage Conference, Ostersund, Sweden.

Keynote Lecture: "Social Media and Global Culture", March, 2012
Denmark Association Of Museums 2013 Conference, Nyborg, Denmark

Invited Keynote Speaker, National Endowment for the Humanities August, 2011
Symposium on Digital Humanities Summer 2011 workshop,
University of Southern California

Invited Keynote Lecture, MERGE meeting, April, 2011
"Rewriting the Cultural Codes and Futures of New Media", UNC Greensboro.

Invited Lectures and Presentations

Invited Speaker, "Technology and Globalization", Delegation from Communication
University China, California State University, Long Beach, August 19, 2015

Invited Lecture, "Coding, Designing, and Revolution-Making: Digital Cultures on the Margins", July 27, 2015. The Indian International Centre, New Delhi, India.

Invited Lecture, "Indigenous Peoples and Community Technologies", July 17, 2015, University Catholica Bolivia, La Paz, Bolivia

Invited Workshop Panelist, "Archives and Activism", Art of the Archive, UC Davis, May, 2015

Invited Lecture, University College London, "Digital Cultures and Design Practices", Departments of Digital Anthropology and Interaction Design. March, 2015

Invited Lecture, HackLab Bolivia, "Latin American Software Libre", La Paz, Bolivia, October 21, 2014

Invited Lecture, "Digital Memory and Community Identity", Ciudad de La Imagination, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, October 5, 2014

Invited Speaker and Participant, "Tahrir Square's Legacies", Encuentro 2014: Performance and Activism, Hemispheric Institute New York University, June 21-28, 2014

Invited Lecture, School of Media Studies, "Whose Internet? Thinking About Global Futures", The New School for Social Research, New York. April 28, 2014

Invited Lecture, "Performance and Media: New Pathways", The Yes Lab! (with the Yes Men), New York University, April 27, 2014

Invited Lecture, "Subversion and Appropriation: Topics in Technoculture", Lancaster University, Department of Sociology, April 1, 2014

Invited Lecture, "Museums, Archives and Digital Cultures", University of Amsterdam – School of Media Studies, March 30, 2014

Invited Lecture, "Politics, Autonomy and Social Change: Tibet and China," Dharamsala, India, August 26, 2013 (for the Tibetan Central Administration/Government in exile)

Invited Lecture, "Beyond the Great Firewall: New Media and Digital Culture for the Tibetan Diaspora," Dharamsala, India. August 19, 2013 (for a set of journalists, scholars and activists in India)

Invited Lecture, "New Models for Databases, Classifications, and Communities," Kathmandu, Nepal, Khaarkhana Thinktank, July 22, 2013

Invited Lecture, "Designing for Social Justice," Srishti School of Art and Design, Bangalore, India, July 2, 2013

Invited Lecture, "Revolutionary Media," Center for Internet and Society, Bangalore, India, June 30, 2013

Invited Lecture, "Journalism and Activism in Contemporary Egypt," Mosireen and International Media Support Network, Cairo, Egypt, June 25, 2013

Department of Information Studies Colloquium and Center for Society and Genetics, UCLA, Presenter and Respondent (with Catherine Bliss), "Diverse Ontologies and Networked Dissent: Tales from the Globe," May 2, 2013

Invited Lecture, "What Tahrir Square Has Done for Social Media," Stanford University, Program on Liberation Technology, March 14, 2013

Invited Speaker, "Technology, Power and Revolutions," The Hemispheric Institute of NYU, San Cristobal De Las Casas, Mexico, December 14, 2012

Invited Speaker, Digital Religion meeting, Religion in the Digital Age: Media, Performance and "Spectacular Activism," New York University, "Tahrir's Networks of Faith," June 25, 2012

Invited Senior Speaker, Ambassador School of Global Leadership, Los Angeles, June, 2012

Invited Speaker, Remembering Turing Conference, UCLA, May 28, 2012

Invited Speaker, Stanford University, Technology and South Asia Workshop, May 27, 2012.

Invited Panelist, Building Digital Collaborations Between Museums, Archaeologists, and Indigenous Communities, WebWise 2012, Baltimore Maryland, March 2012

Invited Speaker, RFK Community High School, Media Arts Program, January 12, 2012

Invited Keynote Lecture – Social Media and Global Culture – Denmark Association of Museums, Nyborg, Denmark. March 2012

Invited Lecture, National Endowment for the Humanities Workshop, University of Southern California, August 3, 2011

Invited Lecture, Professor Henry Jenkins, Civic Media Symposium, Annenberg School, University of Southern California, March 2011

Invited Plenary Speaker – Rupture and Flow: The Circulation of Technoscientific Facts and Objects, University of Indiana, April 2011

Invited Keynote Lecture – A digitally diverse future, MERGE Lecture - UNC Greensboro, April 2011

Invited Panelist – Chicago – National Science Foundation, New Configurations of the Virtual and Real, Chair: Geof Bowker and Ronald Cox, March 2011

Invited Speaker, Technology @ State, United States State Department – "Open Standards and Open Networks", February 2011

Invited Plenary Chair – Open Video Conference, Open Video in India, New York, October 2010

Invited Keynote Lecture – MyLanguage – Culturally Diverse Populations, Digital Media and Social Inclusion, National Library of Australia, Sydney, Australia. August, 2010

Invited Panelist – Re-imagining the Archive, University of California Los Angeles, November, 2010

Invited Speaker – Digital Religion, New York University, Center for Religion, Culture, and Media, March 2010, Luce Foundation

Invited Panelist – Georgia Institute of Technology – National Science Foundation Workshop on 'Computing at the Margins', February 2010

Invited Panelist – Palo Alto Research Center (PARC), National Science Foundation Workshop on Technology-Mediated Social Participation, December, 2009 (directed by Ben Shneidermann and Jenny Preece)

Invited Speaker – 2009 - Animating Archives: Making New Media Matter, Brown University, Department of Modern Culture and Media (Mellon Foundation Initiative)

Invited Speaker - ASIST, 2009 – Indigenous Approaches Toward Documentation, Vancouver, Canada

Invited Speaker – Culture, Information, and New Media – Natural History Museum, London, ESRC Initiative on "Cybergenomics and the Order of Things", 2009

I-Conference Speaker/Paper Presentation, 2009, Mismatched Ontologies and ICT Information Systems, Paper Presentation, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

Invited Speaker, Ethnography By Design, UC Irvine – Hosted by George Marcus

Plenary Session Speaker – HASTAC II: Techno-Travels and TeleMobility (with Katherine Hayles, Anna Everett)

Invited Speaker – Worldmaking in an Age of New Media, University of Wisconsin

Invited Workshop Participant – Networking Visual Culture, Annenberg Center, USC, 2008

Invited campus-wide speaker, UCLA, Interdisciplinarity and Information: Global Cultures

Invited Speaker – The Hewlett Foundation: Web 2.0 and Open Resources – with Kevin Kelley, and others

Invited Speaker – LAPnet – "How can preservation meet Participation", Annual Meeting, 2008

4SEASST Conference 2008, Invited Paper Presentation: "Envisioning Grassroots Digital Spaces", Panel: Mere Innovation (organizer: Lucy Suchman and Cori Hayden)

4SEASST Conference 2008, Organizer and Chair: "Engaging Publics: Configuring Community as Mediated Places" (with Alberto Pepe, Lilly Nguyen and Lucy Suchman)

CATAC Conference 2008 (Cultural Attitudes toward Technology and Communication), "Digital Public Spaces: Implications toward Cultural Memory and Participation", Nimes, France, June 2008.

Social Tagging, Digital Contact Zones, and Indigenous Media: Reflections, Cambridge University (UK), CRASSH 2008

Invited Speaker: "Worldmaking in an Age of New Media" - UWM, April 2008

"Interdisciplinarity and Information: Global Cultures", Center for Information as Evidence, UCLA, March 2008

Guest Lecture, "What is participatory in community archives?" - UCLA, Prof. Mary Maack, IS 207

Panelist, Information Studies Roundtable, "Information Institutions and Professions", 2007-08

Panelist, Information Studies Roundtable, "Information Retrieval", 2007-08

Bridging Discourses: Exploring the Relationship between Information Technology and International Development, The I-Conference, 2008, UCLA (with Tapan Parikh, and Steven Jackson)

Culture at the Interface: Collaborative Design and Information Management with Indigenous Communities: The I-Conference, 2008, UCLA (with Kim Christen and Craig Dietrich)

"Emergent Media and Embedded Cultures - Technology Development Possibilities" - California Institute for Information Technology (CALIT2), February 1, 2008

Guest Lecture, "System Design - Using Ethnography and Ethnomethodology" - UCLA, Prof. Christine Borgman, IS 282, January 2008

Guest Lecture, "Culture and Information: Re-focusing the parameters" - UCLA, Prof. Leah Lievrouw, December 2007

The Berkman Center for Internet and Society, Harvard University, November 2007.

Center for Future Civic Media, MIT, November, 2007

Guest Lecture, "Activism, Communities, and New Media" - UCLA, Prof. Jean-Francois Blanchette

The Sarai Institute For Critical and Cultural Media Studies, New Delhi, India, August 2007

"Rural Transformation via Intelligent Information Technologies" - The Satyam Corporation, Hyderabad, India, July 2007

"The Economics of Localized Community Technologies" - Institute for Financial Management and Research, Madras, IIT, India, July 2007

Invited Speaker - The Indian Institute of Technology, Madras - India: Thinking about Culture in ICT Development Schemes: Lessons from India, July 2007

Invited Lecture: New Network Theory - "Information Societies with Locally-grounded Systems", Amsterdam, June 2007

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Media in Transition Conference: "Envisioning Cross-Cultural Grassroots Digital Spaces", April 2007

Invited Speaker, Northwestern University "Technology and Social Behavior Colloquium Series, "Cross-cultural discourses and digital systems: Reciprocal Interactions", May 2007

University of Illinois, Graduate School of Information Sciences, "Community Informatics in Global Systems", May 2007

"E-diaspora: Reconciling the Local and Global" - The Metropolis Conference Panel on Immigration, Social Inclusion and Information Technologies, March 4, 2007

"Culture and Information - Interdisciplinary Methods to Impact Socioeconomic Agendas" - University of Toronto, Faculty of Information Studies, March 1, 2007

"Folksonomies, Tags, and Socially Constructed Digital Publishing", Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers, London, April 2007

Invited Lecture, "The Digital City and its Cultural Flows," National University of Singapore, December, 2006

Guest Lecture, "Computers and Education" – UCLA, Prof. Noel Enyedy, December 2006

Human Diversity and Social Inclusion in the I-World, Invited Presentation, The I-Conference, University of Michigan, October 2006

Invited Manship Award Lecture – Louisiana State University – Departments of Communication Studies and Design Studies, October 2006

Invited Lecture – "Development and Knowledge Connectivity: The President's PURA vision", Tanjore, India (President APJ Abdul Kalam of India's PURA visit) – July 2006

Invited Lecture – ICTs and Development – Community Perspectives, The Byrraju/Satyam Foundation, Hyderabad, India – July 2006

Invited lecture - "Grassroots IT-facilitated Development", Microsoft Research Corporation, Bangalore, India – July 2006

Invited Lecture – "Developing Organizationally-tailored information systems", The Infosys Corporation, Bangalore, India – July 2006

The California State University (CSU)-India Knowledge Commission Educational Research Summit, June 1, 2006

The US-India Summit on Information Technology, Science, and Research (co-hosted by the Indian Ministry of Science and Technology and University of California), May 31, 2006

Urban Sensing Summit - 'Cultural Flows in the Digital Sensing Environment' - REMAP - Invited Speaker, UCLA, May 2006

The World Bank E-Development Sector, Invited Public Lecture - April 13, 2006

Course Lecture, "Database Aesthetics," Department of Design|Media Arts, UCLA, April 25, 2006

Guest Lecture, "Audiovisual Archiving in the 21st Century," UCLA, April 19, 2006

Information Architecture Summit - "Reinvoking Culture and Context in Digital Libraries and Museums" - Vancouver, Canada, April 2006

Public Colloquium Lecture, Department of Information Studies, UCLA, March 9, 2006

Public Lecture, Department of Anthropology and Media Studies, New York University, November 2005

Public Invited Lecture, Department of Design|Media Arts, UCLA (<http://dma.ucla.edu/events/calendar.php?ID=393>), November 8, 2005

Guest Lecture, "Site Specifics," UCLA, Mark Hansen, STAT 260

4S (Social Studies of Science Annual Conference/Meeting) - Panel moderator and presenter: "Communities and Cultural Differentiation: Issues of Ontologies and MetaData"

Invited Lecture -Kozemetsky Global Collaboratory - Knowledge, Beliefs, Institutions - Hyderabad and Madurai, India, Stanford University, August 2005

Public Colloquium Lecture, Center for Study on Race and Ethnicity, UC San Diego, May 2005

Public Lecture, Department of Culture and Media Colloquium, New York University, May 2005

Public Lecture, Department of Information Studies, UCLA, March 2005

School of Information and Library Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, March 2005

Grady College of Communication, University of Georgia, February 2005

Department of Communication, UC San Diego, February 2005

Department of Art and Visual Studies, Sewanee College, February 2005

Galerie Der Forschung (Scientific Research), Vienna, Austria, December 2004

National Museum of Australia, Conference on Communities and Museums, Canberra, Australia, November 2004

Department of Communication and Kozmetsky Global Collaboratory Effort, Stanford University, November 2004

Library of Congress, American Folklife Center, Washington, DC, September 2004

Public Lecture with Bruno Latour, Ecole Des Mines, Paris, France, September 2004

Public Lecture, Department of Anthropology, UC Santa Cruz, May 2004

Public Lecture, Department of Anthropology, University of Madras and National Folklore Society of India (Chennai, India), August 2004

Public Lecture, Sixth College Honors Seminar, UC San Diego, April 2004

Doctoral Seminar Public Lecture, "Digital Culture, Space, and Society," Harvard Graduate School of Design, January 2004

Public Lecture, National Communication Scholars Meeting, Boston, October 2003

Invited Keynote Speaker, National Museum of Australia, August 2002

MIT Media Lab Europe E-Communities Meeting, Dublin, Ireland, December 2001

Editorial Services to Scholarly Publications and Professional Associations
(e.g., serving as a reviewer or editor)

Reviewer, MIT Press

Reviewer, NYU Press.

National Science Foundation Panel Reviews, CRISP Interdisciplinary Program, 2016-2017

National Science Foundation Ad Hoc Reviewer, SBE Directorate, 2012-Present

Information Communication Technologies and Development 2017 Programme Committee Member

Smithsonian Institution, Book Reviewer, Museums and Indigenous Peoples in the Digital Age, 2016.

Political Philosophy Journal Reviewer, 2019-Present

Information Communication Technologies and Development 2016 Programme Committee Member

Information, Communication and Society Journal Reviewer, 2014-Present

Journal of Computer Mediated Communication Reviewer, 2015-Present.

Indigenous Communities and Museums, Smithsonian Institution, Book Reviewer, 2015-Present.

American Society of Information Science and Technology, 2015, Paper Reviewer

MIT Press, Book Reviewer, 2014-Present

Yale University Press, Book Reviewer, 2013-Present.

Cambridge University Press, Book Reviewer, 2012-Present.

NYU Press, Book Reviewer, 2014-Present

Public Culture Journal Reviewer, 2014-Present

The Information Society Journal Reviewer, 2013-Present

Information Technologies and International Development Reviews, 2014-Present.

I-Schools Conference, 2014, Program Committee Member and Reviewer

American Society of Information Science and Technology, 2014, Program Committee Member and Associate Paper Reviewer

Program Committee Member, Conference on Information Communication Technologies and Development (ICTD) 2013. Capetown, South Africa

Invited Career Day Speaker, 2012, Ambassador School of Global Leadership (High School and Middle School), Los Angeles, CA

Reviewer, The Sociological Quarterly

Program Committee Member, 2012, International Conference on Weblogs and Social Media, Dublin, Ireland

I-Conference 2010 Program Committee Member, University of Washington I-School Associate Editor, "Open Development and ICTs for Development", IDRC, Ottawa, Canada

ASIST 2011 – Economic, Political and Social Issues Track, Committee Member (chairs: Nadia Caidi and Steven Jackson)

Advisory Board Member, Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), Initiative in Media Arts and Education, 2010-Present

Invited Reviewer/Panelist, National Science Foundation, Division of Social and Economic Sciences (2010-present)

Editorial Board Member, Catalyst – A Journal of Technoscience and Feminism.

Editorial Board Member, Science, Technology and Human Values (Sage Press)

Editorial Board Member, International Journal of E-Politics

Editorial Board Member, Information Technologies and International Development Journal (ITID) – MIT Press

Reviewer, Museum Anthropology (editor: Jennifer Shannon and Cynthia Chavez)

Reviewer, New Media and Society (editor: Steve Jones)

Reviewer, Journal of the American Society of Information Science and Technology (editor: Blaise Cronin)

Reviewer, Library Quarterly (editor: Paul Jaeger)

Reviewer, City and Community (ed: Hilary Silver)

Reviewer, SigDev Conference 2010 – ICTs and Development (editor: Bonnie Nardi)

Reviewer, Science Technology and Human Values. (editors: Geoffrey Bowker and S.L Star)

Reviewer, Information Processing and Management (editor: Tefko Saracevic and Fabio Crestani)

Reviewer, Journal of Documentation (editor: David Bawden)

Reviewer, AAAI (American Association and Artificial Intelligence) Editorial Society

Reviewer, Information Systems Journal (editor: RueyLin Hsiao, National University Singapore)

Reviewer, Journal of Computer Mediated Communication

Reviewer, CSCW (ACM, Computer Supported Cooperative Work), 2007-08

Reviewer, HICSS (Hawaii IEEE International Conference on Systems Sciences)

Programme Committee Member: CATAC, Cultural Attitudes toward Technology and Communication, 2008

Invited Reviewer and Panelist, National Science Foundation – Division of Information and Intelligent Systems (2007, 2008, 2009)

Invited Workshop Speaker at NSF-sponsored Technology and Social Participation Meeting, at Xerox PARC – Palo Alto, December, 2009

Associated Editor, IDRC Canada (World Bank), ICTs, Openness, and International Development, IDRC Press, Forthcoming

General Skills and Interests

Ethnography, design, social capital, developmental economics, digital labor, intellectual property, social movements, social network analysis, statistical modelling, ontologies, videography

Extensive Field Experience Within:

- Africa (Egypt, South Africa, Namibia, Kenya, Ethiopia, Botswana, Zambia, Tanzania, Mozambique)
- Asia (India, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Turkey)
- Central and Latin America (Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, Honduras, Belize)
- Australasia, Micronesia, Melanesia (Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Fiji)
- Europe (NL, Germany, Ireland, France, Russia, U.K, Italy, Belgium, Belarus, Greece, Poland, Czech Republic)

Languages spoken: English, Spanish, Tamil, Dutch/Nederlandse, Russian