

Christopher Parsons

Curriculum Vitae

Department of Political Science
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PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Citizenship: Canadian
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EDUCATION

- University of Victoria, 2008 – Present (in progress). PhD in Political Science. Advisor: Dr. Colin Bennett.
- University of Guelph, 2006 – 2007. Master's Program in Philosophy. Thesis: *Technology, Communication, and Western Pluralistic Democracies: Realigning Privacy to Facilitate Citizen-Solidarity*. Advisor: Dr. Omid Payrow Shabani.
- University of Guelph, 2001 – 2006. Bachelor of Arts Honours (2006). Thesis: *Sovereignty and Solidarity: Exploring the Citizen-Sovereign Relationship in Kant and Habermas*. Advisor: Dr. Omid Payrow Shabani.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- Surveillance and Privacy Studies, Critical Theory, Digital Theory, Comparative Politics

REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

- Critical Digital Studies Workshop
Paper: "Moving Online: Your Packets, Your ISP, Your Identity"
June 5, 2009
- (inter)disciplinarity: theory & crisis
Paper: "The Ontological Crisis of Melancholia: Searching for Foundations in the Ether of Cyberspace"
March 7, 2009

NON-REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

- Deep Packet Inspection Roundtable
Paper: "Deep Packet Inspection: Heuristics, Transparency, and the Canadian Situation"
June 18, 2009
- University of Guelph Teaching Assistant Conference

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Topic: "New Online Tools for TAs: Web 2.0 possibilities and pitfalls"
September 6, 2007

- University of Guelph Master's Student Seminar Conference
Topic: The Besieged Nation-State and the Internet: Managing digital networks and realizing their political potential
April 10, 2007.
- University of Guelph Undergraduate Society Conference
Topic: "Care: A Model for Ethical Behaviour"
Fall 2005.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

- University of Guelph "Identity and its Roots"
Title: Principle Conference Organizer
May 2008

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Victoria, Research Assistant

- Deep Packet Inspection: Resources for the Analysis of Privacy Implications in Canada; Dr. Colin Bennett supervising, 2009 – Present
- New Transparency Project, Dr. Colin Bennett supervising, 2008 – Present

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Guelph, Teaching Assistant

- Introductory and Social and Political Philosophy, 2007
- Ethics, 2007
- Introductory Social and Political Philosophy, 2006

AWARDS /FUNDING

- The 2009 Canadian Telecom summit (private scholarship), 2009
- Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS), 2009-2012
- Conference Travel Grant (University of Victoria Office of Graduate Studies), 2009
- Conference Travel Grant (Critical Digital Studies Workshop), 2009
- Forster Medal (University-level award): College of Arts Nominee, 2008

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- University of Guelph, College of Social and Applied Human Science
Title: Computer Lab Technician
2008
- University of Guelph, College of Social and Applied Human Sciences
Title: Networking Assistant
2007 – 2008
- Dr. Omid A. Payrow Shabani
Title: Copyeditor
May 2008
- University of Guelph, College of Social and Applied Human Sciences
Title: Senior Computer Lab Assistant
2006 - 2007
- Dr. Omid A. Payrow Shabani
Title: Copyeditor
October 2007

Texts Edited

James Tully. 2007. 'The Practice of Law-Making and the Problem of Difference: An Introduction to the Field', in Omid Payrow Shabani (ed.), *Multiculturalism and Law*. Cardiff: University of Wales Press.

Jürgen Habermas. 2007. 'The Kantian Project of the Constitutionalization of International Law: Does it Still have a Chance?', in Omid Payrow Shabani (ed.), *Multiculturalism and Law*, Cardiff: University of Wales Press.

Omid Payrow Shabani. 'Post-Secular thinking about the Role of Religion in Democratic Politics', Summer 2008.

MEMBERSHIPS AND ACCREDITATIONS

Memberships

- American Political Science Association, 2008 – Present
- International Association of Privacy Professionals, 2007 – Present
- Canadian Philosophical Association, 2006 – 2009

Accreditations

- College of Arts Teaching Practicum: Level I (University of Guelph), 2007