

Christopher Parsons

Curriculum Vitae

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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.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Social, ethical, and political dimensions of networking technologies used by telecommunications providers
- Social media, Web 2.0, and their links communicative privacy
- Surveillance, privacy, and digital theory
- Habermasian critical theory
- Institutional standards-setting
- Comparative politics

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant for Deep-Packet Inspection: Resources for the Analysis of Privacy Implications in Canada, Colin Bennett (University of Victoria) supervising. Grant money funded through the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada's contributions program, 2009-2010.
- Research Assistant for The New Transparency Project, Colin Bennett (University of Victoria) and Andrew Clement (University of Toronto) supervising. Large seven-year SSHRC MCRI, 2008-2009.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Invited Lecturer, “Managing Your Online Transparency: Privacy on the Social Web,” Camosun College, March 2010.
- Invited Lecturer, “The Technology Threatening Culture and Privacy (or: the acronym your ISP doesn’t want you to know),” University of Victoria, March 2010.
- Teaching Assistant, Introductory Social and Political Philosophy (with Prof. Omid Payrow Shabani). Department of Philosophy, University of Guelph, Fall 2007.
- Teaching Assistant, Ethics (with Prof. Alan Belk). Department of Philosophy, University of Guelph, Spring 2007.
- Teaching Assistant, Introductory Social and Political Philosophy (with Prof. Eva Buccioni). Department of Philosophy, University of Guelph, Fall 2006.

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Volumes and Special Issues:

- Parsons, Christopher. (Forthcoming). “Moving Across the Internet: Code-Bodies, Code-Corpses, and Network Architecture,” in *Code Drift*, special issue of *CTheory*.

Book Chapters

- Parsons, Christopher. (Forthcoming). “Is Your ISP Snooping On You?”, in M. Moll and L. R. Shade (Eds.), *Establishing an Election Connection: Telecom Policy 2010*.

PRESENTATIONS

Academic Conference Presentations

- “Deep Packet Inspection: Privacy, Mash-ups, and Dignities.” COUNTER: Counterfeiting and Privacy Research Conference, Manchester, UK, March 2010.
- “The Ontological Crisis of Melancholia: Searching for Foundations in the Ether of Cyberspace.” (inter)disciplinarity: theory and crisis Graduate Conference, Victoria, Canada, March 2009.
- “New Online Teaching Tools for TAs: Web 2.0 possibilities and pitfalls.” University of Guelph Teaching Assistant Conference, Guelph, Canada, September 2007.
- “The Besieged Nation-State and the Internet: Managing digital networks and realizing their political potential.” University of Guelph Master’s Student Seminar Conference, Guelph, Canada, April 2007.

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- “Care: A Model for Ethical Behaviour.” University of Guelph Undergraduate Society Conference, Guelph, Canada, October 2005.

INVITED WORKSHOPS

- “Deep Packet Inspection: Heuristics, Transparency, and the Canadian Situation.” Deep Packet Inspection Roundtable, Toronto, Canada, June 2009.
- “Moving Online: Your Packets, Your ISP, Your Identity.” Critical Digital Studies Workshop, Victoria, Canada, June 2010.

AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

- Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, 2009-2012
- Private Scholarship, The 2009 Canadian Telecom Summit, 2009
- 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.

SERVICE

- Workshop Organizer, “Cyber-surveillance in Everyday Life,” Multidisciplinary workshop, University of Toronto, May 2011.
- Principle Conference Organizer, “Identity and Its Roots,” Multidisciplinary Graduate Student Conference, University of Guelph, May 2008.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

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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

MEDIA COVERAGE

National Post, *TVO's Search Engine*, *Ars Technica*, *DSL/Broadband Reports*, and various local print and radio outlets.