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PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Citizenship: Canadian
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EDUCATION

- University of Victoria, 2008 – Present (in progress). PhD in Political Science. Dissertation: *What's Driving Deep Packet Inspection? Motivations, Regulations, and Public Involvement in Telecommunications Regulatory Processes*. 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 to communicative privacy
- Surveillance, privacy, and digital theory
- Habermasian critical theory
- Institutional standards-setting and agenda-framing
- Comparative politics

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Co-Investigator with Dr. Colin Bennett (University of Victoria) on Social Networking and Privacy Protection: Analyzing the “Access” in Lawful Access. Grant money provided through the Office of the Privacy Commissioner or Canada's contributions program, 2012-2013.

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- Principle researcher and author for the Lawful Access Regime Project, Micheal Vonn (Policy Director, BCCLA), 2011.
- Research Assistant for Deep-Packet Inspection: Resources for the Analysis of Privacy Implications in Canada, Colin Bennett (University of Victoria) supervising. Grant money provided 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, "Networks of Power II – Cybercrime/Surveillance/War," University of Alberta (Graduate Class), May 2012.
- Invited Lecturer, "The International, the State, and the Lulz," University of Victoria, November 2011.
- Invited Lecturer, "Architecting Internet Surveillance in Canada," University of Victoria, October 2011.
- Invited Lecturer, "Technology and Politics in Tunisia and Iran: Deep Packet Surveillance," University of Victoria, February 2011.
- 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

Journal Articles

- Parsons, Christopher. (Forthcoming). "Unpacking the Potential Costs of Bill C-30," in *Canadian Privacy Law Review*.
- McPhail, Brenda; Parsons, Christopher; Ferenbok, Joseph; Smith, Karen; and Clement, Andrew. (Forthcoming). "Identifying Canadians at the Border: ePassports and the 9/11 legacy," in *Canadian Journal of Law and Society*.

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- Parsons, Christopher. (2010). “Digital Inflections: Post-Literacy and the Age of Imagination,” in *CTheory*. Available at: <http://ctheory.net/articles.aspx?id=674>
- Parsons, Christopher. (2010). “Moving Across the Internet: Code-Bodies, Code-Corpses, and Network Architecture,” in *Code Drift*, special issue of *CTheory*. Available at: <http://ctheory.net/articles.aspx?id=642>

Contributed Chapters

- Parsons, Christopher. (Forthcoming). “Sex, Lies, and Digital Media: How Social Surveillance Threatens Communities” in J. Greenburg and C. D. Elliott (Eds.), *Communication in Question: Competing Perspectives on Controversial Issues in Communications Studies (Second Edition)*.
- Bennett, Colin; and Parsons, Christopher. (Forthcoming). “Privacy and Surveillance: The Multi-Disciplinary Literature on the Capture, Use, and Disclosure of Personal information in Cyberspace” in W. Dutton (Ed.), *Oxford Handbook of Internet Studies*.
- Parsons, Christopher. (2011). “Is Your ISP Snooping On You?” in M. Moll and L. R. Shade (Eds.), *The Internet Tree: The State of Telecom Policy in Canada 3.0*.
- Parsons, Christopher; Ly, Alexander; Anderson, Steve; Sinnott, Shea. (2011). “The Open Internet: Open for Business and Economic Growth” in S. Anderson and R. Yeo (Eds.), *Casting An Open Net: A Leading-Edge Approach to Canada’s Digital Future*.
- Israel, Tamir; Faassen, Mark; Parsons, Christopher; Cusack McDonald, Jacqueline. (2011). “The Technical Case for Openness” in S. Anderson and R. Yeo (Eds.), *Casting an Open Net: A Leading-Edge Approach to Canada’s Digital Future*.

PRESENTATIONS

Academic Presentations

- Parsons, Christopher. (2012). “Lawful Access – Obligations, Costs, and Threats,” 2012 BCNET HPCS, Vancouver, BC, May 2012.
- Parsons, Christopher; Wipond, Rob; and McArthur, Kevin. (2012). “The Governance of Automatic License Plate Recognition in Canada,” 13th Annual Privacy and Security Conference, Victoria, BC, February 2012.
- McPhail, Brenda; Parsons, Christopher; Ferenbok, Joseph; Smith, Karen; and Clement, Andrew. (2011). “Identifying Canadians at the Border: The 9/11 Legacy.” The Expanding Surveillance Net: Ten Years after 9/11, Kingston, Ontario, September 2011.
- Parsons, Christopher. (2011). “Technology and Politics in Tunisia and Iran: Deep Packet Surveillance.” Digital Inflections: Visions of the Posthuman Future, Victoria, BC, March 2011.

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- Parsons, Christopher. (2010). “Deep Packet Inspection: Privacy, Mash-ups, and Dignities.” COUNTER: Counterfeiting and Privacy Research Conference, Manchester, UK, March 2010.
- Parsons, Christopher. (2009). “The Ontological Crisis of Melancholia: Searching for Foundations in the Ether of Cyberspace.” (inter)disciplinarity: theory and crisis Graduate Conference, Victoria, Canada, March 2009.
- Parsons, Christopher. (2007). “New Online Teaching Tools for TAs: Web 2.0 possibilities and pitfalls.” University of Guelph Teaching Assistant Conference, Guelph, Canada, September 2007.
- Parsons, Christopher. (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.
- Parsons, Christopher. (2005). “Care: A Model for Ethical Behaviour.” University of Guelph Undergraduate Society Conference, Guelph, Canada, October 2005.

Public Presentations

- Parsons, Christopher. (2012). “Lawful Access, Intelligence Legislation, and Foreign Experiences,” University of Victoria Law Club: (Un)Lawful Access – A Panel on Online Surveillance, Victoria, BC, March 2012.
- Parsons, Christopher. (2012). “Lawful Access: Stepping towards a harmonized surveillance complex,” (Un)Lawful Access Legislation: Ottawa Forum, Ottawa, ON, February 2012.
- Parsons, Christopher. (2012). “Lawful Access: Technical Potentials and Observations from the US and UK,” (Un)Lawful Access: Premier and Panel Discussion, Vancouver, BC, January 2012.
- Parsons, Christopher. (2011). “Lawful Access, Transmission Data, and Lessons from Abroad,” Stop Online Surveillance Forum, Vancouver, BC, July 2011.
- Parsons, Christopher. (2011). “What Out! It’s the Feds!” Social Media Club Victoria, Victoria, BC, April 2011.
- Parsons, Christopher. (2011). “An Internet Broadband Monitor, and You.” Lightning Talk Session at CanSecWest, Vancouver, BC, March 2011.
- Parsons, Christopher. (2010). “ISP Surveillance and Deep Packet Inspection.” Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia, Victoria, BC, November 2010.
- Parsons, Christopher. (2010). “Putting the Meaningful into Meaningful Consent.” Social Media Club Vancouver, Vancouver, BC, October 2010.

- Parsons, Christopher. (2010). “Traffic Analysis, Privacy, and Social Media.” Social Media Camp Victoria, Victoria BC, October 2010.

WORKSHOPS AND ROUNDTABLES

- “Transparent Practices Don’t Stop Prejudicial Surveillance.” Networked Surveillance: Access Control, Transparency, Power, and Circumvention in the 21st Century, Toronto, Canada, February 2012.
- “Social Media: Is there a place for it in education?” Learning Systems/Learning and Teaching Center Instructional Technologies Series workshop, Victoria, Canada, November 2011.
- “The Evolving Role of Cyber Surveillance in Public Sector Decision-Making.” CIPPIC Roundtable, Ottawa, Canada, June 2011.
- “Mobility: Value Propositions, Lawful Access, and Communicative Privacy.” Citizen Lab Roundtable, Toronto, Canada, June 2011.
- “Moving Online: Your Packets, Your ISP, Your Identity.” Critical Digital Studies Workshop, Victoria, Canada, June 2010.
- “Deep Packet Inspection: Heuristics, Transparency, and the Canadian Situation.” Deep Packet Inspection Roundtable, Toronto, Canada, June 2009.

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.
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship (Provincial-level award), 2008-2009 (Declined Offer).
- Forster Medal (University-level award), College of Arts Nominee, 2008.

SERVICE

- Workshop Organizer, “Networked Surveillance: Access Control, Transparency, Power, and Circumvention in the 21st Century,” iSchool 2012 workshop, University of Toronto, February 2012.
- Administrator for and contributor to Digitally Mediated Surveillance Canada (www.digitallymediatedsurveillance.ca), 2011 – Present.

- Technical Consultant for *Peninsula: A Journal of Relational Politics*. University of Victoria graduate student journal, 2010 – Present.
- Administrator of Deep Packet Inspection Canada (www.deeppacketinspection.ca), 2010 – Present.
- 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

Texts Edited

- Omid Payrow Shabani. (2008) “Post-Secular thinking about the Role of Religion in Democratic Politics,” for Canadian Philosophical Association annual meeting, Vancouver, June 2-5. 2008.
- 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.

MEMBERSHIPS/RESIDENCIES/SEMINARS/ACCREDITATIONS

Memberships

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

Residencies

- Faculty of Information, University of Toronto, May 2011

Seminars

- Surveillance Studies Summer Seminar, Queen's University, May 2009

Accreditations

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

MEDIA COVERAGE

National Post (Online and Print), CBC News, CBC: The National (and CBC television affiliates), CBC News: Technology and Science, CBC: All Points West, CBC Ottawa Morning, CBC Day Six, CBC News: Politics, CTV: Power Play; CTV News: Edmonton; Calgary Herald, Citytv Breakfast Television, PC Advisor (UK), TVO's Search Engine, Ars Technica, Slashdot, Focus Magazine, DSL/Broadband Reports, SC Magazine, CircleID, Vancouver Sun, Techvibes, The Wire Report, Boing Boing, Owni, L'Express, University Affairs, and various other local and provincial radio and print outlets.

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