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EDUCATION

- University of Victoria, 2008 – 2014. PhD in Political Science. Dissertation: *The Politics of Deep Packet Inspection: What Drives Surveillance by Internet Service Providers?* 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. Thesis: *Sovereignty and Solidarity: Exploring the Citizen-Sovereign Relationship in Kant and Habermas*. Advisor: Dr. Omid Payrow Shabani.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Surveillance, Security, and Privacy Studies
- Comparative public policy and regulation
- Comparative politics
- Internet governance

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- Parsons, Christopher. (2013). “Regulators, Politics, and Deep Packet Inspection: Who’s Driving What, and Why?” Connaught Summer Institute on Monitoring Internet Openness and Rights, Toronto, Canada, July 2013.

- Irvine, Valerie; Parsons, Christopher; Bailey, Aaron; Richards, Luke. (2013). “How BC Privacy Law and 21st Century Education,” The Canadian Society for the Study of Education Annual Conference, Victoria, Canada, June 2013.
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- Bennett, Colin; Parsons, Christopher; and Molnar, Adam. (2013). “Forgetting, Non-Forgetting and Quasi-Forgetting in Social Networking: Canadian Policy and Corporate Practice,” 6th International Conference of Computers, Privacy & Data Protection, Brussels, Belgium, January 2013.
- Bennett, Colin; Molnar, Adam; and Parsons, Christopher. (2012). “Forgetting, Non-Forgetting and Quasi-Forgetting: Canadian Policy and Corporate Practice,” JSPS Conference, Tokyo, Japan, November 2012.
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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.
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- Parsons, Christopher. (2013). “The BC Services Card: A Privacy and Security Overview,” The BC Services Card: Privacy Risks, Opportunities and Alternatives. Vancouver, Canada, April 2013.
- Parsons, Christopher. (2013). “Lawful Access Is Dead; Long Live Lawful Intercept!” Center for Global Studies Global Talks. Victoria, March 2013.
- Parsons, Christopher. (2012). “(Facilitator) Training activists about state surveillance capabilities,” Electronic Surveillance and Human Rights Camp. Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, December 2012.
- Parsons, Christopher. (2012). “Deep Packet Inspection: What is it, how does it work, and how is it used for surveillance,” Electronic Surveillance and Human Rights Camp. Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, December 2012.
- Parsons, Christopher. (2012). “Respondent: Internet Governance as a Multi-Actor and Multi-Network Issue,” Global Governance and the Internet: Is ‘Organized Chaos’ Best?, Victoria, Canada, November 2012.
- Parsons, Christopher. (2012). “Borders, Privacy, and Web 2.0,” Governance and Democracy Across Borders, Victoria, Canada, October 2012.
- Parsons, Christopher. (2012). “Transparent Practices Don’t Stop Prejudicial Surveillance.” Networked Surveillance: Access Control, Transparency, Power, and Circumvention in the 21st Century, Toronto, Canada, February 2012.
- Parsons, Christopher. (2011). “Social Media: Is there a place for it in education?” Learning Systems/Learning and Teaching Center Instructional Technologies Series workshop, Victoria, Canada, November 2011.
- Parsons, Christopher. (2011). “The Evolving Role of Cyber Surveillance in Public Sector Decision-Making.” CIPPIC Roundtable, Ottawa, Canada, June 2011.
- Parsons, Christopher. (2011). “Mobility: Value Propositions, Lawful Access, and Communicative Privacy.” Citizen Lab Roundtable, Toronto, Canada, June 2011.
- Parsons, Christopher. (2009). “Moving Online: Your Packets, Your ISP, Your Identity.” Critical Digital Studies Workshop, Victoria, Canada, June 2009.
- Parsons, Christopher. (2009). “Deep Packet Inspection: Heuristics, Transparency, and the Canadian Situation.” Deep Packet Inspection Roundtable, Toronto, Canada, June 2009.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Research Consultant with Open Effect for “Improving Canadians’ access to their personal information,” Andrew Hilts (Executive Director, Open Effect), 2015-2016.
- Research Consultant with Open Effect for “A Comparative Analysis of Fitness Tracker Privacy and Security,” Andrew Hilts (Executive Director, Open Effect), 2015-2016.

- Co-Investigator with Dr. Ronald Deibert (University of Toronto) and Dr. Lokman Tsui (Chinese University of Hong Kong) for “Journalism and Information Security”, 2015 – Present.
- Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Postdoctoral Fellow (Citizen Lab, Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto), 2014-2016.
- Managing Director for Telecom Transparency Project (Citizen Lab, Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto), 2014-Present.
- Postdoctoral Fellow at Citizen Lab (Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto) on State Access to Telecommunications Data, 2013-2014.
- 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 of Canada’s Contributions Program, 2012-2013.
- Co-Researcher with Kate Milberry for “A National ID Card by Stealth? The BC Services Card,” Micheal Vonn (Policy Director, British Columbia Civil Liberties Association), 2012-13.
- Co-Researcher with Adam Molnar for “The BC Services Card: Drivers, Architectures, and Risks,” Kate Milberry (Researcher, British Columbia Civil Liberties Association), 2012.
- Author and researcher of “Literature Review of Deep Packet Inspection,” Andrew Clement (Professor, University of Toronto). Funding provided by the New Transparency’s Cyber-Surveillance Workshop, 2011.
- Principle researcher and author for the Lawful Access Regime Project, Micheal Vonn (Policy Director, British Columbia Civil Liberties Association), 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. Seven-year SSHRC MCRI, 2008-2009.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Invited Lecturer, “Right to Access and Digital Advocacy,” York University (Undergraduate Class), January 2018.

- Invited Lecturer, “Chokepoints: The Roles of Intermediaries For Conducting and Exposing Surveillance,” University of Toronto (Graduate Class), October 2017.
- Invited Lecturer, “How Intermediaries Enable and Resist Government Surveillance,” University of Toronto (Graduate Class), March 2017.
- Invited Lecturer, “The Historical and Current Status of IMSI Catchers in Canada,” York University (Law School), January 2017.
- Invited Lecturer, “IMSI Catchers: How Can the Law Catch Up with Their Operation in Canada?,” University of Toronto (Law School), October 2016.
- Invited Lecturer, “Contemporary Signal Intelligence,” University of Toronto (Undergraduate/Graduate Class), October 2016.
- Invited Lecturer, “Beyond Privacy: The Deficits of Contemporary Privacy Theories in Accounting for Government Surveillance Activities,” York University (Undergraduate Class), March 2016.
- Invited Lecturer, “Intermediaries: Agents of Government, Practitioners of Governance,” University of Toronto (Graduate Class), March 2016.
- Invited Lecturer, “Chokepoints: The roles of intermediaries for conducting and exposing surveillance,” University of Toronto (Undergraduate/Graduate Class), November 2015.
- Invited Lecturer, “Deep Packet Inspection: A Corporate/Government Surveillance Nexus,” University of Guelph (Undergraduate Class), February 2015.
- Invited Lecturer, “Privacy Is Not the Counter To Mass Surveillance Surveillance: Re-articulating the harms of surveilling the world-at-large,” Liverpool Law School (Undergraduate Class), February 2015.
- Invited Lecturer, “Signals Intelligence: The Practice of Mass and Targeted Surveillance,” University of Toronto (Graduate Class), January 2015.
- Invited Lecturer, “Policing the Net: Intermediaries and Transparency,” University of Toronto (Graduate Class), October 2014.
- Invited Lecturer, “Policing the Net: Intermediaries and Transparency,” University of Toronto (Graduate Class), February 2014.
- Invited Lecturer, “Networks of Power II – Cybersurveillance, Netwar, and Resistance,” University of Alberta (Graduate Class), May 2013.
- Invited Lecturer, “Privacy, Surveillance, and Contemporary Digital Communications,” University of Victoria, October 2012.
- Sessional Instructor, *POLI 456: Politics of the Internet*, University of Victoria, June-August 2012.
- Invited Lecturer, “Unpacking Kant’s “On the Common Saying: ‘This May be True in Theory, but it does not Apply in Practice’,” University of Victoria, June 2012.

- 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.

AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

- USA State Department’s International Visitors Leadership Program (Cybersecurity) Participant, September-October 2018.
- Canadian Internet Registration Authority’s Community Investment Program, June 2015-April 2016.
- Best Political Science Dissertation in the Western States, 2013/14, The Western Political Science Association.
- Social Science and Humanities Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship, October 2014-September 2016.
- Canadian Internet Registration Authority’s Community Investment Program, May 2014-April 2015.
- Postdoctoral Fellowship, Munk School of Global Affairs, November 2013-September 2014.
- Centre for Global Studies Graduate Student Fellowship, Centre for Global Studies, January 2013-October 2013.
- Co-Investigator, Canadian Access to Social Media Information (CATSMI) Project, Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada’s Contributions Program, 2012-2013.

- 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, University of Guelph 2008.

SERVICE

- Workshop Organizer, “Canadian Cybersecurity Dialogue,” Ottawa, ON, November 2018.
- Workshop Organizer, “Citizen Lab Summer Institute on Monitoring Internet Openness and Rights,” Citizen Lab, Munk School of Global Affairs at University of Toronto, July 2018.
- Workshop Organizer, “Regulating in the Dark: Mapping the Encryption Debate,” Faculty of Law at University of Toronto, February 2018.
- Workshop Organizer, “Citizen Lab Summer Institute on Monitoring Internet Openness and Rights,” Citizen Lab, Munk School of Global Affairs at University of Toronto, July 2017.
- Panel Facilitator, “Surveillance, Censorship, and Human Rights Online,” Decoding the Digital Divide, Munk School of Global Affairs at University of Toronto, March 2017.
- Workshop Organizer, “Investigative Techniques and National Security Accountability Workshop,” Munk School of Global Affairs at University of Toronto, September-November 2016.
- Workshop Organizer, “Citizen Lab Summer Institute: Monitoring Internet Openness and Rights,” Citizen Lab, Munk School of Global Affairs at University of Toronto, July 2016.
- Workshop Organizer, “Citizen Lab Summer Institute: Monitoring Internet Openness and Rights,” Citizen Lab, Munk School of Global Affairs at University of Toronto, June 2015.
- Program Committee Member, “Free and Open Communications on the Internet,” FOIC 2015, Washington DC, August 2015.
- Workshop Organizer, “Citizen Lab Summer Institute: Monitoring Internet Openness and Rights,” Citizen Lab, Munk School of Global Affairs at University of Toronto, August 2014.

- 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 - 2012.
- Administrator of Deep Packet Inspection Canada (www.deeppacketinspection.ca), 2010 - 2014.
- 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

- Participant, Ally Skills Workshop, Citizen Lab, 2018.
- Research Associate, Citizen Lab, 2016 – Present.
- Research Contractor, Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada, 2016-2017.
- Policy Consultant, TekSavvy, 2016.
- Policy Consultant, Open Media, 2016.
- Research Consultant, Open Effect, 2015-2017.
- Board of Advisors, The Mackenzie Institute, 2014-Present.
- Board of Advisors, Khaki Scout Software, 2014-Present.
- Technical Consultant, Ranking Digital Rights Project (for New America Foundation), 2014.
- Principal, Block G Privacy and Security Consulting, 2013 - 2016.
- 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.

MEMBERSHIPS/ACCREDITATIONS/RESIDENCIES/SEMINARS

Memberships

- Noncommercial Stakeholder Group at the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), 2013 – Present.
- Canadian Internet Registry Association (CIRA), 2011 – Present.
- American Political Science Association, 2008 – 2013.
- International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP), 2007 – 2012.
- Canadian Philosophical Association, 2006 - 2009.

Accreditations

- Canadian Local Digital Rights Champion (Access), 2018.
- Transparency Hero on Human Rights and Communications Surveillance (Access), 2014.
- Successful Transparency Advocate (Electronic Frontier Foundation), 2014.
- Privacy-by-Design Ambassador (Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario), 2012 - Present.
- College of Arts Teaching Practicum: Level I (University of Guelph), 2007.

Residencies

- Faculty of Information, University of Toronto, May 2011.

Seminars

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

MEDIA COVERAGE

Alberta Primetime, Ars Technica, Associated Press, Bloomberg Businessweek, Bloomberg TV, Boing Boing, Business Vancouver, Calgary Herald, Canada.com, Canadian Business, Canadian Press, CBC: All Points West, CBC: Blue Skies, CBC: The Current, CBC Day Six, CBC: Inside Politics, CBC: The National (and CBC television affiliates), CBC News, CBC News: British Columbia, CBC News: Business, CBC News: Canada, CBC News: Politics, CBC News: Power & Politics, CBC News: Technology and Science, CBC Ottawa Morning, CBC: Q; CircleID, Citytv Breakfast Television, CTV News: Edmonton, CTV: Kevin Newman Live, CTV: Power Play, CTV: Your Morning, Daily Nation (Kenya), Drupal Watchdog, DSL/Broadband Reports, Focus Magazine, Global News, Globe and Mail (Online and Print), Hong Kong Free Press, iPolitics, L'Express, La Presse, Lawyer's Daily, Metro News, Montreal Gazette, MSN News, National Post (Online and Print), Ottawa Citizen, Owni, PC Advisor (UK), The Intercept, The

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Curriculum Vitae

Citizen Lab, Munk School of Global Affairs

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Province, SC Magazine, Slashdot, Techvibes, The Agenda, Times Columnist, Toronto Star, TVO's The Agenda, TVO's Search Engine, The Tyee, University Affairs, Vancouver Sun, Vice News, Vice: Motherboard, The Walrus, The Washington Post, The Washington Times, The Wire Report, Yahoo! News, and various other local and provincial radio and print outlets.

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