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EDUCATION

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| 2018 (expected) | Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
Ph.D in Learning Sciences
Dissertation Title:
<i>“Re-Assembling the Civic: Learning Infrastructures for Civic Participation”</i>

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Wan Shun Eva Lam, Dr. Matthew Easterday, Dr. Shirin Vossoughi, Dr. Carol D. Lee |
| 2008 | Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
B.A. in American Culture + Media Arts (summa cum laude) |

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| 2015-2016 | Research Assistant for McCormick Foundation funded study entitled: <i>“A Closer View of a Catch-22: An Exploration of Adolescents’ Development of Political Engagement and Political Tolerance through an Innovative Curriculum”</i> under Dr. Brett Levy
SUNY Albany, NY |
| 2014-2016 | Research Assistant for NSF Cyberlearning project entitled: <i>“Digital Studios: Online learning environments to support innovation networks”</i> under Dr. Matthew Easterday and Dr. Liz Gerber
Delta Lab, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL |
| 2013-2015 | Researcher and Facilitator at Chicago Youth Voices Network
Chicago, IL |
| 2013-2015 | Evaluation Researcher for Convergence Academies
Chicago Public Schools, Chicago, IL |

2012-2013 **Research Assistant** for McCormick Foundation funded project entitled: "Immigrant Voices: Civic Media Production and Learning" under Dr. Wan Shun Eva Lam and Dr. Matthew Easterday

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2008-2012 **Media Productions & Communication Manager**
University Community Collaborative, Temple University
Philadelphia, PA

PUBLICATIONS

Smirnov, N., Saiyed, G., Easterday, M., Lam, WSE (in print). **Journalism as Model for Civic and Information Literacies.** *Cognition & Instruction.*

Lam, Wan Shun Eva & Smirnov, N. (2017). **Literacy and Identity in Mediated Contexts of Transnationalism and Mobility.** In S. Thorne and S. May (eds). *Encyclopedia of Language and Education, Volume 9: Language, Education, and Technology.* Springer.

Ferman, B., Smirnov, N. (2016). **Shifting Stereotypes and Storylines: The Personal and Political Impact of Youth Media.** In Conner and SM Rosen (eds). *Contemporary Youth Activism: Advancing Social Justice in the United States.* Praeger

Smirnov, N., Ferman, B., and Cabral, N. (2015). **POPPYN: A Philly Youth News Platform.** In E. Gordon and P. Mihailidis (eds). *Civic Media Project.* Retrieved from <http://civicmediaproject.org/works/civic-media-project/poppyn>

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

SCHOLARLY MEETINGS

Vossoughi, S., Villanosa, K., Smirnov, N., Champion, D., Bethune, A. (June 2017). **A Dialogue Across Contexts: Power and Relationality as Lenses for Research on Technology and Learning.** Symposium at *Jean Piaget Society Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA.

Smirnov, N., Easterday, M.W., Gerber, E. (June 2016). **Scaling Studio-Based Learning through Social Innovation Networks.** Full Paper presented at *12th International Conference of the Learning Sciences*, Singapore.

Smirnov, N. (April 2016). **Civic Futuremaking: Social Network Participatory Design with**

Youth. Poster presented at *American Education Research Association Annual Meeting 2016*, Washington, D.C.

Smirnov, N. (April 2016). **Disciplining “Youth Voice”:** Discourse Itineraries in an ELA-based Community Journalism Unit. Paper presented at *American Education Research Association Annual Meeting 2016*, Washington, D.C.

Smirnov, N. & Lam, Wan Shun Eva. (April 2015). **We Make It Pop: Youth Media as Carnivalized Syncretic Texts.** Paper presented at *American Education Research Association Annual Meeting 2015*, Chicago, IL.

Smirnov, N., Saiyeed, G., and Easterday, M. (April 2015). **Journalism as Model for Civic and Information Literacies.** Paper presented at *American Education Research Association Annual Meeting 2015*, Chicago, IL.

Smirnov, N. (April 2015). **Students as Journalists, Teachers as Designers, Schools as Connected Communities .** Paper presented at *American Education Research Association Annual Meeting 2015*, Chicago, IL.

Smirnov, N., (April 2014). **Multimodal Voicing in Youth-Produced News.** Paper presented at *American Education Research Association Annual Meeting 2014*, Philadelphia, PA.

Smirnov, N., (March 2014). **Public Diss-Course: Genre-Bending and Multimodal Voicing in Youth Produced Media.** Paper presented at *Digital Media and Learning Conference 2014*, Boston, MA.

Lam, Wan Shun Eva, Smirnov, N., Chang, A, Easterday, M., Rosario-Ramos, E., (November 2013). **Multimodal Voicing and Scale Making in Youths’ Video Documentaries on Immigration.** Paper presented at *American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL.

Smirnov, N., Briscoe, S. (July 2011). **What’s POPPYN? The Challenges and Successes of a Youth Produced News Show.** Presentation at National Association for Media Literacy Education Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Smirnov, N. (February 2011). **Using Media Production for Research & Community Engagement: The Case of Senior Projects.** Presentation at *Philadelphia Higher Education Network for Neighborhood Development Conference*, Philadelphia, PA (2011)

Smirnov, N. (April 2008). **Before & After Photography: The Makeover Method to Discipline and Punish.** Thesis presented at the *Temple Undergraduate Research Forum / Creative Works Symposium*, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.

CONFERENCE PANELS ORGANIZED

2015 *Identity Production in Progress!: Multimodal and Creative Engagements with Media Across Genres.* Symposium at the American Educational Research Association’s (AERA)

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Conference, Chicago, IL.

Participants: Ksenia Korobkova (UC Irvine), Kalonji Nzinga (Northwestern), Jolie Matthews (Stanford), Sujin Kim (U of Missouri, St. Louis), Natalia Smirnov (Northwestern)

Discussant: Dr. Janice Radway, Northwestern University

WORKSHOPS AND COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

- 2015 *Infrastructuring Civic Action: Social Network Participatory Design with Youth*. Workshop presented at the Digital Media and Learning Conference 2015, Los Angeles, CA with staff and Youth Editorial Members of Chicago Youth Voices Network.
- 2013 *SchizMania: A Simulation for Exploring Interpersonal Power Dynamics*. Workshop presented at the Free Minds Free People: Education for Liberation Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 2010 *Media 4 Ur Cause*. Workshop presented at One Voice, One City: Education and Empowerment Summit, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2009 *Youth, Media & Identity*. Workshop presented at PA BUSTED! Conference. Philadelphia, PA
- 2008 *Youth, Media & Identity*. Workshop presented at Youth Leadership Development Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE _____

TEACHING CERTIFICATIONS

- 2016 **Graduate Teaching Certificate**, Northwestern University (expected)
2010 **Graduate Certificate in Diversity Leadership**, Temple University

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

- Fall 2015 **Childhood & Adolescence**, Northwestern University
Fall 2013 **Introduction to Social Policy**, Northwestern University

HONORS AND AWARDS _____

- 2016 **Northwestern University Graduate Research Grant (\$3000)**
Graduate School administered grant to support costs of dissertation research

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- 2016 **Spencer/NAEd Dissertation Fellowship Semi-Finalist**
- 2013 **Segal Design Cluster Fellowship**
Awarded by Northwestern University's Segal Design Institute to support two quarters of independent design research project
- 2008 **Undergraduate Library Research Prize (\$1000)**
Awarded by Temple University's Paley Library for honors thesis entitled: "Before and After Photography: The Makeover Method to Discipline and Punish"
- 2007 **Diamond Research Scholar Award (\$2750)**
Awarded by Temple University to support independent research project under faculty guidance of Dr. Paul Swann
- 2006 **Buser Merit Scholarship (\$1000)**
Temple University
- 2003 **Silas H. Rhodes Scholarship (\$8500)**
School of Visual Arts

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS _____

- 2013-present President, NU The Graduate Student Cross-Cultural Group (TGS Cross-Cultural)
- 2012-present Civic Measures Research Committee, National Action Civics Collaborative
- 2011-12 Steering Committee, Philadelphia Youth Media Collaborative
- 2012 Education & Empowerment Committee, Girls Rock Philly!

VOLUNTEER/SERVICE _____

- 2016 Reviewer, *American Education Research Association Annual Conference (Division G, Section 2; Writing & Literacies SIG, Learning Sciences SIG)*
- 2016 Reviewer, *Journal of Media Literacy Education*
- 2015 Reviewer, *Learning, Media and Technology Journal*
- 2015 Reviewer, *AERA Writing & Literacies SIG*
- 2014 Reviewer, *Journal of Media Literacy Education*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS _____

2014-2016 International Society of Learning Sciences (ISLS)

2012-2016 American Education Research Association (AERA)