

Natalia Smirnov, PhD

curriculum vitae

EDUCATION

- 2019 Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
Ph.D in Learning Sciences
- Dissertation:** *“Reassembling the Civic: A Sociomaterial Account of Two Innovative Technology-Mediated Civic Learning Infrastructures”*
- 2010 Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
Graduate Certificate in Diversity Leadership
- 2008 Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
B.A. in American Culture and Media Arts (summa cum laude)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Smirnov, N., & Lam, W. S. E. (2019). **“Presenting Our Perspective”:** Recontextualizing Youths’ Experiences of Hypercriminalization Through Media Production. *Written Communication*, 36(2), 296–344
- Smirnov, N., Easterday, M. W., & Gerber, E. M. (2018). **Infrastructuring distributed studio networks: A case study and design principles.** *Journal of the Learning Sciences*, 27(4), 580-631.
- Smirnov, N., Saiyed, G., Easterday, M. W., & Lam, W. S. E. (2018). **Journalism as Model for Civic and Information Literacies.** *Cognition and Instruction*, 36(1), 1-29.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Saiyed, G., & Smirnov, N. (2018). **Word-Gap Theory is Culturally Offensive.** In Heitkamp, K. L. (ed). *Learned Helplessness, Welfare, and the Poverty Cycle*. Greenhaven Publishing LLC.
- 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.*

MANUSCRIPTS IN REVIEW

Lam, WSE., Smirnov, N., Chang, A., Easterday, M., Rosario-Ramos, E., Doppelt, J. (in revision). **Multimodal Voicing and Scale Making in Youths' Video Documentary on Immigration.**

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Saiyed, G., & Smirnov, N. (2015, January 20) **OpEd: Does '30-Million Word Gap' Have Gap in Authenticity?** *Youth Today.* Retrieved from:
<https://youthtoday.org/2015/01/does-30-million-word-gap-have-gap-in-authenticity/>

INVITED TALKS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

INVITED TALKS

- 2019 **Learning to Engage.** Spencer Foundation Sponsored Convening, Penn State University, July 15-18.
- 2017 **Transliterate Engagements: Infrastructuring Civic Practices Across Contexts and Time.** Talk presented at *Trans- {language, literacies, modal, national} - a prefix to unfix research, theory and practice*, UIUC Center for Writing Studies, October 6.

CONFERENCE PANELS ORGANIZED

- Jun 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. Presenters: Shirin Vossoughi, Krystal Villanosa, Natalia Smirnov, Dionne Champine, Anna Bethune (Northwestern University).
- Apr 2016 *Learning Identities: Trajectories of Identification and Participation in Digital Learning Publics.* Symposium at the American Educational Research Association's (AERA) Conference, Washington D.C. Presenters: Natalia Smirnov (Northwestern University), Matt Rafalow (UC Irvine), Crystle Martin (UC Irvine), Ksenia Korobkova (UC Irvine). Chair & Discussant: Nathan C. Phillips, University of Illinois
- Apr 2015 *Identity Production in Progress!: Multimodal and Creative Engagements with Media Across Genres.* Symposium at the American Educational Research Association's (AERA) 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

- Nov 2017 *Teatro, Social Analysis e Social Dreaming*. Workshop presented at Exploring Cultural Competency Through the Arts, 2017 Annual Teen Services Conference, Chicago Public Library, Chicago, IL. With Dr. Shirin Vossoughi's Teatro Collective.
- Nov 2017 *Measure Your Civic Impact: New Tools for Open Assessment and Actionable Evaluation*. Presentation at People-Powered Publishing Conference, Chicago, IL. With Mindy Faber.
- Jun 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.
- May 2015 *SchisMania: A Simulation for Exploring Interpersonal Power Dynamics*. Workshop presented for Northwestern Graduate Students, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL. With Kalonji Nzinga.
- Mar 2015 *SchisMania: A Simulation for Exploring Interpersonal Power Dynamics*. Workshop presented at the TRiO Program, Harry S. Truman Community College, Chicago, IL. With Kalonji Nzinga.
- Jul 2013 *SchisMania: A Simulation for Exploring Interpersonal Power Dynamics*. Workshop presented at the Free Minds Free People: Education for Liberation Conference, Chicago, IL. With Kalonji Nzinga and Michelle Carr.
- Jun 2010 *Media 4 Ur Cause*. Workshop presented at One Voice, One City: Education and Empowerment Summit, Philadelphia, PA.
- Feb 2009 *Youth, Media e Identity*. Workshop presented at PA BUSTED! Conference. Philadelphia, PA
- Dec 2008 *Youth, Media e Identity*. Workshop presented at Youth Leadership Development Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

SCHOLARLY MEETINGS

- Korobkova, K., Smirnov., N. (April 2018). **Living and Dying Literacies: Metaphors of Language and Literacy Emergence, Temporality and Forgetting in Practice**. Paper presented at *American Education Research Association Annual Meeting 2018*, New York City, NY.
- Smirnov, N. (June 2017). **How might attending to unanticipated outcomes of technology mediated learning expand possibilities for civic and political education?** Presented at symposium "*A Dialogue Across Contexts: Power and Relationality as Lenses for Research on*

Technology and Learning" 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.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring,
Summer &
Fall 2018 **Instructor, *Practicum Seminar in Learning and Organizational Change***
School of Education & Social Policy, Northwestern University
- Summer 2018 **Instructor, *Urban Planning Concentration***
Engage Chicago, Northwestern University
- Winter 2018 **Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to Community Development***
School of Education & Social Policy, Northwestern University
- Feb-Aug 2017 **Teaching Artist, *Arts XIII Teen Program***, Chicago Park District
- 2015-2016 **Graduate Teaching Certificate**
Searle Center for Advancing Learning & Teaching, Northwestern
University
- Fall 2015 **Teaching Assistant, *Childhood & Adolescence***
School of Education & Social Policy, Northwestern University
- Fall 2013 **Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to Social Policy***
School of Education & Social Policy, Northwestern University

RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019-present **Facilitator & Researcher, *Civic Reasoning & Discourse Project***
National Academy of Education, Washington D.C.
- 2019-present **Design Research & Curriculum Consultant**
Free Library of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA
- 2018-present **Evaluation & Strategic Planning Consultant, *Environmental Education***
Chicago Park District, Chicago, IL
- 2017-2018 **Graduate Fellow**
Center for Civic Engagement, Northwestern University
- Feb-Dec 2017 **Evaluation Consultant, *Young Cultural Stewards Program***
Chicago Park District, Chicago, IL
- June 2017 **Youth Media & Civic Engagement Evaluation Consultant**
Convergence Design Labs, Chicago, IL
- 2016- 2017 **Graduate Assistant** for NSF Cyberlearning project entitled "*Collaborative*

Research: Building Capacity for Political and Cultural Perspectives to Strengthen the Learning Sciences, ” organized by Dr. Shirin Vossoughi, Dr. Paula Hooper (Northwestern) and Dr. Angela Booker (UC San Diego)

- 2016 **Researcher (Data Collection)** for Randomized Control Trial Study entitled “*A Better Story*” under Dr. Mesmin Destin and Dr. Brady Jones School of Education & Social Policy, Northwestern University Evanston, IL
- 2015-2016 **Research Assistant** for McCormick Foundation funded study entitled: “*A Closer View of a Catch-22: An Exploration of Adolescents’ Development of Political Engagement and Political Tolerance through an Innovative Curriculum*” under Dr. Brett Levy SUNY Albany, NY
- 2014-2016 **Research Assistant** for NSF Cyberlearning project entitled: “*Digital Studios: Online learning environments to support innovation networks*” 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
- 2008-2012 **Media Productions & Communication Manager** University Community Collaborative, Philadelphia, PA

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2018 **Best Graduate Student Paper**, Writing & Literacies SIG, American Educational Research Association
- 2016 **Graduate Research Grant**, Northwestern University
- 2016 **Spencer/NAEd Dissertation Fellowship Semi-Finalist**, Spencer Foundation
- 2013 **Segal Design Cluster Fellowship**, Northwestern University
- 2008 **Undergraduate Library Research Prize**, Temple University
- 2007 **Diamond Research Scholar Award**, Temple University
- 2006 **Buser Merit Scholarship**, Temple University
- 2003 **Silas H. Rhodes Scholarship**, School of Visual Arts

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

2013-2018	President, TGS Cross-Cultural (graduate student group)
2013-2017	Co-founder, Critical Contexts (graduate student group)
2012-2013	Civic Measures Research Committee, National Action Civics Collaborative
2011-2012	Steering Committee, Philadelphia Youth Media Collaborative

VOLUNTEER/SERVICE

Conference Peer Reviewer:

- *American Education Research Association Annual Conference (Division G, Section 2; Writing Literacies SIG, Learning Sciences SIG),*
- *International Conference of the Learning Sciences*

Journal Reviewer:

- *Journal of Media Literacy Education*
- *Learning, Media and Technology*
- *Multicultural Education*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Society of Learning Sciences, 2014 – present

American Education Research Association, 2012 – present

- Division G
- Division B
- Writing & Literacies Special Interest Group
- Learning Sciences Special Interest Group
- Media, Culture & Learning Special Interest Group

HASTAC Scholar, 2014