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**EDUCATION**

**2022 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Waterloo**

***Committee:***

Dr. Jennifer Whitson (Supervisor)

Dr. Daniel O’Connor

Dr. Kathryn Henne

Dr. Daniel Cockayne

Dr. Lorna Weir

**2015 M.A., Public Issues Anthropology, University of Waterloo**

**2012 B.A. (Hons.), Anthropology, University of Waterloo**

**RESEARCH**   
  
Science and Technology Studies   
Poststructuralist Theory  
Queer Theory   
Qualitative Methods  
Historical Sociology

**AWARDS**

2018—2020 SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship

2018—2020 University of Waterloo President’s Scholarship

2017—2018 Ontario Graduate Scholarship

2017—2018 University of Waterloo President’s Scholarship

2014 Iris Yuzdepski Memorial Graduate Award

2013 Arts Senate Graduate Award

**PUBLICATIONS**

***Articles in Peer Reviewed Journals***

Perks, M., P. Felan, J. Whitson, B. Simon, G. Lavenir, C. Yolgormez, P. Browne, and **B. Schram**. (2019). “Autonomy, Integration, and the Work of Cultural Intermediation in Indie Games.” *Media Industries* 6 (2): 18-38.

**Schram, B.** (2019). “Accidental Orientations: Rethinking Queerness in Archival Times.” *Surveillance and Society* 17 (5): 602-617

**Schram, B.** (2019). “Virtual Power &Virtual Resistance: Field Notes from the Future of Big Data.” *The Disestablishmentarian. (3)1. Pp: 16-26.*

***Articles in Edited Journals***

**Schram, B.,** and J. R. Whitson. (2018). “Why a Humanist Ethics of Datafication Can't Survive a Posthuman World.” *Electronic Book Review*. Np. July 1. Riposte Essay.

***Chapters in Edited Collections***

**Schram, B. R.** (Under Review). “A Crooked Line: The Geography of the Closet and the U.S. / Canada Border as a Performative Boundary.” In *The Other Border*. Wilfred Laurier University Press.

Browne, P., and **B. R. Schram.** (2021). “Intermediating the Everyday: Indie Game Development and the Labour of Co-Working Spaces.” In *Game Production Studies*. Eds. Jan Svelch, Olli Sotamaa. Amsterdam, Amsterdam University Press.

***Book Reviews***

**Schram, B.** (2018). Review of Our Biometric Future: Facial Recognition Technology and the Culture of Surveillance. *Security Journal* 31:924-926

**Schram, B.** (2016). Review of Expanding the Gaze: Gender and the Politics of Surveillance. *Canadian Journal of Sociology* 41(4): 589-592.

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2017 Research Assistant. “Technology, Surveillance and Selective Exposure: The Paradox of Social Media and Queer Activism.” Dr. Jennifer Whitson, PI.

2015 Research Assistant. “Players, Profit and Privacy: Understanding how the Digital Game Industry uses Big Data Analytics.” Dr. Jennifer Whitson, PI.

2017 Research Assistant. “Digital Relations: Gender and Sex via Geosocial Networking Applications.” Dr. Corey W. Johnson, PI.

**PAPERS GIVEN**

**Schram, B.** 2023. “Strange Bedfellows: Surveillance, National Security, and the Making of Gay Male Identity From 1939-1970.” The Canadian Sociological Association. Toronto, ON. May 31.

**Schram, B.,** 2020. “A Crooked Line: The Geography of the Closet and the U.S. / Canada Border as a Performative Boundary”. The American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA. August 8-11. Cancelled due to COVID-19

**Schram, B.,** 2020. “Ahmed in the Upside Down: Queer Affect and the Machines that Feel it”, The Canadian Sociological Society, Symposium for Early Career Theorists. June 1-4. Cancelled due to COVID-19

**Schram, B.,** 2020. “Strange Bedfellows: “Queer Surveillance, National Security, and Affective Possibility, from 1939-2000”. The Canadian Sociological Association.” Western University. London, ON. June 1-4. Cancelled due to COVID-19

**Schram, B.**, (presenting coauthor) R. Robinson. 2018. “Enchanting the Archive: When Rock and Mineral Speak.” Techne. Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, ON. April 13.

**Schram, B**. 2017. “Accidental Orientations: When Big Data Performs Without Permission.” Surveillance Studies Summer Seminar. Queens University, Kingston, ON. June 15—21.

**Schram, B**. 2016. “Gaming and Privacy: Problems and Prescriptions.” Canadian Sociological Association General Meeting (CSA@Congress). University of Calgary, Calgary, AB. May 30—June 3.

**Schram, B**. 2016. “A New Queer for a New Age: Thinking Beyond Identity Politics in the Era of Continuous Control.” Canadian Sociological Association General Meeting (CSA@Congress). University of Calgary, Calgary, AB. May 30—June 3.   
  
**Schram, B**. 2016. “Queer Resistance in the Digital Age.” Engage. University of Guelph, Guelph ON. March 12.   
  
**Schram, B**. 2014. “Thinking Queerly: Brain Scans, Identity Politics, and the Problem of Neurolocalization.” Canadian Anthropology Society General Meeting (CASCA). York University, Toronto, ON. April 30—May 3.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

***Courses Taught***

Surveillance and Society

Advanced Seminar in Contemporary Theory

Contemporary Theory

Classical Theory

Sociology of the Law

***Teaching Assistantships***

Anthropological Theory

Introduction to Criminology

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Introduction to Social Statistics

Introduction to Sociological Theory

Medical Anthropology

Sociological Methods

Statistics for Arts Students

**GUEST LECTURES**

**Schram, B.** 2019. “Ethical Challenges in Qualitative Research: Lessons from the Field”. Guest Lecture in the Department of Sociology and Legal Studies. Sociological Methods, Zachary Munro. University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON. October 11.

**Schram, B.** 2017. “Surveilling Sexuality in the Past and Present.” Guest Lecture in the Department of Sociology and Legal Studies. Sexuality & the Law, Dr. Vanessa Iafolla. University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON. October 3.

**Schram, B.** 2017. “Who is designing & who are they designing for?” Guest Lecture in the Department of Sociology and Legal Studies. Games and Gamers, Dr. Jennifer Whitson. University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON. October 2.

**Schram, B**. 2017. “Ethical Considerations in Participatory Action Research.” Guest Lecture in the Department of Sociology and Legal Studies. Field Research Methods, Dr. Geraldina Polanco. University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON. March 2.

**Schram, B.** 2016. “Homonationalism as Governance Part II.” Guest Lecture in the Department of Sociology and Legal Studies. Sexuality & the Law, Dr. Vanessa Iafolla. University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON. November 16.

**Schram, B.** 2016. “Homonationalism as Governance.” Guest Lecture in the Department of Sociology and Legal Studies. Sexuality & the Law, Dr. Vanessa Iafolla. University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON. November 14.

**Schram, B.** 2016. “Gentrification, Housing Precarity, and Structural Inequality in Post-Financial Crisis America.” Guest Lecture in the Department of Sociology and Legal Studies: Games & Gamers, Dr. Jennifer Whitson. University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON. September 28.

**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

**Schram, B.,** Islam, A., Dea, S., Johnson, C.W., Khaki, E.F., Mazhar, F., Murphy, S. 2016. “Waterloo, Let’s talk. Pulse, Orlando.” Public Panel at Kitchener Public Library, November 10.

• One of two event organizers (panel participants listed as co-authors). Invied, and prepared panelists, both academic and non-academic. Sought and located funding both within and outside the University. Developed panel program. Managed public engagement and advertising. Acted as liaison between several academic departments and hosting venue. Wrote post-event write-up for University of Waterloo Alumni Services.

**Schram, B.** 2016. “A Response to Wendel Wallach.” Imprint [Waterloo] 22/02/2016. Np.

**SERVICE**

***To the Profession***2020— Reviewer, *Critical Criminology* 2019— Reviewer, *Information, Communication and Society*2018— Reviewer, *Surveillance and Society* ***To the University***2016 Department of Sociology Liaison to Cryptography, Security, and Privacy Research Group (CrySP), University of Waterloo.

**SPECIALIZED TRAINING**

2018­ Digital Research Ethics Collaboratory for Networked Intimate Publics: Storytelling, Materiality, Ethics & Praxis. The Association of Internet Researchers. Montreal, QC. October 10.

2017 Surveillance Studies Summer Seminar. Queen’s University, Kingston, ON. June 15-21