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Affiliated Faculty

**Mega Subramaniam**

Short bio: Mega is an Associate Professor at the College of Information Studies (Maryland’s iSchool). Her research focuses on the use of school and public libraries as effective learning environments to encourage science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) interest among underserved, underrepresented, and disadvantaged young adults. She is also interested in examining how to facilitate the learning of emerging digital literacies in libraries using the connected learning framework. She teaches courses in the Masters of Library and Information Science (MLIS) program at the iSchool, specifically courses in the School Library and Youth Experience specializations. Mega also serves as a co-editor of School Library Research journal and as a board member for the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA).

Current Research Projects:

* ConnectedLib (<https://connectedlib.ischool.uw.edu/>)
* Safe Data, Safe Families (https://safedata.umd.edu/)

Awards & Recognition: (This is something Mega and I talked about adding. Do you all think it’s a good idea to add this?)

* 2019 Fulbright Specialist (at the Library and Information Consortium of Kyrgyzstan)
* 2017 ALISE (Association for Library and Information Science Education) Pratt-Severn Faculty Innovation Award
* 2015 Young Adults Library Services Association’s trends impacting young adult services lecture award, Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA)
* 2015 ALISE-LMC (Association for Library and Information Science Education - Library Media Connection) Best Paper Award, Association for Library and Information Science Education & Libraries Unlimited

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**Tammy Clegg**

Short bio: Tamara Clegg is an associate professor in the College of Information Studies and the Department of Teaching and Learning, Policy and Leadership and at the University of Maryland. Her work focuses on developing technology (e.g., social media, mobile apps, e-textiles, community displays) to support life-relevant learning where learners, particularly those from underrepresented groups in science, engage in science in the context of achieving personally relevant goals. She seeks to understand ways such learning environments and technologies support scientific disposition development. Tamara’s work is funded by the National Science Foundation, the Institute of Museum and Library Studies, and Google.

Current Research Projects:

* Science Everywhere (<https://hcil.umd.edu/science-everywhere/>)
* NatureNet (<http://research.nature-net.org/>)
* BodyVis (<https://makeabilitylab.cs.washington.edu/project/BodyVis/>)
* Kid Safety (<https://pearl.umd.edu/projects/kids-safety/>)

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*Short bio:* Beth is an assistant research scientist at the University of Maryland’s (UMD) Human-Computer Interaction Lab (HCIL) and College of Information Studies (Maryland's iSchool). Her research focuses on the design of technology-mediated social experiences that promote new media literacies, arts-integrated science learning, and participatory cultures for youth. She also serves as Director of KidsTeam, an intergenerational design team of children and adults, and is experienced in participatory design techniques that support new technology development for children and families, with a focus on informal learning experiences.

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**Ann Carlson Weeks**

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Current Research projects: The Lilead Project

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**David Weintrop**

Short bio: David Weintrop is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Teaching & Learning, Policy & Leadership in the College of Education with a joint appointment in the College of Information Studies at the University of Maryland. His research focuses on the design, implementation, and evaluation of accessible and engaging computational learning environments. He is also interested in the use of technological tools in supporting exploration and expression across diverse contexts including STEM classrooms and informal spaces. His work lies at the intersection of design, computer science education, and the Learning Sciences. David has a Ph.D. in the Learning Sciences from Northwestern University and a B.S. in Computer Science from the University of Michigan. He spent one year as a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Chicago studying computer science learning in elementary classrooms prior to joining the faculty at the University of Maryland. Before starting his academic career, he spent five years working as a software developer at a pair of start-ups in Chicago.

Research projects:

* Sphero.Math
* Scratch Encore (<https://www.canonlab.org/scratch-encore>)

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Associated Faculty

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Doctoral Students

**Kenna Hernly**

Short bio: Kenna is a Ph.D. student in Technology, Learning, and Leadership in the College of Education. She has a Master’s in Contemporary Visual Art from the University College Falmouth, UK and a BA in Art History from St. Mary’s College of Maryland. Her research interests are in informal education for children and adults in art museums, and in how technology promotes learning in museums.

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**Heather Killen**

Short bio: Heather is a Ph.D. student in Technology, Learning, and Leadership in the College of Education. She has a Master’s in Ecology from Boston University and a BA in Biology from Linfield College, OR. Her research interests are in the assessment of informal science education spaces.

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**Shandra Morehouse**

Short bio: Shandra is a Ph.D. student in the College of Information Studies. She received her Master’s degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee in 2018. Her research interests are in archives and information behavior in online fanfiction communities.

Current Projects:

Safe Data Safe Families (with Mega and Jessica Vitak)

New Ways to Fic: How Kpop Fans Are Using Social Media

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**Daniel Pauw**

Short bio: Daniel is a Ph.D. candidate in the College of Information Studies. He is currently working on the Science Everywhere project where they look at how to design technology and programmatic supports to engage children, parents, and teachers when talking about science in their everyday lives. My dissertation work specifically looks at how children and parents can communicate science learning interests using digital stickers. Digital stickers can serve as a way to enhance current communication in situations where the child (or parent) may not feel comfortable discussing a topic they feel may need more formal vocabulary. This research fits in my overall research interests by providing ways for people to feel more comfortable approaching and communicating about science.

Research Projects: Science Everywhere, NatureNet (former)

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Post-doctoral Students

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Alumni