

## Anthony Glyn Burton's curriculum vitae

### General information

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### Education

**Doctor of Philosophy, Communications.** Simon Fraser University. 2024.

**Master of Arts, Communication & Culture.** Ryerson University & York University. 2020.

**Graduate Professional Development in Teaching Program, Level 1.** The Chang School of Continuing Education. 2019.

**Honours Bachelor of Arts, Literature & Philosophy.** High Distinction. Victoria College in the University of Toronto. 2017

### Professional Contributions

#### Publications

##### Refereed Publications

Burton, Anthony Glyn and Marc Tuters. "The Rebel Yell: Alt-Right Audiences & Burlesque Traditionalism on YouTube". *Canadian Journalism of Communications*. Under review, 2020.

Elmer, Greg, Sabrina Ward & Anthony Burton. "Crowdfunding During COVID-19". *First Monday*. Under review, 2020.

Burton, Anthony Glyn and Dimitri Koehorst. 2020. "The Spread of Political Misinformation on Online Subcultural Platforms". *Harvard Misinformation Review*. Upcoming, 2020.

Burton, Anthony Glyn. 2019. "Being in/of the Network: The Chad Meme as Digital Subject". *To Be Decided: Journal of Interdisciplinary Theory*. 4 (2): 8.

—. 2016. "The Production of Society: Social Cohesion, Newspapers, and Social Media". *ImagiNATIONS* 4 (1): 57–70.

## Book Reviews

Burton, Anthony Glyn. 2018. [Review: Getting a Life: The Social Worlds of Geek Culture](#). *Quill & Quire*, March.

## Reports

Elmer, Greg, Ganaele Langlois, Marc Tuters, Melody Devries, Steven J. Neville, Anthony G. Burton & Sabrina Ward-Kimola. (2020). "Fringe Politics: The Deep Web's Impact on the Canadian Election", Report for Digital Ecosystem, Research Project, Heritage Canada.

Burton, Anthony Glyn, Ivana Škoro, Henri Mütschele, Myrthe Reuver, and Shenglang Qing. 2019. ['Streams of the Deep Web: Mapping Rebel Media on YouTube'](#). *Digital Methods Institute Summer School Project Report*. University of Amsterdam, July 21.

## Other Publications

Elmer, Greg, Anthony Glyn Burton, and Stephen J. Neville. 2020. "These researchers tracked down how hackers are disrupting Zoom chats." *Global News*. June 15, 2020. <https://globalnews.ca/news/7048850/zoom-hacking/>.

Elmer, Greg, Anthony Glyn Burton, and Stephen J. Neville. 2020. "Zoom-Bombings Disrupt Online Events with Racist and Misogynist Attacks." *The Conversation*. June 9, 2020. <http://theconversation.com/zoom-bombings-disrupt-online-events-with-racist-and-misogynist-attacks-138389>.

Burton, Anthony Glyn. 2019. ['This is where it starts'](#). *Digital Citizenship Cultures Initiative*. October 23.

—. 2019. ['Canada's New Right New Mediasphere'](#). *Digital Citizenship Cultures Initiative*. September 30.

—. 2019. ['The Rebel Yell'](#). *Digital Citizenship Cultures Initiative*. September 17 2019.

Hagen, Sal, Anthony Glyn Burton, Jack Wilson and Marc Tuters. 2019. ['Infinity's Abyss: An Overview of 8chan'](#). *OILab*, August 8.

Burton, Anthony Glyn. 2018. ['X. Why?'](#). *The Outline*, June 13.

## Presentations (R indicates refereed)

R Tuters, Marc and Anthony Burton. 2020. "Rebels and their Followers: YouTube Pundits and the War on 'Social Justice'". Conference presentation. *MAPD 2020 (Multidisciplinary Approaches to Political Discourse) #3: Responding to new challenges*. University of Liverpool, 25-26 June 2020. Postponed due to COVID-19.

R Burton, Anthony. 2020. "The grammar of embodiment: White noise, the Other, and information theory." Conference presentation. *What is Information?*. University of Oregon Portland, April 30.

R —. "Reading the comments: Rebel Media, 'citizen journalism', and reactionary audience building." Conference presentation. *Canadian Communication Association annual conference*. Western University, May 3. Cancelled due to COVID-19.

R —. "'Alt-right' news night: The politics of microcelebrity on YouTube". Conference presentation. *Changing the Current: Intersections/Cross-Sections*. Ryerson & York University, March 7.

R —. 2020. "The scraped social: towards a methodological bridging of discourse and the digital." Conference presentation. *Beyond Boundaries* Communication Graduate Caucus

Conference. Carleton University, February 26.

R Elmer, Greg, Anthony Glyn Burton and Ganaele Langlois. 2020. "The Deep Web's Impact on the 2019 Canadian Election." Conference presentation. *Digital Ecosystems Conference*. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, February 21.

Burton, Anthony Glyn. 2019. "What Platforms Want: 'Incels' and the digital community as archive." Conference presentation. *Possible Worlds*. Ryerson University, December 16.

R —. 2019. "Hearkening towards the object: Understanding the mediation of communication in the digital far-right." Conference presentation. *Future Communications*. York University, December 13.

—. 2019. "Channel surfing: YouTube, Rebel Media, and politicized platform networks." Conference presentation. *Pursuing Critical Media & Technology Studies*. Ryerson University, November 5.

—. 2019. "Digital Cultures of Citizenship." Poster Session. *Rubix Research Festival*. Ryerson University, November 4.

R —. 2019. "Digital Characters, Digital Community: The Chad Meme as Community Member in Online Incel Spaces". Conference presentation. *Beyond Life Itself Social & Political Thought Graduate Conference*. Acadia University, May 4.

R —. 2019. "Austerity Ideology and the Public Sphere: Telephony Rhetoric in the Doug Ford Administration". Conference presentation. *Canada on the Edge? Robarts Centre Canadian Studies Conference*. York University, May 2.

—. 2019. "How to Study the Internet." Guest lecture presented in SOC482 Media Methods, March 21.

—. 2019. "A Narrative Analysis Case Study: Gab.ai." Guest lecture presented in SOC482 Media Methods, March 7.

## Datasets

Burton, Anthony Glyn. (2020). Rebel Media contributors timeline (Version 0.1.0). [Data set]. Zenodo. doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3634817

—. (2020). #cdnpoli and the Twittersphere: User mentions during the 2019 Federal Election (Version 1.0.0) [Data set]. Zenodo. doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3634154

## Research and Teaching Appointments

### Research Appointments

**Research Associate.** Digital Democracies Group, Simon Fraser University. 2020-.

**Co-founder.** Digital Citizenship Cultures Initiative, Ryerson University. With Drs. Greg Elmer and Ganaele Langlois. 2019-.

**Research Associate.** Infoscape Research Lab, Ryerson University. 2019-.

**Research Associate.** Open Intelligence Lab, University of Amsterdam. 2019-.

**Visiting Researcher.** Departement van Media & Cultuur, University of Amsterdam. 2019.

**Graduate Assistant.** Department of Politics & Public Administration, Ryerson University. 2019.

**Research Assistant.** Department of Political Science, University of Toronto. 2017.

### **Project Leadership**

**Post-propaganda pipeline: Junk American political news on Reddit and 4chan *pol*.** University of Amsterdam Digital Methods Initiative Spring Data Sprint. March 2020.

**Streams of the Deep Web: Mapping YouTube's Alt-Right in the context of the Canadian Federal Election.** University of Amsterdam Digital Methods Initiative Summer School. July 2019.

### **Teaching Assistantships**

**CC8849 Selected Topics in PinP: Digital Methods.** Joint Program in Communication & Culture, Ryerson & York University. 2019.

**SOC482 Media Methods.** Sociology Department, Ryerson University. 2019.

### **Extracurricular Teaching**

**Founder & Program Lead.** Editorial Assistant Education Program. The Strand, Victoria College's Student Newspaper. 2016.

### **Software Development**

**gofindme.** A python-based web scraper for gofundme.com campaigns. Tracks campaign information, donations, and comments. Source code available at <https://gitlab.com/anthbrtn/gofindme>.

**company-zetteltags.** Allows for the automatic completion of tags when using the [Zettelkasten](#) knowledge capture method. Specifically, `company-zetteltags` is built as a backend to the `company-mode` autocompletion framework and plugs into the [zetteldeft](#) software library for GNU-Emacs. Source code available at <https://gitlab.com/anthbrtn/company-zetteltags/>.

**PyWarcSer.** Tool to download all publicly-accessible pages of webforums built using the XenForo webforum software, convert into a `.warc`-formatted website archive file, and insert into a SQL database for statistical analysis. Written in Python. Source code availability pending.

**Digital Methods Toolkit.** An evolving list of resources to perform digital methods research. Available at <https://anthbrtn.com/digital-methods.html>.

**fzf-menus.** A set of small menu widgets to connect to wifi and bluetooth using june-gunn's [fuzzy file finder](#). Source code available at <https://gitlab.com/anthbrtn/fzf-menus>.

**Digital Citizenship Cultures Initiative website.** Website accompanying the Digital Citizenship Cultures research group at Ryerson University's Infoscapes Lab. Founded initiative with Drs. Greg Elmer and Ganaele Langlois. Website available at <https://dcc.infoscapeslab.ca>.

**"The Hall of Boomer Nihilism".** Three-monitor installation, live feed of images from the PatriotsSoapBox Discord server coded in Python using the Discord API. Source code available at <https://gitlab.com/anthbrtn/boomer-hall-of-nihilism>.

**Commentariat colour scheme.** A colour scheme for text editing in Markdown. Originally designed for [Atom](#), it is easily portable to other apps such as the terminal emulator [Tilix](#). The repository also contains a detailed tutorial on how to set up a markdown-

based writing workflow in Atom. Source code available at <https://gitlab.com/anth-brtn/commentariat>.

## Media Interviews

Interview about misinformation news in Canadian “new right new media”. Do Couto, Sarah. August 2 2020. ‘Fullish Disclosure.’ *Ryerson Review of Journalism*. <https://rrj.ca/fullish-disclosure/>

Interview about the proliferation of Zoombombing during COVID-19 self-quarantine. Sobocan, Cathy. 29 June 2020. 106.5 ELMNT FM.

Consultation about COVID-related misinformation and alternative digital platforms. Bellemare, Andrea, Katie Nicholson, and Jason Ho. 21 May 2020. ‘How a debunked COVID-19 video kept spreading after Facebook and YouTube took it down.’ *CBC News*. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/technology/alt-tech-platforms-resurface-plan-demic-1.5577013>

Discussion about fake news and Canada’s new right new media on the Ryerson Review of Journalism’s *Pull Quotes* podcast. Fraser, Ashley, and Tanja Saric. 7 November 2019. ‘Pull Quotes Season Three, Episode Two: How Media Professionals Adapt to Challenging Misinformation’. *Pull Quotes*. <https://rrj.ca/pull-quotes-season-three-episode-1-2/>.

## Research Support

### External Research Grants

*Digital Disinformation and Citizenship Network*. 2020-2021. Budget: \$350,000. Collaborator. Heritage Department, Government of Canada. Principal Investigator: Greg Elmer (Ryerson). Co-PIs: Wendy Chun (SFU), Fenwick McKelvey (Concordia), Ahmed Al-Rawi (SFU), and Ganaele Langlois (York).

*The Dark Web’s impact on the 2019 Canadian Federal Election*. 2019-2020. Budget: \$50,000. Co-Principal Investigator. Heritage Department, Government of Canada. Principal Investigator: Greg Elmer (Ryerson). Co-Principal Investigator: Marc Tuters (University of Amsterdam).

### Awards and Honours

**Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Joseph Armand-Bombardier Doctoral Fellowship**. Federal. 2020-2023.

**Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Graduate Masters Scholarship**. Federal. 2019-2020.

**Public Scholar**. Ryerson University Faculty of Arts. 2019-2020.

**Ontario Graduate Scholarship**. Provincial. 2019-2020. (Declined).

**Ryerson Graduate Fellowship**. Program. 2018-2020. (Declined for 2019-2020).

**Mitacs Globalink Research Award**. Project: “Streams of the deep web: Mapping YouTube’s alt-right in the Canadian Election”. 2019.

**Silver V Award for Outstanding Campus Contribution**. Victoria College in the University of Toronto. 2017.

**Secor Essay Prize in Renaissance Studies**. “Veronica Franco’s Epistolary Self-Construction”. 2016.

## **Contributions to the Profession**

### **Service to Research**

Panel chair, *Intersections/Cross-Sections* Graduate Conference, Ryerson/York University. March 15 2020.

Panel chair, *Future Communications* Graduate Conference, York University. December 13 2019.

Panel chair, *Intersections/Cross-Sections* Graduate Conference, Ryerson/York University. February 4 2019.

### **Service to the University**

MA Executive Representative. Communication & Culture Graduate Students' Association. 2018-2020.