Talya Jesperson

Talya Jesperson (she/her)
Vancouver, BC

Skills & Proficiencies

Skills: Academic writing; conducting literature reviews; qualitative and quantitative research; web development, event coordination, project management; lesson planning; facilitating classes and tutorials; evaluating student work; working in teams; collaboration; leadership

Programs: Stata, SPSS, NVivo, Microsoft, Office Suite, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Hootsuite, and more

Strengths: Highly organized, strong communication skills, fast and dedicated learner, team player

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Relevant Experience

My Learning Coach | 2022 – present
(https://mylearningcoach.ca/)
Learning Coach
Vancouver, BC, Canada

- Coaching and advising post-secondary students on coursework and learning strategies so they can best succeed in their programs

Electronic Textual Cultures Lab | 2020 – present
(ETCL; https://etcl.uvic.ca/)
Research Assistant
University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, Canada

- Coordinating the annual Digital Humanities Summer Institute (DHSI) (bookings, coordinating with partners and instructors, managing registrations etc.)
- Helping to develop the Canadian Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) Commons
- Writing and reviewing research articles and other content produced in the lab

UVic Sociology Department | September 2020 — present
(https://uvic.ca/socialsciences/sociology)
Teaching Assistant
University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, Canada

SOCI 271 - Introduction to Social Statistics | x3 terms
SOCI 355 - The Corporation, Capitalism, and Globalization | x2 terms

- Marked midterms and final exams
- Held office hours
- Facilitated small group discussions

- Guest lectured

Song Hagwon Academy | 2018 — 2021
English Tutor
Victoria, BC, Canada

- Taught English grammar and writing to ELL students from ages 8 to 19
- Developed tailored lesson plans
- Taught classes of 1-6 students in person and through Zoom

Dominque Forand Creations Inc. | 2017 — 2019
Personal Assistant and Project Manager
Montréal, QC, Canada

- Prepared presentation materials
- Lead communications with clients and colleagues
- Coordinated and managed projects
- Helped to develop company brand (cornerstones, website, other written content)

Education

Master of Arts in Sociology | 2020 — 2022
Concentration in Cultural, Social, and Political Thought (CSPT)
University of Victoria

- Thesis: A Siri-ous Conversation about AI: Understanding Human Relationships with Artificial Intelligence
- Supervisors: Dr. William K. Carroll, Professor (Sociology) and Dr. Jentery Sayers, Associate Professor (English)
- GPA: 8.40/9.00

Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Sociology | 2013 — 2020
Minor in Technology and Society
University of Victoria

- Thesis: Creating Context for the Democratization of Technology: Exploring Platforms for Decentralization of the Internet and Digital Knowledge Commons
- Supervisors: Dr. William K. Carroll, Professor (Sociology) and Dr. Jentery Sayers, Associate Professor (English)
- Graduating GPA: 7.59/9.00

Certificate in Business Administration | 2015
University of Victoria, Division of Continuing Studies

Awards

University of Victoria
- President's Research Scholarship – $5,000 | 2021
- SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master's – $17,500 | 2021
- University of Victoria Graduate Award – $5,000 | 2020
- CSPT Entrance Award – $5,000 | 2020

- Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award – $1,500 | 2019

Commitees & Service

Sociology Department | 2021 — 2022
MA Student Representative

Associate Dean Academic Search Committee | 2021
Graduate Student Representative
Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, Canada

Student Affairs Committee | 2020 — 2021
Representative
University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, Canada

Department Representative for Grad Council | 2020 — 2021
University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, Canada

Coastal Research Education Alliance Network | 2019 — 2020
(CREAN; https://creansociety.ca/)
Volunteer
Victoria, BC, Canada

Publications & Presentations

Publications

Jesperson, T., Jensen, G., Winter, C., Arbuckle, A., & Siemens, R. (forthcoming). Open, Collaborative Commons: Web3, Blockchain, and Next Steps for the Canadian Humanities and Social Sciences Commons. *Pop! Public. Open. Participatory.*

Jensen, G., Arbuckle, A., Winter, C., Jesperson, T., & Siemens, R. (forthcoming). Fostering Digital Communities of Care: Safety, Security, and Trust in the Canadian Humanities and Social Sciences Commons. *IDEAH.*

Co-presenter at Putting Open Scholarship into Practice 2021 | December 2022

Jensen, G. & Jesperson, T (2022, December 9). New Pastures: Expanding the Humanities and Social Sciences Commons. *IDEAH.* Putting Open Scholarship into Practice 2021, Victoria, BC, Canada.
https://inke.ca/putting-open-social-scholarship-into-practice

Co-presenter at DHSI 2022 | June 2021

Jensen, G., Arbuckle, A., Winter, C., Jesperson, T., & Siemens, R. (2021, June 2). *Fostering Digital Communities of Care: Safety, Security, and Trust in the Canadian Humanities and Social Sciences Commons.* [Conference Presentation]. Digital Humanities Summer Institute 2021, Victoria, BC, Canada.
https://dhsi.org/dhsi-2021-online-edition/dhsi-2021-online-edition-aligned-conferences-and-events/dhsi-2021-conference-colloquium/