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## Experience

### Academic/Research

- 2019–present **Assistant Professor**, *Binghamton University*, Binghamton, NY.  
Department of Computer Science
- 2017–2019 **Assistant Professor**, *University of Alabama at Birmingham*, Birmingham, AL.  
Department of Computer Science
- 2014–2017 **Associate Researcher**, *Telefonica Research*, Barcelona, Spain.

### Industry

- 2017–2020 **Director of Research**, *Tappas*, Birmingham, AL.
- 2006–2008 **Software Architect**, *Pallasoft, Inc.*, Tampa.  
Project involvement:  
General consulting  
Custom content management systems with inheriting access control lists
- 2003–2006 **Principal Developer**, *Boson Software, Inc.*, Tampa.  
Project involvement:  
Digital Rights Management and binary licensing system  
Content distribution/update system  
Flagship test engine product (over \$1 million a year in revenue)  
Shrink wrapped software (sold in Best Buy)  
Technical book software inserts (Cisco Press & McGraw-Hill)

## Education

- 2010–2014 **PhD in Computer Science**, *University of South Florida*, Tampa.
- 2005–2010 **M.Sc in Computer Science**, *University of South Florida*, Tampa.  
(5 year accelerated MS + BS program)
- 2005–2010 **B.Sc in Computer Science**, *University of South Florida*, Tampa.

## PhD thesis

- title *An Analysis of (Bad) Behavior in Online Video Games*
- supervisor Adriana Iamnitchi

## Masters thesis

- title *Design and Evaluation of a Green BitTorrent for Energy-Efficient Content Distribution*
- supervisor Ken Christensen

## Awards

- 2020 Honorable Mention, ICWSM '20. See [19]
- 2020 Honorable Mention, ICWSM '20. See [17]
- 2019 Best Reviewer Award, ICWSM '19

- 2019 Best Paper Award, CyberSafety '19. See [46]
- 2018 Distinguished Paper Award, IMC '18. See [23]
- 2018 Best Reviewer, The Web Conference '18 (formerly WWW)
- 2017 Best Paper Runner Up, ICWSM '17. See [31]
- 2011 Best Student Poster, HPDC/SIGMETRICS at FRC '11.
- 2008 Best Poster, University of South Florida REU Poster Competition

## Funding

- 2019 **Facebook Content Policy Research on Social Media Platforms**, *Monitoring Cross-platform Trends in Hate Speech* (PI with Co-PI Barry Bradlyn, UIUC Physics). Amount: \$100k, Binghamton share: \$50k.
- 2018 **nVidia Seed Grant**. Two nVidia Titan Xp GPUs
- 2016 **EU H2020, ENCASE - Enhancing security And privacy in the Social web: A User Centered Approach for the Protection of Minors** (PI at Telefonica). Amount: 2.16M€.
- 2015-2016 **Telefonica Innovation Call** (Scientific Lead). Amount: 117k€.

## Publications

*Note: Students co-authors under my PhD, masters, or undergraduate research supervision at the time of authorship are marked with a\*.*

### Journals

- [1] Alexandros Mittos, Savvas Zannettou, Jeremy Blackburn, and Emiliano De Cristofaro. Analyzing genetic testing discourse on the web through the lens of twitter, reddit, and 4chan. *ACM Trans. Web*, 2020.
- [2] Despoina Chatzakou, Ilias Leontiadis, Jeremy Blackburn, Emiliano De Cristofaro, Gianluca Stringhini, Athena Vakali, and Nicolas Kourtellis. Detecting cyberbullying and cyberaggression in social media. *ACM Trans. Web*, 13(3), October 2019.
- [3] Savvas Zannettou\*, Michael Sirivianos, Jeremy Blackburn, and Nicolas Kourtellis. The web of false information: Rumors, fake news, hoaxes, clickbait, and various other shenanigans. *J. Data and Information Quality*, 11(3), May 2019.
- [4] Andri Ioannou, Jeremy Blackburn, Gianluca Stringhini, Emiliano De Cristofaro, Nicolas Kourtellis, and Michael Sirivianos. From risk factors to detection and intervention: a practical proposal for future work on cyberbullying. *Behaviour & Information Technology*, 37(3):258–266, 2018.
- [5] Jay Ligatti, Jeremy Blackburn, and Michael Nachtigal. On subtyping-relation completeness, with an application to iso-recursive types. *ACM Trans. Program. Lang. Syst.*, 39(1):4:1–4:36, March 2017.
- [6] Xiang Zuo, Jeremy Blackburn, Nicolas Kourtellis, John Skvoretz, and Adriana Iamnitchi. The power of indirect ties. *Computer Communications*, 73, Part B:188 – 199, 2016.
- [7] Nicolas Kourtellis, Jeremy Blackburn, Cristian Borcea, and Adriana Iamnitchi. Enabling social applications via decentralized social data management. *ACM Transactions on Internet Technology*, 15(1), March 2015.
- [8] Jeremy Blackburn, Nicolas Kourtellis, John Skvoretz, Matei Ripeanu, and Adriana Iamnitchi. Cheating in Online Games: A Social Network Perspective. *ACM Transactions on Internet Technology*, 3(9), May 2014.

- [9] Adriana Iamnitchi, Jeremy Blackburn, and Nicolas Kourtellis. The Social Hourglass: An Infrastructure for Socially Aware Applications and Services. *IEEE Internet Computing*, 16(3):13–23, 2012.
  - [10] Jeremy Blackburn, Ramanuja Simha, Clayton Long, Xiang Zuo, Nicolas Kourtellis, John Skvoretz, and Adriana Iamnitchi. Cheaters in a Gaming Social Network. *ACM SIGMETRICS Performance Evaluation Review (PER)*, 39(3):101–103, December 2011.
- Conferences (refereed)
- [11] Manoel Horta Ribeiro, Jeremy Blackburn, Barry Bradlyn, Emiliano De Cristofaro, Gianluca Stringhini, Summer Long\*, Stephanie Greenberg\*, and Savvas Zannettou. The Evolution of the Manosphere across the Web. In *Proceedings of the 15th International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media*, ICWSM '21, 2021.
  - [12] Erik Rye, Jeremy Blackburn, and Robert Beverly. Reading In-Between the Lines: An Analysis of Dissenter. In *Proceedings of the 2020 Internet Measurement Conference*, IMC '20, 2020.
  - [13] Jason Baumgartner, Savvas Zannettou, Brian Keegan, Megan Squire, and Jeremy Blackburn. The pushshift reddit dataset. *Proceedings of the International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media*, 14(1):830–839, May 2020.
  - [14] Jason Baumgartner, Savvas Zannettou, Megan Squire, and Jeremy Blackburn. The pushshift telegram dataset. *Proceedings of the International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media*, 14(1):840–847, May 2020.
  - [15] Antonis Papasavva, Savvas Zannettou, Emiliano De Cristofaro, Gianluca Stringhini, and Jeremy Blackburn. Raiders of the lost kek: 3.5 years of augmented 4chan posts from the politically incorrect board. *Proceedings of the International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media*, 14(1):885–894, May 2020.
  - [16] Savvas Zannettou, Barry Bradlyn, Emiliano De Cristofaro, Gianluca Stringhini, and Jeremy Blackburn. Characterizing the Use of Images by State-Sponsored Troll Accounts on Twitter. In *Proceedings of the 14th International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media*, ICWSM '20, 2020.
  - [17] Kostantinos Papadamou, Antonis Papasavva, Savvas Zannettou\*, Jeremy Blackburn, Nicolas Kourtellis, Ilias Leontiadis, Gianluca Stringhini, and Michael Sirivianos. Disturbed youtube for kids: Characterizing and detecting disturbing content on youtube. In *Proceedings of the 14th International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (Honorable Mention)*, ICWSM '20, 2020.
  - [18] Alexandros Mittos, Savvas Zannettou\*, Jeremy Blackburn, and Emiliano De Cristofaro. “and we will fight for our race!” a measurement study of genetic testing conversations on reddit and 4chan. In *Proceedings of the 14th International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media*, ICWSM '20, 2020.
  - [19] Savvas Zannettou\*, Joel Finkelstein, Barry Bradlyn, and Jeremy Blackburn. A quantitative approach to understanding online antisemitism. In *Proceedings of the 14th International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media*, ICWSM '20, 2020.
  - [20] Enrico Mariconti, Guillermo Suarez-Tangil, Jeremy Blackburn, Emiliano De Cristofaro, Nicolas Kourtellis, Ilias Leontiadis, Jordi Luque Serrano, and Gianluca Stringhini. "You Know What to Do": Proactive Detection of YouTube Videos Targeted by Coordinated Hate Attacks. In *Proceedings of the 2019 ACM conference on Computer supported cooperative work*, 2019.
  - [21] Antigoni Maria Founta, Despoina Chatzakou, Nicolas Kourtellis, Jeremy Blackburn, Athena Vakali, and Ilias Leontiadis. A unified deep learning architecture for abuse detection. In

*Proceedings of the 10th ACM Conference on Web Science, WebSci '19*, pages 105–114, New York, NY, USA, 2019. ACM.

- [22] Savvas Zannettou\*, Tristan Caulfield, William Setzer\*, Michael Sirivianos, Gianluca Stringhini, and Jeremy Blackburn. Who let the trolls out?: Towards understanding state-sponsored trolls. In *Proceedings of the 10th ACM Conference on Web Science, WebSci '19*, pages 353–362, New York, NY, USA, 2019. ACM.
- [23] Savvas Zannettou\*, Tristan Caulfield, Jeremy Blackburn, Emiliano De Cristofaro, Michael Sirivianos, Gianluca Stringhini, and Guillermo Suarez-Tangil. On the Origins of Memes by Means of Fringe Web Communities. In *Proceedings of the 2018 Internet Measurement Conference (Distinguished Paper Award)*, IMC '18, 2018.
- [24] Lucky Onwuzurike, Mario Almeida\*, Enrico Mariconti, Jeremy Blackburn, Gianluca Stringhini, and Emiliano De Cristofaro. A family of droids-android malware detection via behavioral modeling: Static vs dynamic analysis. In *2018 16th Annual Conference on Privacy, Security and Trust (PST)*, pages 1–10, Aug 2018.
- [25] Savvas Zannettou\*, Jeremy Blackburn, Emiliano De Cristofaro, Michael Sirivianos, and Gianluca Stringhini. Understanding Web Archiving Services and Their (Mis)Use on Social Media. In *Proceedings of the 12th International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media, ICWSM '18*, 2018.
- [26] Antigoni-Maria Founta, Constantinos Djouvas, Despoina Chatzakou, Ilias Leontiadis, Jeremy Blackburn, Gianluca Stringhini, Athena Vakali, Michael Sirivianos, and Nicolas Kourtellis. Large Scale Crowdsourcing and Characterization of Twitter Abusive Behavior. In *Proceedings of the 12th International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media, ICWSM '18*, 2018.
- [27] Mario Almeida\*, Muhammad Bilal, Alessandro Finamore, Ilias Leontiadis, Yan Grunenberger, Matteo Varvello, and Jeremy Blackburn. CHIMP: Crowdsourcing Human Inputs for Mobile Phones. In *Proceedings of the 27th Web Conference (formerly WWW)*, WWW '18, 2018.
- [28] Savvas Zannettou\*, Tristan Caulfield, Emiliano De Cristofaro, Nicolas Kourtellis, Ilias Leontiadis, Michael Sirivianos, Gianluca Stringhini, and Jeremy Blackburn. The web centipede: Understanding how web communities influence each other through the lens of mainstream and alternative news sources. In *Proceedings of the 2017 Internet Measurement Conference, IMC '17*, pages 405–417, New York, NY, USA, 2017. ACM.
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- [30] Despoina Chatzakou, Nicolas Kourtellis, Jeremy Blackburn, Emiliano De Cristofaro, Gianluca Stringhini, and Athena Vakali. Mean birds: Detecting aggression and bullying on twitter. In *The 28th ACM Conference on Hypertext and Social Media, HT '17*, 2017.
- [31] Gabriel Emile Hine, Jeremiah Onalapo, Emiliano De Cristofaro, Nicolas Kourtellis, Ilias Leontiadis, Riginos Samaras, Gianluca Stringhini, and Jeremy Blackburn. Kek, cucks, and god emperor trump: A measurement study of 4chan's politically incorrect forum and its effects on the web. In *Proceedings of the 11th International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (best paper runner up)*, ICWSM '17, 2017.
- [32] Matteo Varvello, Jeremy Blackburn, David Naylor, and Konstantina Papagiannaki. Eyeorg: A platform for crowdsourced web quality of experience measurements. In *Proceedings of the 12th ACM International on Conference on Emerging Networking Experiments and Technologies, CoNEXT '16*, 2016.

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  - [34] Mario Almeida\*, Muhammad Bilal, Jeremy Blackburn, and Konstantina Papagiannaki. An empirical study of android alarm usage for application scheduling. In *Proceedings of the 2016 Passive and Active Measurements Conference*, PAM '16, 2016.
  - [35] Matteo Varvello, Kyle Schomp, David Naylor, Jeremy Blackburn, Alessandro Finamore, and Konstantina Papagiannaki. Is the web http/2 yet? In *Proceedings of the 2016 Passive and Active Measurements Conference*, PAM '16, 2016.
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  - [37] Haewoon Kwak, Jeremy Blackburn, and Seungyeop Han. Exploring cyberbullying and other toxic behavior in team competition online games. In *Proceedings of the SIGCHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems*, CHI '15, 2015.
  - [38] Xiang Zuo, Jeremy Blackburn, Nicolas Kourtellis, John Skvoretz, and Adriana Iamnitchi. The influence of indirect ties on social network dynamics. In *Proceedings of the 6th International Conference on Social Informatics*, SocInfo '14, 2014.
  - [39] Xiang Zuo, Jeremy Blackburn, Nicolas Kourtellis, John Skvoretz, and Adriana Iamnitchi. The power of indirect ties in friend-to-friend storage systems. In *Proceedings of the IEEE International conference on Peer-to-Peer Computing*, P2P '14. ACM, 2014.
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  - [41] Jeremy Blackburn, Rade Stanojevic, Vijay Erramilli, Adriana Iamnitchi, and Konstantina Papagiannaki. Last Call for the Buffet: Economics of Cellular Networks. In *Proceedings of the 19th Annual International Conference on Mobile Computing and Networking*, MobiCom'13, 2013.
  - [42] Jeremy Blackburn and Adriana Iamnitchi. Relationships under the microscope with Interaction-Backed social networks. In *Internet, Interdisciplinarity & Innovation: The first international conference on Internet Science 2013*, Brussels, Belgium, April 2013.
  - [43] Jeremy Blackburn, Ramanuja Simha, Nicolas Kourtellis, Xiang Zuo, Matei Ripeanu, John Skvoretz, and Adriana Iamnitchi. Branded with a Scarlet "C": Cheaters in a Gaming Social Network. In *Proceedings of the 21st international conference on World Wide Web*, WWW '12, pages 81–90. ACM, 2012.
  - [44] Nicolas Kourtellis, Joshua Finnis, Paul Anderson, Jeremy Blackburn, and Adriana Iamnitchi. Prometheus: User-Controlled P2P Social Data Management for Socially-Aware Applications. In *Proceedings of the 11th ACM/IFIP/USENIX International Middleware Conference*, Middleware '10, November 2010.
- Workshops (refereed)
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- [46] Savvas Zannettou\*, Tristan Caulfield, Emiliano De Cristofaro, Michael Sirivianos, Gianluca Stringhini, and Jeremy Blackburn. Disinformation warfare: Understanding state-sponsored trolls on twitter and their influence on the web. In *CyberSafety, Companion Proceedings of The 2019 World Wide Web Conference (Best Paper Award)*, CyberSafety '19, pages 218–226, New York, NY, USA, 2019. ACM.
- [47] Savvas Zannettou\*, Barry Bradlyn, Emiliano De Cristofaro, Michael Sirivianos, Gianluca Stringhini, Haewoon Kwak, and Jeremy Blackburn. What is Gab? A Bastion of Free Speech or an Alt-Right Echo Chamber? In *Proceedings of the 27th Web Conference Companion (formerly WWW)*, WWW '18 Companion, 2018.
- [48] Ah Reum Kang, Jeremy Blackburn, Haewoon Kwak, and Huy Kang Kim. I would not plant apple trees if the world will be wiped: Analyzing hundreds of millions of behavioral records of players during an mmorpg beta test. In *Proceedings of the 26th International Conference on World Wide Web Companion*, WWW '17 Companion, pages 435–444, 2017.
- [49] Joan Serra, Ilias Leontiadis, Dimitris Spathis, Gianluca Stringhini, Jeremy Blackburn, and Athena Vakali. Class-based prediction errors to detect hate speech with out-of-vocabulary words. In *1st Workshop on Abusive Language Online*, ALW1, 2017.
- [50] Despoina Chatzakou, Nicolas Kourtellis, Jeremy Blackburn, Emiliano De Cristofaro, Gianluca Stringhini, and Athena Vakali. Measuring #gamergate: A tale of hate, sexism, and bullying. In *Proceedings of the 26th International Conference on World Wide Web Companion*, WWW '17 Companion, pages 1285–1290, 2017.
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- [52] Fotios Papaodyssefs\*, Costas Iordanou, Jeremy Blackburn, Nikolaos Laoutaris, and Konstantina Papagiannaki. Web identity translator: Behavioral advertising and identity privacy with WIT. In *Proceedings of the 14th ACM Workshop on Hot Topics in Networks*, HotNets '15, 2015.
- [53] Haewoon Kwak and Jeremy Blackburn. Linguistic analysis of toxic behavior in an online video game. In *Proceedings of the 1st Exploration on Games and Gamers Workshop*, EGG '14, 2014.
- [54] Jeremy Blackburn and Adriana Iamnitchi. An architecture for collecting longitudinal social data. In *IEEE International Conference on Communications 2013: IEEE ICC'13 - Workshop on Beyond Social Networks: Collective Awareness*, Budapest, Hungary, June 2013.
- [55] Jeremy Blackburn, Nicolas Kourtellis, and Adriana Iamnitchi. Vulnerability in Socially-Informed Peer-to-Peer Systems. *4th ACM EuroSys Workshop on Social Network Systems*, 2011.
- [56] Jeremy Blackburn and Ken Christensen. A Simulation Study of a New Green BitTorrent. In *Proceedings of the 1st International Workshop on Green Communications (GreenComm) in conjunction with the IEEE International Conference on Communications*, pages 1–6, 2009. Posters (refereed)
- [57] Despoina Chatzakou, Nicolas Kourtellis, Jeremy Blackburn, Emiliano De Cristofaro, Gianluca Stringhini, and Athena Vakali. Detecting aggressors and bullies on twitter. In *Proceedings of the 26th International Conference on World Wide Web Companion*, WWW '17 Companion, pages 767–768, Republic and Canton of Geneva, Switzerland, 2017. International World Wide Web Conferences Steering Committee.

- [58] Jeremy Blackburn, Ramanuja Simha, Clayton Long, Xiang Zuo, Nicolas Kourtellis, John Skovretz, and Adriana Iamnitchi. Cheaters in a Gaming Metanetwork. In *HPDC/Sigmetrics 2011 at FCRC '11 (best student poster award)*, 2011.
- [59] Nicolas Kourtellis, Joshua Finnis, Paul Anderson, Jeremy Blackburn, and Adriana Iamnitchi. Prometheus: Distributed management of geo-social data. In *NSDI (poster)*, 2010.
- [60] Zack King, Jeremy Blackburn, and Adriana Iamnitchi. BatTorrent: A Battery-Aware BitTorrent for Mobile Devices. In *UbiComp (poster)*, 2009.

#### Technical Reports

- [61] Kostantinos Papadamou, Antonis Papasavva, Savvas Zannettou, Jeremy Blackburn, Nicolas Kourtellis, Ilias Leontiadis, Gianluca Stringhini, and Michael Sirivianos. Disturbed youtube for kids: Characterizing and detecting disturbing content on youtube. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1901.07046*, 2019.
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#### Others

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## Student Supervision

### PhD Students

- 2020–present Utkucan Balci (PhD CS; Binghamton University).
- 2020–present Ihab AbuHilal (PhD CS; Binghamton University).

- 2019–present Satrio Yudhoatmojo (PhD CS; Binghamton University).
- 2019–present Esraa Aldreabi (PhD CS; Binghamton University).
- 2019–present Fatemah Tahmasabi (PhD CS; Binghamton University).
- 2017–2019 Savvas Zannettou (PhD CS; CUT, Cyprus). Co-supervisor with Michael Sirivianos, CUT; Graduated December 2019. First job: Post doc, Max Plank Institute. See [3, 19, 22, 23, 25, 28, 47, 46].
- 2014–2018 Mario Almeida (PhD CS; UCP, Barcelona). Primary supervisor; graduated May. 2018. Current Job: Researcher, Samsung AI Center. First Job: Software Engineer, Mosaic. See [24, 27, 34, 51].

#### Masters Students

- 2019–present Yakun Zhang (Masters CS; Binghamton University).
- 2015 Fotios Papaodyssefs (Masters CS; UCP, Barcelona). Masters Thesis: “Web Identity Translator: Behavioral advertising and Identity Privacy with WIT” (received 9.5/10 grade). See [52].

#### Undergraduate Students

- 2019–present Stephanie Greenberg (Undergraduate CS; Binghamton University). See [11].
- 2019–present Summer Long (Undergraduate Math; Binghamton University). See [11].

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### Press

- 2019 I was interviewed by Vice for a story about a Canadian woman radicalized by memes on DeviantArt. [https://www.vice.com/en\\_us/article/zmp5y3/neo-nazis-on-deviantart-radicalized-a-woman-who-planned-a-mass-shooting](https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/zmp5y3/neo-nazis-on-deviantart-radicalized-a-woman-who-planned-a-mass-shooting)
- 2019 The New York Times published an article titled “Algorithms Won’t Fix What’s Wrong With YouTube” mentioning our technical report [61]. (<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/06/14/opinion/youtube-algorithm.html>)
- 2019 The Washington Post published an article titled “YouTube says it bans preteens from its site. But it’s still delivering troubling content to young children” featuring our technical report [61]. (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/technology/2019/03/14/youtube-says-it-bans-preteens-its-site-its-still-delivering-troubling-content-young-children/>)
- 2018 The Conversation invited us to write an article about our work on understanding and tracking memes [23] (<https://theconversation.com/memes-are-taking-the-alt-rights-message-of-hate-mainstream-108196>).
- 2018 After the unfortunate attack on the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, our work related to antisemitism Gab [62, 47] was covered extensively in the media. For example, NBC News, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, etc.
- 2018 The Washington Post covered (online and in print on the front page of the Business & Economy Section) our technical report on a quantitative approach to understanding antisemitism online [62] (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/technology/2018/09/06/racism-anti-semitism-surged-corners-web-after-trumps-election/>)
- 2018 The Conversation invited us to write an article about the behavior of Russian Trolls online based on our tech report [63] (<https://theconversation.com/propaganda-spewing-russian-trolls-act-differently-online-from-regular-people-100855>). The article was picked up by a variety of other sources; e.g., US News and World Reports.
- 2018 MIT Technology Review wrote an article about our paper on measuring memes [23] (<https://www.technologyreview.com/s/611332/this-is-where-internet-memes-come-from>)



- 2018 Vice UK interviewed me about our characterization of Gab.ai [47] ([https://www.vice.com/en\\_uk/article/ywxb95/gab-is-the-alt-right-social-network-racists-are-moving-to](https://www.vice.com/en_uk/article/ywxb95/gab-is-the-alt-right-social-network-racists-are-moving-to)).
- 2018 New Scientist covered our work characterizing Gab.ai [47] (<https://www.newscientist.com/article/2161933-theres-an-alt-right-alt-twitter-and-its-filled-with-hate/>).
- 2017 The Atlantic interviewed me for a piece concerning online extremist communities, focusing on our findings from [28] showing how they have a disproportionate impact on mainstream social media. An edited version of the print article is available online at <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2017/11/how-much-attention-should-extremists-get/546152/>
- 2017 Vice Motherboard Germany interviewed me with respect to how 4chan was influencing the 2017 German Elections (<https://goo.gl/oGKWg2>)
- 2017 Nature news published a Q&A about our work on 4chan [31] and fake news [64] (<https://www.nature.com/news/shining-a-light-on-the-dark-corners-of-the-web-1.22128>)
- 2017 Vice Motherboard interviewed me to get an understanding of how 4chan's unique features and constant content production factor into its influence on the Web ([https://motherboard.vice.com/en\\_us/article/ywzm8m/how-4chans-structure-creates-a-survival-of-the-fittest-for-memes](https://motherboard.vice.com/en_us/article/ywzm8m/how-4chans-structure-creates-a-survival-of-the-fittest-for-memes))
- 2017 The New European used our work [31] and an interview with me as the basis for their story explaining what 4chan is and how it influences the Web. (<https://goo.gl/13a7K8>)
- 2017 New Scientist covered our work on studying the end of the world through the lens of video games [48] (<https://www.newscientist.com/article/2124199-video-game-beta-test-reveals-how-we-might-act-if-the-world-ends/>)
- 2016 Our technical report on 4chan's politically incorrect board [65] was selected as a "Best of Arxiv" paper (<https://www.technologyreview.com/s/602707/the-best-of-the-physics-arxiv-week-ending-october-22-2016/>), and featured in press by La Stampa (<https://goo.gl/KWyT54>), Vice Mother Board (<https://goo.gl/tjf2jt>), and Pacific Standard (<https://goo.gl/v84GdC>).
- 2016 Nature news featured our work on predicting toxic behavior in online games [40] in an article at <http://www.nature.com/news/can-a-video-game-company-tame-toxic-behaviour-1.19647>.
- 2016 Among others, Cloudflare made use of our HTTP/2 study [35] available at <http://isthewebhttp2yet.com> to describe their HTTP/2 deployment at <https://blog.cloudflare.com/cloudflares-impact-on-the-http-2-universe/>.
- 2014 MIT Technology Review selected the arXiv version of our EGG'14 paper [53] as "Other Interesting arXiv Papers (week ending in November, 1 2014)" at <http://www.technologyreview.com/view/532236/other-interesting-arxiv-papers-week-ending-november-1-2014/>.
- 2014 MIT Technology Review selected the arXiv version of our WWW'14 paper [40] as "Other Interesting arXiv Papers (week ending May, 3 2014)" at <http://www.technologyreview.com/view/527091/other-interesting-arxiv-papers-week-ending-may-3-2014/>.
- 2011 MIT Technology Review wrote an article on our technical report about cheaters in the Steam Community [66] at <http://www.technologyreview.com/blog/arxiv/27441/>. The article was picked up by multiple news aggregators, including ACM Technews at <http://cacm.acm.org/news/144710>.

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## Talks

- 2019 “Measuring and Understanding Hate Speech and Weaponized Information on the Web” - Department of Homeland Security S&T Data Analytic Series: Countering Online Disinformation and Influence Campaigns, Washington DC, USA
- 2018 “From Chaos, DRAMA: Data-driven Analysis for Advanced Modeling and Analysis” - Informatics Institute, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, USA
- 2018 “Hate Speech and Weaponized Information in Online Communities” - University of Alabama at Birmingham Honors College, Birmingham, USA
- 2018 “Collecting, Studying, Tracking, and Analyzing Hate Speech and Computational Propaganda Online” - Netflix, California, USA
- 2018 “Data-driven Research for Advanced Modeling and Analysis or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love The DRAMA” - University College London, London, United Kingdom
- 2016 “Informing Cyberbullying Research with Social/Psychological Insights” - CyberSafety 2016 co-located with CIKM 2016, Indianapolis.
- 2016 “Is the Web HTTP/2 yet? (And Does it Matter?)” - VarnishCon 2016, Amsterdam.
- 2016 “Is the Web HTTP/2 yet?” (with Matteo Varvello) - Traffic and Measurement Analysis PhD School, Louvain, Belgium.
- 2016 “Understanding and Predicting Cyberbullying and Other Toxic Behavior in Online Games” - ENCASE Kickoff, Cyprus.

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## Service

- Program Committees ICWSM 2021 (Senior Program Committee), WWW 2021, ICWSM 2020 (Senior Program Committee), WWW 2020, WebSci 2020 (Senior PC), ICWSM 2019, WWW 2019, ICDCS 2019, ICWSM 2018, WWW 2018, CoNEXT Student Workshop 2018, ICDCS 2019, Complex Networks 2018, WWW 2017, Complex Networks 2017, WWW 2016, MobiSys 2016, HotMiddlebox 2016
- Workshop Organizer CyberSafety 2019 (steering committee; co-located with WWW 2019, San Francisco), CyberSafety 2018 (co-located with WWW 2018, Lyon), CyberSafety 2017 (co-located with WWW 2017, Perth), CyberSafety 2016 (co-located with CIKM 2016, Indianapolis), Exploration on Games and Gamers 2014 (co-located with SocInfo 2014, Barcelona)
- Seminar Organizer Dagstuhl Seminar: Cybersafety in Modern Online Social Networks, 2017, Dagstuhl
- Reviewer Data Science, Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems, New Media in Society, The ACM Cloud and Autonomic Computing Conference, Computer Networks, Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing, Super Computing, CSCW, CHI