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Education Indiana University

Ph.D. Complex Systems (Informatics), 2024

Ph.D. Sociology, 2024 M.A. Sociology, 2020

Reed College

B.A. Biology, 2016

Research social AI systems

Interests cultural sociology & cultural evolution

complex networks & systems

text mining & natural language processing organizational topology & decision-making AI in organizations & techno-bureaucracy

Dissertation "Text, culture, time: Bringing complex systems to bear on cultural sociology through

computational mixed methods"

Affiliations University of California, Davis

Post-doctoral Scholar, 2024-present

Departments of Computer Science & Communication

Mimbres School

Center for Humanistic Exploration of Complex Problems

Teaching Fellow, 2021–2023, Mimbres Valley, NM

Bloomington Cooperative Living

70 member affordable housing collective

Board President, 2019–2022, Bloomington, IN

Board Member, 2017–2019

Publications¹ Dunivin, Z.O., Smaldino, P.E. 2025. "Correspondence: User control of search algorithms

would improve science." Nature Human Behaviour.

IF: 15.9; WoS: Q1 (98%, Psychology - Experimental)

Dunivin, Z.O. 2025. "Scaling hermeneutics: A guide to qualitative coding with LLMs

for reflexive content analysis." EPJ Data Science.

IF: 3.0; WoS: Q1 (87%, Social Sciences - Mathematical Methods)

Dunivin, Z.O., Lanigan, A. 2025. "White genocide, ethnocrisis, and far-right identity politics: Constructing white nationalist identity through Twitter discourse." Oxford Intersections: Social Media in Society and Culture.

¹I publish across a variety of fields and it is unlikely that any single reader will be familiar with most of the publication venues. Despite their limitations, I have provided 2023 Journal Impact Factor (IF) and Web of Science (WoS) category ranking to contextualize journal standing across diverse disciplines.

Publications (continued)

Berndt, C., Mempel, F., Werner, M., Shattuck, A., **Dunivin, Z.O.** 2025. "The generics revolution and the new economic geography of the global pesticide industry." Journal of Agrarian Change.

IF: 2.4; WoS: Q2 (72%, Economics)

Dunivin, Z.O., Smaldino, P.E. 2024. "Dynamics of covert signaling: Modeling the emergence and extinction of identity signals." Psychological Review.

 $IF:\ 5.8;\ WoS:\ Q1\ (91\%,\ Psychology\ -\ Multidisciplinary)$

Dunivin, Z.O., Kaminski, P. 2024. "Path dependence, stigmergy, and memetic reification in the formation of the 27 Club myth." PNAS.

IF: 9.4; WoS: Q1 (90%, Multidisciplinary Science)

Shattuck, A., Werner, M., Mempel, F., **Dunivin, Z.**, Galt, R. 2023. "Global Pesticide Use and Trade Database (GloPUT): Estimates for 147 countries show pesticide use trends in low-income countries substantially underestimated." Global Environmental Change. *IF:* 8.6: WoS: Q1 (99%, Geography)

Dunivin, Z.O., Yan, H.Y., Ince, J., Rojas, F. 2022. "Black Lives Matter protests shift public discourse." PNAS.

IF: 9.4; WoS: Q1 (90%, Multidisciplinary Science)

van der Does, T., Galesic, M., **Dunivin, Z.O.**, Smaldino, P.E. 2022. "Strategic identity signaling in heterogeneous networks." PNAS.

IF: 9.4; WoS: Q1 (90%, Multidisciplinary Science)

Dunivin, Z., Zadunayski, L., Baskota, U., Siek, K., Mankoff, J. 2020. "Gender, soft skills, and patient experience in online physician reviews: A large-scale text analysis." Journal of Medical Internet Research.

IF: 5.8; WoS: Q1 (89%, Medical Informatics)

Publications in Progress

Dunivin, Z.O., Chronis, G. "Moving from bias reduction to bias negotiation: Leveraging sociocultural representations in LLMs for transformative social AI." *In progress*.

Erhard, L., Kaminski, P., **Dunivin, Z.O.**, ... Heiberger, R.H. "Are LLMs up to complex annotation tasks? The limits of generative AI for detecting references to social groups in multilingual texts." *In progress*.

Dunivin, Z.O., Boustani, K. "How to interview a robot: Qualitative methods for drawing the cognitive stuff out of LLMs." *In progress*.

Dunivin, Z.O., Sen, A., Bushouse, B., Atkisson, C. "High-information managers are more likely to rely on informal criteria in decision-making." *In progress.*

Dunivin, Z.O., Ince, J. "When do the politics of representation count? An industrial-scale analysis of Black film in the Black Lives Matter era." *In progress*.

Dunivin, Z.O., Ince, J., Rojas, F. "Vanguard cities: Protest diffusion and contagious mobilization in the Black Lives Matter Movement." *Under review*.

Dunivin, Z.O., Hicks, K., Ansdell, P. "Olympic sprinting data suggest detrimental effects of menstrual cycle on performance consistency." *In progress.*

Awards and Fellowships

Luddy Graduate Researcher of the Year

2022, Informatics Department, Indiana University

Robinson Social Action Award

2021, Sociology Department, Indiana University

Luddy Outstanding Teaching Award

2021, Informatics Department, Indiana University

Reassessing Threat Assessment Graduate Fellowship

2018, Tobin Project

Research Trainee Fellowship in Complex Systems and a Second Discipline

2017-2019, NSF

Helen Stafford Post-Baccalaureate Research Fellowship

2016, Reed College

Conference

Earth Commons

Presentations 2024, Berkeley, CA

"The current state of organizing collective ownership of a commons"

Rethinking Kinship

2023, California College of the Arts, San Francisco, CA

 $Invited\ speaker$

Indiana Rural Development Conference

2022, French Lick, IN

"Housing cooperatives as a remedy to urban decay in towns and cities."

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting

2020, Online

Refereed Roundtable on Methods and Culture

"A semi-automated method for extracting group-specific lexicons from unlabeled text corpora."

Santa Fe Institute Graduate Workshop on Computational Social Science 25th Anniversary Conference

2019, Santa Fe, NM

"Legal code is a complex system."

Conference on Complex Systems

2015, Tempe, AZ

Evolution of Technology Satellite Session

"Trait evolution in multi-parental technology innovation networks."

Competitive Workshops

Graduate Workshop in Computational Social Science and Complexity Methods and Analysis

2018, Santa Fe Institute

Reassessing Threat Assessment

2018, Tobin Project

Teaching Mimbres School

Instructor, Introduction to Cybernetics, 2023

Santa Fe Institute

Teaching Assistant, Humanities Analytics, 2021–22

Indiana University

Teaching Assistant, Complex Systems Seminar I, 2023

Teaching Assistant, Data Fluency, 2021–22

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Virtual Reality, 2021

Indiana University

Co-instructor, Science as Process (Introduction to Informatics I), 2020–21

Teaching Assistant, Artificial Life in Virtual Reality, 2020

Co-instructor, Information Infrastructure II, 2019

Reed College

Teaching Assistant, Computer Science Fundamentals II, 2016

Teaching Assistant, Genes, Genetics & Genomes, 2016

Teaching Assistant, Computational Biology, 2015

Teaching Assistant, Computer Science Fundamentals I, 2015

Service

Collective Futures Land Project

2023–2024, San Francisco, CA

Founding member of an affordable housing non-profit specializing in prison recovery. Transitioning from rentership to ownership.

DeepMay Tech Autonomy Boot Camp

2022, Paoli, IN

Indiana University co-sponsor for 10-day living-working camp for adults to learn information-tech skills toward serving community autonomy projects.

Prison Recovery Mentorship

2020-2022, Bloomington, IN

Provided support to two men recently released from prison. Support included housing, food, social services applications, transportation, crisis counseling, computer skills, and resocializing attitudes toward women.

Bloomington Cooperative Living

70 member low-income housing collective

2017–2019, Bloomington, IN

Board Member

2019–2022, Bloomington, IN

Board President

2017–2020, Bloomington, IN

Membership Coordinator

Graduate Informatics Student Association

2018. Indiana University

Institutional Voice Chair

Service Butter Bog Housing Collective

(continued) 2015–2017, Portland, OR

Founding Member

Computing Policy Committee

2013–2014, Reed College

Service Cooperative House Financing

Accomplish- 2020, Bloomington, IN

ments Led a team of 3 volunteers to secure a \$950,000 financing package for a new 18-bedroom

cooperative house. Completed in 2022.

Co-op Zoning Laws 2019, Bloomington, IN

Worked with City Council and Planning to expand the definition of Single-Family Housing

to include cooperatively owned houses.

Expert Statistical Analyst Witness Racial Bias in Policing

Testimony Jan. 2021, Monroe County Circuit Court, IN

Expert "Twitness"

Twitter, Information Ethics, Internet Surveillance Oct. 2018, Monroe County Circuit Court, IN

Reviewer Social Problems; Journal of Mathematical Sociology; Global Networks; Mobilization; For PNAS Nexus; Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin; Communications Psychology;

Perspectives on Psychological Science (2); Qualtitative Health Research; Journal of the

American Medical Informatics Association