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ACADEMIC

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Information and Library Science, Royster Fellow Expected Fall 2018
University of North Carolina, School of Information and Library Science

Proposal Title: *Investigating Information Creating and Informal Information Providing: A Grounded Theory Study of the Information Practices and Role of Serious YouTubers*

Advisor: Dr. Barbara Wildemuth

Committee: Dr. M. Jarrahi, Dr. G. Marchionini, Dr. A. Cox (Sheffield), Dr. R. Savolainen (Tampere)

Master of Information Studies June 2010
University of Toronto, Faculty of Information

Thesis Title: *Information in the home office: An ethnographic study of space, content, management, & use*

Focuses: Library & Information Science, Archives & Records Management

Honours Bachelor of Arts June 2007
University of Toronto, Faculty of Arts & Science

Specialization: English

Final year GPA: 3.88/4.0 **Cumulative GPA:** 3.57/4.0

GRADUATE-LEVEL HONOURS & AWARDS

ASIS&T/Clarivate Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Scholarship , ASIS&T/Clarivate Analytics	2017
Carnegie Grant , School of Information and Library Science at UNC	2017
Future Faculty Fellowship , Center for Faculty Excellence at UNC	2017
Graduate Student Opportunity Fund Award , Graduate School at UNC	2016
Student Conference Travel Award , SIG-USE of ASIS&T	2015
ALISE/Proquest Methodology Paper Competition Award , ALISE/Proquest	2015
Best Information Behaviour Conference Poster Award , SIG-USE of ASIS&T	2014
Royster Fellowship , Royster Society of Fellows, Graduate School at UNC	2013- (2018)
Beta Phi Mu Nominee/Inductee , International Library & Information Studies Honour Society	
Travel Grant Award , Faculty of Information Alumni Association	2009-
Ontario Graduate Scholarship , Ministry of Training, Colleges, & Universities	2010
Full Academic Fellowship , Faculty of Information	
Award of Excellence in Cataloguing , Library Services Centre	
George H. Locke Memorial Scholarship , Toronto Public Libraries	2008-
Full Academic Fellowship , Faculty of Information	2009

UNDERGRADUATE-LEVEL HONOURS & AWARDS

"with High Distinction" Graduate for CGPA exceeding 3.50, University of Toronto	
Dean's List for standing within top 10 percent of faculty graduates, Faculty of Arts & Science	2006-
Robert & Hinderina Harris Prize for English Literature, University College	2007
Samuel J. Stubbs Award for Academic Achievement, University College	
Samuel J. Stubbs Award for Academic Achievement, University College	2005- 2006
A.S.P. Woodhouse Scholarship for English, University College	2004- 2005

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

MASTERS THESIS

Thomson, L.E.A. 2010. *Information in the home office: An ethnographic study of space, content, management, & use.* **Unpublished Masters thesis.** University of Toronto, Toronto, ON. Supervisor: Jenna Hartel. Committee: Joan Cherry, Chun Wei Choo, & Deborah Barreau (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill).

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Thomson, L. Forthcoming. The guided tour technique and embodied information. *Library Trends*.

Jarrahi, M. H., Nelson, S. B., & **Thomson, L. 2017.** Personal artifact ecologies in the context of mobile knowledge workers. *Computers in Human Behavior* 75, 469-483.

Jarrahi, M. H., & **Thomson, L. 2017.** The interplay between information practices and information context: The case of mobile knowledge workers. *Journal of the American Society for Information Science & Technology* 68(5), 1073-1089.

Nelson, S. B., Jarrahi, M. H., & **Thomson, L. 2017.** Mobility of knowledge work and affordances of digital technologies. *International Journal of Information Management* 37(2), 54-62.

Hartel, J., & **Thomson, L. 2011.** Visual approaches & photography to study immediate information space. *Journal of the American Society for Information Science & Technology* 62(11), 2214-2224.

Thomson, L. 2009. The information experience of a printing company employee in a home office. *Faculty of Information Quarterly* 2(1).

EDITED BOOK CHAPTERS

Scheble, L., **Thomson, L.**, & Wildemuth, B. 2017. Research diaries. In *Applications of Social Research Methods to Questions in Information and Library Science*, 2nd ed., B. Wildemuth (Ed.). Santa Barbara, CA: Libraries Unlimited.

REFEREED CONFERENCE PAPERS

Thomson, L. 2017. Illuminating information creating: Using the “Four C” Model of Creativity as a lens for ILS. In *Proceedings of the 45th Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Information Science*, Toronto, Ontario.

Thomson, L., & Jarrahi, M. 2015. Information practices in the broader ‘deportment’ of mobile knowledge work. In *Proceedings of the 78th ASIS&T (Association for Information Science and Technology) Annual Meeting*, St. Louis, Missouri.

Thomson, L., & Jarrahi, M. 2015. Information practices in the mobile knowledge work context. In *Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Information Science*, Ottawa, Ontario.

Thomson, L. 2015. Surveying and situating the guided tour technique in Library and Information Science. Paper presented at the **2015 ALISE Annual Conference**, Chicago, Illinois.

*** Winner: 2015 ALISE/Proquest Methodology Paper Competition Award**

Thomson, L., & Jarrahi, M. 2014. Contextualising information behaviour and personal information management in mobile work. Work-in-progress paper in *Proceedings of ISIC (Information Seeking in Context), The Information Behaviour Conference*, Leeds, United Kingdom.

Erickson, I., Jarrahi, M., **Thomson, L.**, & Sawyer, S. 2014. More than nomads: Mobility, knowledge work, and infrastructure. Paper presented at the **2014 EGOS (European Group for Organizational Studies) Colloquium**, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

Thomson, L. 2012. Situating information spaces: The “office continuum.” In *Proceedings of the 40th Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Information Science*, Waterloo, Ontario.

REFEREED CONFERENCE PANELS

- Click, A., Martin, J., **Thomson, L.**, & Vardell, E. **2015**. Conducting LIS research: The method in our madness. **Empirical Librarians Symposium**, North Carolina A&T, Greensboro, North Carolina.
- Thomson, L.** **2013**. Dual “informational layers” in visual LIS research. PechaKucha presentation at the SIG-VIS panel *Questioning the Visual: Research Methods and the Problem of Perception*. In *Proceedings of the 76th ASIS&T (Association for Information Science and Technology) Annual Meeting*, Montreal, Quebec.
- Hartel, J., **Thomson, L.**, & Guzik, E. **2013**. Say “CHEEEEEESSE!”: Visual ethnographic methods to understand users. **Ontario Library Association SuperConference**, Toronto, Ontario.

REFEREED WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

- Matusiak, K., Hartel, J. & **Thomson, L.** **2016**. Visual research methods workshop. SIG-VIS workshop at the **ASIS&T (Association for Information Science and Technology) Annual Meeting**, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- Thomson, L.**, & Jarrahi, M. **2014**. Information practices and the mobile knowledge work context. Lightning Talk presentation at the SIG-USE 2014 Symposium *Context in Information Behavior Research* at the **ASIS&T (Association for Information Science and Technology) Annual Meeting**, Seattle, Washington.
- Thomson, L.** **2013**. Information behaviour beyond the office doorway and back. Ignite Talk presentation at the SIG-USE 2013 Symposium *Information Behavior on the Move: Information Needs, Seeking, and Use in the Era of Mobile Technologies* at the **ASIS&T (Association for Information Science and Technology) Annual Meeting**, Montreal, Quebec.
- Thomson, L.** **2012**. PIM in the professional home office: An ethnographic study. Paper presented at the Personal Information Management workshop on *Personal Information Management in a Socially Networked World* at the **Annual ACM (Association for Computing Machinery) Conference on Computer Supported Collaborative Work**, Bellevue, Washington.
- Thomson, L.** **2009**. No room for white space: The information experience of a printing company employee in a home office. Paper presented at the Personal Information Management workshop on *Personal Information Intersections* at the **ASIS&T (Association for Information Science and Technology) Annual Meeting**, Vancouver, British Columbia.

REFEREED CONFERENCE POSTERS

- Thomson, L.** **2017**. “In my humble opinion...”: Serious YouTubers’ Self-Presentations, Roles, and Authority. In *Proceedings of the 80th ASIS&T (Association for Information Science and Technology) Annual Meeting*, Washington, D.C.
- Thomson, L.** **2015**. The guided tour technique in Information Science: Explained and illustrated. In *Proceedings of the 78th ASIS&T (Association for Information Science and Technology) Annual Meeting*, St. Louis, Missouri.
- Thomson, L.** **2014**. When PIM goes public: A case study of *OrganizedLikeJen*. In *Proceedings of the 77th ASIS&T (Association for Information Science and Technology) Annual Meeting*, Seattle, Washington.
- * Winner: 2014 ASIS&T SIG-USE Best Information Behavior Conference Poster Award**
- Thomson, L.** **2013**. “When I’ve packed it in and they send me something...”: Information boundaries in professional home offices. In *Proceedings of the 76th ASIS&T (Association for Information Science and Technology) Annual Meeting*, Montreal, Quebec.
- Thomson, L.** **2012**. Information, photographs, & the cultural inventory: What John Collier, Jr. offers contemporary researchers. In *Proceedings of the 75th ASIS&T (Association for Information Science and Technology) Annual Meeting*, Baltimore, Maryland.
- [Re-presented and re-published with full disclosure: **2013**. In *Proceedings of the 41st Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Information Science*, Victoria, British Columbia.]
- Thomson, L.** **2012**. PIM in the professional home office: An ethnographic study. Personal Information Management workshop on *Personal Information Management in a Socially Networked World* at the **Annual ACM (Association for Computing Machinery) Conference on Computer Supported Collaborative Work**, Bellevue, Washington.

Thomson, L. 2010. Archiving the home office: An ethnographic study. In *Proceedings of the 35th ACA (Association of Canadian Archivists) Annual Conference*, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Doctoral Colloquium invitee , ASIS&T (Association for Information Science and Technology) Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.	2017
Doctoral Workshop invitee , 2017 CAIS (Canadian Association of Information Science) Annual Conference, Toronto, Ontario	2017
Doctoral Workshop invitee , 2014 ISIC (Information Seeking in Context): The Information Behaviour Conference, Leeds, United Kingdom	2014
Panelist , State of the art/science: Visual methods & information behaviour research, ASIS&T (Association for Information Science and Technology) Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland [in absence of original panelist, Dr. J. Hartel]	2012
Panel Assistant , Metatheoretical Snowmen II, ASIS&T (Association for Information Science and Technology) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana	2011
Session Convenor , OLA Annual SuperConference, Toronto, Ontario	2010; 2009
Panel Assistant , Metatheoretical Snowmen, ASIS&T (Association for Information Science and Technology) Annual Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia	2009
Volunteer , Faculty of Information Housing Memory Conference, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario	2009

INVITED LECTURES

Information creating and information use, Research Issues and Questions doctoral course at the School of Information and Library Science, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC	2017
PIM in the professional home office: An ethnographic study, Information Experience in Context graduate course at the Faculty of Information, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario	2012
Student panel on previously completed projects, Information Experience in Context graduate course at the Faculty of Information, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario	2010; 2009

ORGANIZED WORKSHOPS [PROFESSIONAL]

Reference & citation style presentations for Royal Conservatory of Music classes, Toronto, Ontario	2012- 2013
Library orientation sessions for Royal Conservatory of Music classes, Toronto, Ontario	2012

PROFESSIONAL

TEACHING

Instructor , INLS 500, Human Information Interactions (required course)	Summer II, 2017 (June-July)
Instructor , INLS 690-240 Emotions in Information Interactions (designed & developed)	2016 (Oct.-Dec.)
Instructor , INLS 690-239 Everyday Life Information Practices (designed & developed)	2016 (August-Oct.)
Instructor , INLS 500, Human Information Interactions (required course)	2016 (Jan.-May)
Instructor , INLS 690-240 Emotions in Information Interactions (designed & developed)	2015 (Oct.-Dec.)
Instructor , INLS 690-239 Everyday Life Information Practices (designed & developed)	2015 (August-Oct.)

RESEARCH

Research Assistant, Information practices of mobile workers, Dr. M. Jarrahi
University of North Carolina, School of Information and Library Science May 2014-
August 2015

Successful Co-Authored Grants: UNC SILS Kilgour Research Award; UNC Junior Faculty Development Award
Research Assistant, Digital infrastructures of mobile workers, Drs. S. Sawyer & I. Erickson 2014 (May-August)
School of Information Studies, Syracuse University & School of Communication and
Information, Rutgers University

Funding: National Science Foundation Early-Concept Grant for Exploratory Research

INFORMATION SERVICES

Library Services Manager, Rupert Edwards Library December 2012-
Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto, Ontario June 2013

Library Services Assistant, Rupert Edwards Library September 2010-
Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto, Ontario December 2012

Library Assistant, Laidlaw Library September 2009-
University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario April 2010

Reference Collection Evaluator (Unpaid Course Practicum), Laidlaw Library April 2009-
University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario June 2009

SERVICE**VOLUNTEER COMMITMENTS**

Doctoral Student Representative, Diversity Committee August 2017-
University of North Carolina, School of Information and Library Science May 2018

Planning Coordinator, CAIS Doctoral Forum 2018 2017-2018

Planning Committee Member, SIG-USE Symposium 2017 2016-2017

Reviewer, SIG-USE Symposium Research Awards 2016; 2017

Royster 20th Anniversary Planning Committee Member 2016

Doctoral Student Representative, Personnel Committee August 2016-
University of North Carolina, School of Information and Library Science May 2017

3MT "Three-Minute Thesis" Planning Committee Member 2015
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

Reviewer, iConference 2014; 2015

Student Representative (Full-Time), Doctoral Student Association August 2014-
University of North Carolina, School of Information and Library Science May 2015

Virtual Reference Intern Librarian (Weekly), AskON Knowledge Ontario service December 2010-
<http://www.askon.ca> June 2013

Head Editor, *Faculty of Information Quarterly* electronic publication September 2009-
<http://fiq.ischool.utoronto.ca> June 2010

Mentor, Faculty of Information Mentoring@iSchool program July 2009-
<http://www.ischool.utoronto.ca/mentoring-ischool-0> April 2010

Proofreader, *Library Student Journal* electronic publication January 2009-
<http://www.librarystudentjournal.org> April 2010

Volunteer, Faculty of Information Annual Job Fair
University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario

Faculty Council Representative, Faculty of Information Faculty Council
University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario

September 2008-
April 2010

Volunteer, Friends of the Oshawa Public Library
Oshawa, Ontario

August 2007-
June 2009

Selection Committee Member, *UC Review* publication
University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario

February 2005-
April 2005

CURRENT AFFILIATIONS

Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE)	2013- Present
Canadian Association for Information Science (CAIS)	2012- Present
Beta Phi Mu , International Library & Information Studies Honour Society	2010- Present
Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T)	2009- Present

COURSE HISTORY

DOCTORAL-LEVEL COURSEWORK

Field Experience Program (Mobile Work Pilot Study; Dr. M. Jarrahi)	Seminar in Research Methodology
Individual Behaviour in Organizations (Kenan-Flager Bus. School)	Seminar in Teaching Practice
Independent Study (Mobile Work; Dr. M. Jarrahi)	Sociocult. Theory & Ethnography (Dept. of Anth.)
Independent Study (Online Info. Providers; Dr. B. Wildemuth)	Statistics for Sociologists
Independent Study (Personal Info. Management; K. Spurgin)	Statistics for Sociologists II: Linear Regression
Research Colloquium	Teaching and Academic Life
Research Issues & Questions I, II	Theory Development

MASTERS-LEVEL COURSEWORK

Archival Arrangement & Description	Information Systems, Services, & Design
Archives: Concepts & Issues	Introduction to Bibliographic Control
Archives: Programs & Services	Management of Information Organizations
Collection Development, Evaluation, & Management*	Online Information Retrieval
Information & its Social Context	Reading Course: Archival Digitization*
Information Professional Practicum	Research Methods
Information Resources & Services	The Information Experience in Context [*audited]

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Introductions to Grounded Theory: A Social Constructionist Approach, 2-day workshop ResearchTalk, Inc., & Odum Institute at UNC	July 2016
Introduction to Cognitive Interviewing, full-day workshop Odum Institute at UNC	Feb. 2014
Foundations of Project Management, half-term course University of Toronto, School of Continuing Studies	Fall 2011
Scholarly & Reference Publishing, half-term course Ryerson University, Chang School of Continuing Education	Spring 2008
Copy Editing for Books, Journals, & Reports, full-term course	Fall 2007

