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## ***Research Interests***

- human conceptions of the virtual and material aspects of digital objects, how and on what grounds these conceptions are formed, and what effects these conceptions have on our interactions with those objects
- discourses surrounding computers and digital objects, and what those discourses tell us about human conceptions of and interactions with those objects
- digital virtual consumption: when people pay "real" money for digital objects
- how conceptions of digital objects are influenced by graphical user interfaces

## ***Education***

**The University of Texas at Austin**, Austin, Texas  
Ph.D., in progress (3<sup>rd</sup> year)  
Research Area: Digital Curation and Preservation  
Committee: Ciaran Trace, Lecia Barker, and Patricia Galloway

**The University of Texas at Austin**, Austin, Texas  
MSIS, August 2011  
Focus in Archival Studies

**Tulane University**, New Orleans, Louisiana  
MA in Philosophy, May 2009  
Thesis: *Rousseau's Exploration of Human Nature*

**Loyola University New Orleans**, New Orleans, Louisiana  
BA in English Literature, May 2004  
Graduated *magna cum laude*

## ***Publications***

### ***Peer Reviewed Conference Publications***

2013 Gruning, Jane. "Good Fences Make Good Neighbors: The Values of Digital Objects in FarmVille 2." *Digital Games Research Association Conference 2013*, August 26-29, Atlanta, Georgia. (49% acceptance rate)

## ***Presentations***

- 2013 "Breakdown: Talking About Digital Objects in Crisis," Archives Week at the UT Austin iSchool.
- 2013 "Online Technical Support Encounters: Talking About Digital Materiality,"

- 2012 Archival Education and Research Institute (Panel).  
 “Reconstructing a Virus-Infected Disk Image Using HexFiend,” Austin Archivists and Technologists Alliance.
- 2011 “Librarian’s Helper Stoned: Legacy Records, Legacy Viruses,” Society of Southwest Archivists Conference (Panel).

### **Posters**

- 2012 “Rethinking Viruses in the Archives,” at the Archival Education and Research Institute, Los Angeles, California.
- 2011 “Librarian’s Helper Stoned: Legacy Records, Legacy Viruses,” Society of American Archivists Conference.
- 2011 “Datapoint at the Goodwill Computer Museum,” presentation of Capstone project, iSchool Open House.

### **Selected Graduate Coursework**

**Technology Studies:** History of Computing and Communication, Readings in Digital Forensics, New Media Technologies and Culture, Digital Media Collections, Readings in the History of Human-Computer Interaction (HCI)

**Research Methods:** Discourse Analysis, Ethnography

### **Professional Experience**

**The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas** Sept. 2011 - current  
*Graduate Research Assistant*, “Research on Faculty Change: Adoption of Practices that Support Gender Diversity in Undergraduate Computing,” Funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF). Principal Investigator: Dr. Lecia Barker. Responsibilities include conducting research interviews, data analysis, project management, and data management.

**Information & Culture: A Journal of History, Austin, Texas** Sept. 2011 – May 2012  
*Graduate Research Assistant (Editorial Fellow)*  
 Primary duties were reviewing and editing scholarly articles, and website development and maintenance.

**Goodwill Computer Museum (GCM), Austin, Texas** June 2011 – Aug. 2011  
*Archives Volunteer (MSIS Capstone Project)*  
 Began processing for a large collection containing both paper and electronic media. Participated in the creation of archival descriptive standards for the GCM.

**Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, Austin, Texas** Oct. 2010 – Aug. 2011  
*Intern, Archives of American Mathematics*  
 Archival processing, creation of finding aids, record digitization, and metadata creation.

**The Historic New Orleans Collection, New Orleans, Louisiana** May - July 2010

### *Archival Intern*

Managed the Maple Street Book Shop Walker Percy Collection from item level processing, preservation procedures, and creation of a finding aid, through construction of an online catalog record.

### **Awards**

2013-14 H.W. Wilson Endowed Presidential Scholarship.  
2013 Professional Development Award to attend DiGRA (Atlanta, GA, Aug. 2013)  
2012 Scholarship to attend the Archival Education and Research Institute (AERI).  
2011 Scholarship to attend the Managing Electronic Records (MER) conference.

### **Service**

2013-14 Doctoral Studies Committee, Student Representative.  
2013 Doctoral Student Association, Organizer.  
2012-13 Planning Committee, Archival Education and Research Institute (AERI).  
2012-13 Student Day Organizing Committee, AERI.  
2012 Student Mentor, University of Texas Chapter of the Society of American Archivists (SAA-UT).

### ***Professional Associations & Participation***

#### **Memberships**

Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)  
Society of American Archivists (SAA)  
University of Texas student chapter of SAA

#### **Participation**

2011 Volunteer, E-Records Forum  
2011 Volunteer, Managing Electronic Records Conference