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EDUCATION

- 2017 – *exp.* 2022 Ph.D. in Communication, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania
- 2019 M.A. in Communication, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania
- 2015 M.A. in Creative Writing, Publishing, and Editing, School of Culture and Communication, University of Melbourne
- 2011 Graduate Diploma in Creative Writing, La Trobe University
- 2004 B.A. in Business, Queensland University of Technology

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Bridges, L. E. (2021) “Infrastructural Obfuscation: Unpacking the Carceral Logics of the Ring Surveillant Assemblage” *Information, Communication & Society*, 1–20.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/1369118X.2021.1909097>

Bridges, L. E. (2021) “Digital Failure: Unbecoming the ‘good’ data subject through entropic, fugitive, and queer data” *Big Data & Society*, 8(1). <https://doi.org/10.1177/2053951720977882>

Bridges, L. E. (2018) “Flexible as Freedom? The dynamics of creative industry work and the case study of the editor in Publishing”, *New Media & Society*, 20(4), 1301-1319.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/1461444816688920>

Bridges, L. E. (2020) “Material Entanglements of Community Surveillance & Infrastructural Power.” *Association of Internet Researchers in Selected Papers of Internet Research*, <https://spir.aoir.org/ojs/index.php/spir>

Bridges, L. E. (in progress) “Distributed Sovereignty: Recursive Warfare Rhetorics & Digital Military Materialisms in the JEDI contract”

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

- 2021 Co-PI Internet Society *Greening the Internet* grant, for the project “Greening from the Margins: The Geopolitics of Extractive, Operational, and Post-Consumer E-waste management” (\$200,000)
- 2021 Kleinman Center for Energy Policy at the University of Pennsylvania, Student Research Grant for project on energy use in Amazon data centers (\$2,500)
- 2020 Top Student Paper panel, National Communication Association, for the paper “Recursive Warfare Logics: Securitization, Dutification, & (De) Militarization of the cloud.”
- 2020 Honorary mention, Top Student Paper Award, Association of Internet Researchers, for the paper “Material Entanglements of Community Surveillance Networks”

- 2020 Top Student Paper Award, ICA, in *Philosophy, Theory and Critique* for the paper “Identity Resolution, Digital Failure, and Queer Data”
- 2019-2021 Fellow at the Center for Advanced Research in Global Communications
- 2020 Student Travel Grant to attend Doctoral Consortium at ACM FAT* Held in Barcelona, Spain. Awarded by ACM FAT* (980€)
- 2019 James D. Wood Award for outstanding graduate teaching Awarded for Teaching Assistant in “Media, Culture, and Society in China” Instructor: Dr. Guobin Yang
- 2019 GAPSA Graduate Student Research Travel Grant (\$370)
- 2019 Emerging Scholars Fellowship – Milton Wolf Seminar for Media and Diplomacy. Awarded by the American Austrian Foundation and the Annenberg School for Communication. Held at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, April 23-25, 2019 (travel expenses)
- 2019 Annenberg-Oxford Media Policy Institute Fellow, Oxford University Awarded by the Internet Policy Observatory at the University of Pennsylvania (travel expenses)
- June – July 2018 COMPASS Fellowship – Consortium On Media Policy Studies, Washington, D.C. Awarded by the Annenberg School for Communication (\$4,000)
- 2014 Global Mobility Grant, for international travel as an exchange student Awarded by the University of Melbourne, Australia (\$2000)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Bridges, L. E. (2020) “Towards a Relational View of Digital Sovereignty”, in *Critical Digital Sovereignities*, a digital publication by CARGC Press, <https://os.pennds.org/digitaldominion/critical-digital-sovereignities-/towards-a-relational-view-of-digital-sovereignty>

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PAPERS

Cooper, Z.G.T., Bridges, L., Ticona, J. (Forthcoming). Constructing the digital skills crisis: A critical conceptual history of “skill”. Presented at Society for Social Studies of Science Annual Conference. Virtual Event. 4S.

Bridges, L. E. (forthcoming, 2021) Material Entanglements of Community Surveillance Networks and the Case For Infrastructural Accountability. Presented at International Communication Association. Virtual Event.

Bridges, L. E. (2020, November) Recursive Warfare Logics: Securitization, Dutification, & (De) Militarization of the cloud. Presented at National Communication Association. Virtual Event.

Bridges, L. E. (2020, October) Material Entanglements of Community Surveillance & Infrastructural Power. Presented at Association of Internet Researchers Annual Conference. Virtual Event.

Bridges, L. E. (2020, June 30) Distributed Sovereignty: “War Clouds” & The Digital Military-Industrial Complex. Presented at The Society for Social Studies of Science and European Association for the Study of Science and Technology Joint Conference. Virtual Event. 4S/EASST.

Bridges, L. E. (2020, May 20) Identity Resolution, Digital Failure, and Queer Data. Presented at International Communication Association. Virtual Event.

Bridges, L. E. (2019, October) Feminist Servers: Towards a Relational View of Digital Infrastructure. Presented at Union for Democratic Communication, Oakland C.A.

Bridges, L. E. (2019, May) Murdoch’s News: Constructing Murdoch’s Professional and the Myth of the Entrepreneur, Presented at International Communication Association, Washington D.C

Bridges, L. E. (2019, May) The Information Battlefield: Entanglements of Capital, Policy, and Discourse and the JEDI Cloud Contract, Presented at International Communication Association, Washington D.C

Bridges, L. E. (2018, May) Power and Cables: Politics of the Cloud. Presented at Union for Democratic Communication, Chicago, IL.

Bridges, L. E. (2018, March) The Gig is Up: Predatory Labor Markets and the Marginalized Worker. Presented at International Labor Processes Conference, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Bridges, L. E. (2016, May) The dynamics of flexible work in the creative industries. Presented at Communications and Media Studies, Chicago, IL.

INVITED TALKS

Sept 2020 “Fake news is an oxymoron,” Thinkfest Pakistan Conversations, Facebook Live Event (September 2020).

Feb 2020 “Unsettled Ethics in AI and Defense Contracting: *Securitization, Dutification, and Demilitarization* of the Cloud”, Presented at Camp Rhetoric, Penn State University, State College, P.A.

Jan 2020 “Infrastructural Power of AI”, Doctoral Consortium at ACM Fairness, Accountability and Transparency Conference, Barcelona, Spain

Oct 2019 “Towards a Relational View of Digital Sovereignty”, presented at workshop on “Data & Dominion: What is Digital Sovereignty” held at the Center for Advanced Research in Global Communication

Apr 2019 “Material and discursive construction of the cloud”, Milton Wolf Emerging Scholars Program for Media Diplomacy, Vienna, Austria

Oct 2018 “The Political Economy of Transnational Data Flows”, Presented at Doctoral Colloquium at the Association of Internet Researchers, Montreal, Canada

Aug 2018 “Who owns the cloud? Consolidation of the Public Cloud”, Presented at Annenberg-Oxford Media Policy Institute, Oxford, UK.

PANEL MODERATOR/ORGANIZER

- May 2020 Panel chair, “Surveillance Capitalism, Imperialism and Infrastructures of State Power” at International Communication Association, Gold Coast, Australia.
- May 2019 Panel organizer, “Normalizing the Unnatural: Discursive and Political Contestation Over Micro and Macrostructures of ‘The Market’” at International Communication Association, Washington D.C

ACADEMIC SERVICE & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Peer Reviewer Journals: *New Media & Society*, *Big Data & Society*.
Conferences: AoIR, ICA, AIES, Union for Democratic Communication (UDC)
- 2020-2021 Co-organizer of 2021 CARGC Fellows Conference, CARGC
- Spring 2020-21 Research Assistant for Dr. Julia Ticona
- Fall 2020 Teaching Assistant, *Political Communication* for Dr. Kathleen Hall Jamieson
- Summer II, 2019 Instructor of Record, *Media Industries and Society*
- Fall 2019 Research Assistant for Dr. Victor Pickard
- Spring 2019 Teaching Assistant, *Media Industries and Society* for Dr. Lee McGuigan
- 2018/2019 Graduate Council Student Representative
- Aug 2018 Participant and presenter at AnOx Media Policy Institute, Oxford, U.K.
- June – July, 2018 Research fellow with COMPASS at Open Markets Institute, Washington D.C.
- Spring, 2018 Teaching Assistant, *Media Culture and Society in China* for Dr. Guobin Yang
- Fall, 2018 Research Fellow for Dr. Victor Pickard

PROFESSIONAL/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE (SELECTED)

- Nov 2018 – Jan 2019 SOWN, iConnect Program, Philadelphia
Role: Digital Literacy training program for grandparents and older people who are primary caretakers.
- Summer 2017 B&R Enclosures, Brisbane, Australia (Australian Electrical Enclosure Manufacturing)
Role: Grant Application Writer for National and State grants for ‘smart manufacturing’
- Oct 2015 – May 2017 Transaction Publishers, New Jersey, USA (Social Science Research Publisher)
Role: Marketing and Business Management Consultant
- Oct 2015 – May 2017 Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy, New Jersey, USA
Role: Foundation Administrator
- Feb 2014 – Sept 2014 A Public Space, Brooklyn, New York, USA (Literary Magazine)
Role: Editorial and Social Media Intern

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Association for Internet Researchers
- International Communication Association
 - Philosophy, Theory and Critique
- Society for Social Sciences
- International Association for Media and Communication Research