

Novel Data for the Social Sciences

Spring Workshop at Dartmouth College, April 8 2016

The increasing centrality of the Internet and other technologies in the daily lives of people globally has generated a massive windfall of potential new data sources for social scientists. This one day workshop, hosted by the Neukom Institute, the Department of Sociology, and the Quantitative Social Science Program at Dartmouth College, will advance the goal of developing new and innovative data sources and analytic strategies for the social sciences. The workshop will cover a broad range of substantive topics, from politics to gender, and will employ a wide range of methods including social media analysis, the use of UAVs, and morphometric analysis. In bringing together a diverse group of scholars committed developing new data sources, this workshop will advance the goal of fostering interdisciplinary connections that will carry forth outside of Dartmouth after the conclusion of the workshop.

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Schedule:

Thursday, April 7, 2016

- 7 PM Welcome Reception for Workshop Participants. *Location:* Murphy's On the Green (11 South Main Street)

Friday, April 8, 2016

- 8:30 – 9:30 AM Breakfast. *Location:* Hanover Inn, Drake Room
- 9:30 – 10:00 AM Opening Remarks
- 10 – 12:00 AM Workshop Session #1:
 - *A More Representative Sample? Using Public Petition Data to Identify Political Activists.* Andrew Martin, Sociology, The Ohio State University
 - *Analyzing Organizational Routines in Online Knowledge Collaborations: A Case for Sequence Analysis in Computational Social Science.* Brian Keegan, Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University
 - *Rethinking Social Networks in the Age of 'Big Brother': Challenges from Computational Social Science.* James Kitts, Sociology, University of Massachusetts
- 12:00 AM – 1:15 PM Lunch & Break
- 1:15 – 2:30 PM Workshop Session #2:

- *Quantified Distortion: Imagined and Reimagined Body Shapes in Children’s Toys*. Kes Schroer and Nisha Kommattam, Neukom Institute and Leslie Center, Dartmouth College
 - *Bird’s-eye photovoice: The use of unmanned aerial vehicles as a means of data collection for participatory action research and citizen science*. Britta Ricker, Urban Studies, University of Washington-Tacoma
- 2:30 – 3:00 PM Break
 - 3:00 – 4:30 Workshop Session #3:
 - *Other People’s Processes*. Michael Evans, Neukom Institute, Dartmouth College
 - *The Research Applications of Web Archiving in the Social Sciences*. Caitlin Birch, Rauner Special Collections Library, Dartmouth College
 - 6:00 PM Dinner and Reception for Workshop Participants. *Location*: Hanover Inn, Hayward Room

Event Locations:

