

## **Emma Stamm**

Curriculum Vitae | last updated August 2019

Ph.D. Candidate, ASPECT: The Alliance for Social, Political, Ethical and Cultural Thought

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

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### ***Academic Employment***

2018-current: Instructor of Record, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Department of Political Science

Courses taught: "Introduction to Political Theory" (Spring 2019; Fall 2019)

2016-18. Instructor of Record and Graduate Teaching Assistant, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Department of Religion and Culture

Courses taught: "Introduction to Arts and Humanities: Becoming Modern" (Spring 2017; Fall 2017; Spring 2018).

Courses assisted: "Religion and Culture in Asia" (Fall 2016)

### ***Education History***

2015: M.S. in Nonprofit Management awarded by New School University. Magna cum laude.

2011: B.A. in Literature awarded by Bard College

### ***Research***

Ph.D. Candidate in Cultural and Social Thought. Dissertation in progress titled "Hallucinating Facts: Psychedelic Science and The Epistemic Power of Data." Chair: François Debrix.

Committee members: Rebecca Hester, Timothy Luke, Ashley Shew

Primary: Critical Data Studies; Critical Theory; Media Philosophy; Sociology of Technoscience

Cognate: Political Theory; Cultural Studies; Digital Humanities; Psychedelic Studies

### ***Honors and Fellowships***

2019-20: Research Travel Grant awarded by Purdue University

2019: Annual Best Graduate Student Essay Award, Society for Philosophy and Technology

2019: Designated Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University "Tech for Humanity"

Scholar in Specialty Area "Collective Autonomy"

2018-19: TU-Darmstadt Semester Scholarship awarded by DAAD, The German Academic Exchange Service

2018-19: Dissertation Research Fellowship awarded by ASPECT: The Alliance for Social, Political, Ethical and Cultural Thought at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

2018-19: Graduate Teaching Fellowship for "Data in Social Context Workshop" awarded by Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

2017-18: Graduate Diversity Fellowship awarded by Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

2016-current: Graduate Teaching Assistantship awarded by Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

2013-15: Merit Scholarship awarded by The New School University

**Select Talks**

- December 16-17 2019 (forthcoming): "How Psychedelic Drug Research Figures Persons In/Out Of Data: A Descriptive Overview" *Figurations: Persons In/Out of Data*, London, England
- September 6 2019 (forthcoming): "Psychedelic Science and The Epistemic Regime of Data," *Society for Social Studies of Science Annual Conference (45)*, New Orleans, LA
- August 13 2019: "Towards an Interdisciplinary Digital Epistemology," Data in Social Context Graduate Workshop, Blacksburg, VA
- May 21 2019: "Psychedelic Research Methods and The Epistemic Limits of Machines," *The Twenty-First Biannual Conference of the Society for Philosophy and Technology*, College Station, Texas
- April 26 2019: "Acid Feminism: Psychedelic Dimensions of Gender Performativity," *Gender, Bodies and Technology: Technologicals: Power and Resistance*, Roanoke, VA
- April 20 2019: "Machine Learning and The Algorithmic Interpellation Of The Future," *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, San Diego, California
- April 12 2019: "The Electric Kool Aid Turing Test: Psychedelics, Phenomenology and Automated Intelligence," *Theorizing the Web*, Queens, NY
- March 22 2019: "Algorithmic Determinacy and Interpretative Psychedelic Science," *Rethinking Otherness In The Age of Neoliberalism: The 2019 ASPECT Conference*, Blacksburg, VA
- October 2 2018: "Psychedelic Science and The Question of Artificial Intelligence," *Intelligent Futures: Automation, AI and Cognitive Ecologies*, Brighton, England
- September 7 2018: "Encountering Aliens: Digital 'Verfremdungseffekt' and The Theater of the Self," *Subjectivity and Digital Culture*, Dresden, Germany
- June 9 2018: "The Unthinkable: Data, Mentality and Politics," *Human Futures and Intelligent Machines Summit* Blacksburg, VA
- April 27 2018. Invited panelist on "Bot Phenomenology" track at *Theorizing The Web*, Queens, NY
- March 23 2018: "Psychedelic Science and Data Positivism," *Doing Interdisciplinarity: The 2018 ASPECT Conference*, Blacksburg, VA
- November 7 2017. "The Electric Kool Aid Turing Test: Psychedelic Data Encounters The Machine" at *Digital Culture and Communication Section of European Communication Research and Education Association Conference*, Brighton, UK
- April 8 2017: "Vita Obscura: Obfuscating Biopower," *Infosocial Graduate Research Conference*, Evanston, IL
- March 31 2017: "Tactics For Cybernetic Sovereignty," *Aesthetics, Ethics and Politics in Fractured Times: The 2017 ASPECT Conference*, Blacksburg, VA
- April 22 2016: "Block Party People: Off The (Bitcoin) Chain," *Theorizing the Web*, New York, NY
- April 15 2015: "Wait, What? Interface Hacks As Awareness-Raising Tools," *Theorizing The Web*, New York, NY
- March 21 2015: "We Are All Anonymous: Beyond Hactivist Stereotypes," *Representations of Resistance: The 2015 ASPECT Conference*, Blacksburg, VA

### **Select Publications**

#### *Journal Articles*

2015: "We Are All Anonymous: Beyond Hactivist Stereotypes" *SPECTRA* 4(2)  
Forthcoming: "The Electric Kool-Aid Turing Test: Psychedelics, Phenomenology and Automated Intelligence," under review in *Spheres Journal* special edition 'The Spectre of Artificial Intelligence,' Fall 2019

#### *Book Reviews*

February 2019: General Intellects: Twenty-One Thinkers for the Twenty-First Century by McKenzie Wark, *Marx and Philosophy Review of Books*  
November 2018: Technosystem: The Social Life of Reason by Andrew Feenberg, *Humanities and Technology Review Volume 37*  
January 2018: Animal Constructions and Technical Knowledge by Ashley Shew, *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective*

#### *Editorials / Journalism*

June 2019: "Tune In, Turn On, Rise Up: Acid Against Austerity," *Commune Magazine*  
May 9 2019: "Present Perfect: On The Politics of Livestreaming," *Real Life Mag*  
October 4 2018: "Ordinary Doses: New Research Into Psychedelic Drugs is Constrained by Technological Solutionism," *Real Life Mag*  
December 21 2018: "Immortal Techniques: 23AndMe Makes The Human Body Immortal At Last," *The New Inquiry*  
October 2017: "Obfuscating Biopolitics: A Theoretical Primer for Cyborgs and Other Concerned Citizens," *2600, The Hacker Quarterly*  
March 4 2016: "Arizona Congressman Supports Blockchain 'Revolution' At DC Summit," *Coindesk*  
July 25 2016: "Building A Cultural Dialogue Around The Permanent, Blockchain Web," *Model View Culture*  
April 14 2016: "Ball and( Block)chain: How I Became My Own Best Research Case," *Cyborgology*  
June 11 2015: "The Crimson Ghost," *The New Inquiry*  
September 26 2014: "R00tz Asylum is Teaching Kids To Become Hackers (And That's A Good Thing)," *The Toolbox*

#### **Press**

December 19 2018: "Psychedelic Technology, Blockchain Woes and Meta Set and Setting: A Conversation with Emma Stamm, pt. II," *The Psychedelic Times*  
December 17 2018: "Psychedelic Science, Ontological Mystery and Political Ideology: A Conversation with Emma Stamm, pt. I" *The Psychedelic Times*

#### **Service to the Profession**

2019: Editor, *SPECTRA: The ASPECT Journal*  
2019: Reviewer, *Journal of Digital Media & Policy*  
2018: Editor-elect, *SPECTRA: The ASPECT Journal*

2017-18: Member, Search and Hiring Committee for tenure-track position in cultural theory and digital media studies, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Department of Religion and Culture

2017-18: Member, Committee for *Doing Interdisciplinarity: The 2019 ASPECT Conference*

2017: Reviewer, *SPECTRA: The ASPECT Journal*

***Technical Skills***

HTML; CSS; Javascript (beginner); Python (beginner); Linux administration; website building; web design; web accessibility; NVivo qualitative data analysis software; Wordpress; Twitter Bootstrap; Microsoft SPSS; Microsoft Excel; Adobe Creative Suite

***Professional Memberships***

2016-current: AoIR, The Association of Internet Researchers

2018-current: APSA, The American Political Science Association

2013-15: ARNOVA, The Association for Research on Nonprofit and Voluntary Organizations