

# Curriculum Vitae

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### Statement of interests

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I am interested in the political implications and effects of the Internet and other digital communication technologies, particularly the new avenues they offer for political and civic expression (e.g. blogs, online communities, web-based grassroots activism, etc.).

### Education

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- University of Washington, Ph.D., Communication (expected) 2011
- University of Washington, M.A., Communication 2008
- Stanford University, B.A., Psychology (with honors) 2002

### Peer-reviewed publications

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Bennett, W. L., Wells, C. & **Freelon, D. G.** (forthcoming). Communicating citizenship online: Models of civic learning in the youth web sphere. *Journal of Communication*.

**Freelon, D. G.** (forthcoming). Analyzing online political discussion using three models of democratic communication. *New Media & Society*.

**Freelon, D. G.** (forthcoming). Talking amongst themselves: Online youth civic communication in managed and autonomous environments. *Information, Communication & Society*.

**Freelon, D. G.** (forthcoming). ReCal: Intercoder reliability calculation as a web service. *International Journal of Internet Science*.

### Book chapters

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Bennett, W. L., **Freelon, D. G.**, Hussain, M. M., & Wells, C. (forthcoming). Digital media and youth engagement. In H. Semetko (Ed.), *Handbook of Political Communication*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Bennett, W. L., **Freelon, D. G.**, & Wells, C. (forthcoming). Changing citizen identity and the rise of a participatory media culture. In L. Sherrod, J. Torney-Purta & C. Flanagan (Eds.), *Handbook of Research and Policy on Civic Engagement in Youth*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.

## Awards & honors

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- Humanities, Arts, Science, and Technology Advanced Collaboratory (HASTAC) scholarship 2009-2010
- Graduate School Top Scholar Award Fellowship (University of Washington) 2008
- Graduate Opportunity Program Award (University of Washington) 2006
- Undergraduate Research Opportunity (URO) grant for honors thesis experiment 2002
- Dean's Award for Academic Excellence 2001, 2000

## Conference presentations

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- Wells, C., **Freelon, D. G.**, & Bennett, W. L. (2009). "Civic learning online: A framework for the study of civic engagement websites for youth." Presented at the International Communication Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, 21-25 May.
- Watanabe, M. M., **Freelon, D. G.**, Nakaizumi, T., & Sonehara, N. (2008). "Distribution of social resources in a community of dialogue and editing." Presented at the Association of Internet Researchers 9th Annual Conference, Copenhagen, DK, 16-18 October.
- Freelon, D. G.**, Watanabe, M. M., Busch, L., & Kawabata, A. (2008). "Town halls of the digital age: Controversy and ideology in online deliberation (and beyond)." Presented at the Association of Internet Researchers 9th Annual Conference, Copenhagen, DK, 16-18 October.
- Freelon, D. G.** (2008). "Citizens in disguise? Assessing digital natives and the new civic engagement." Presented at the Politics: Web 2.0 Conference, Egham, Surrey, UK, 17-18 April.
- Foot, K. A., and **Freelon, D. G.** (2007). "Technology transfer offices as intersections in knowledge production." Presented at the Society for Social Studies of Science annual meeting, Montreal, Canada, 11 October.

## Research experience

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- Research assistant, NSF Award #0966929: "Socio-Computational Systems to Support Public Engagement and Deliberation" 2010, Apr - present
  - Under W. Lance Bennett and Alan Borning (Computer Science): collaborated with project team members on research design and execution, set up and administered shared citation management system, maintained project history wiki, took meeting notes
- Research assistant, Center for Communication and Civic Engagement, UW 2007, Feb - 2009, Sept
  - Under W. Lance Bennett: helped developed interactive web site, blogging curriculum, policy recommendations, and research concepts and methods for MacArthur Foundation-funded youth civic engagement project
- Research assistant, Department of Communication, UW 2007, Jan -

- Under Mitsuharu Watanabe: assisted with IRB application and helped plan and execute experiment on online forum participant behavior 2008, May
- Under Kirsten Foot: performed content analysis and helped apply theory to rhetorical analyses of annual reports of technology transfer offices
- Under Philip Howard: coded incidents of digital data theft, ICT capabilities of national libraries, and worldwide national telecom policies
- Undergraduate honors thesis ("Digital ambiguity: The nature of stereotype in the perception of personal web pages") 2002
- Summer Pre-Graduate Research Experience program, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (designed individual research project in School of Information & Library Science) 2001
- Undergraduate research assistant, Stanford University Department of Psychology (created audio stimuli for social psychology experiments) 2000

### Teaching experience

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- Sole instructor, Navigating Information Networks/Com 301 2010, spring
- TA, Introduction to Communication I/Com 201 (under Randal Beam) 2010, winter
- TA, Mass Media Law/Com 440 (under Richard Kielbowicz) 2009, fall

### Software developed

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Conceived, authored, and currently maintain online intercoder reliability calculator (ReCal) for 2 or more coders, which computes various coefficients for nominal, ordinal, interval, and ratio data and is compatible with most spreadsheet, database, and statistical applications (<http://dfreelon.org/utis/recalfront/>) 2008

### Service

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- Student organizer, Digital Media Working Group (organized panels and presentations and designed/maintained blog for an interdisciplinary group of scholars interested in digital media) 2007, Mar - 2008, Jun
- Tutor, Communication Writing Center 2007, Sept - 2008, Mar

### Professional experience

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- *Multimedia Lab Manager, Duke University Office of Information Technology* 2005, May - 2006, Aug
  - In addition to duties listed under "Technology Training Coordinator," began supervising two student multimedia labs on campus. Answered day-to-day patron questions, handled recruitment and other personnel issues, oversaw purchasing of new equipment.
- *Technology Training Coordinator, Duke University Office of Information* 2004, Jun-

- Technology* 2006, Aug
- In addition to the duties listed under "Technology Trainer," planned and scheduled sessions for the Training Department. Supervised other trainers, kept training statistics, developed new online database system for handling enrollment.
- *Technology Trainer, Duke University Office of Information Technology* 2002, Aug-2004, Jan
    - Provided technology instruction to students, staff, and faculty in topics such as web design, MS Office, and Macromedia Flash. Developed learning materials, lesson plans, and advertisements for workshops. Offered specific advice to faculty in instructional uses of technology. Updated department web site.
  - *Student computer technician, Stanford University* 2002, Mar-2002, Jun
    - Upgraded Stanford's public computers, refurbished older computers for departmental resale, maintained inventory of existing IT stock, installed and reimaged lab computers.
  - *Residential Computer Coordinator, Stanford University* 1999, Jan-2002, Jun (excluding summers)
    - Connected student computers to the Internet, cleaned viruses, performed network hardware troubleshooting, recovered lost data.

### Other skills

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Software	Proficient in: HTML, CSS, PHP, Actionscript, web design, Wordpress, Drupal, Movable Type, Blogger, MySQL, Linux shell scripting, digital audio editing, SPSS, R, STATA, Photoshop
Languages	Spanish (reading, basic speech)

### References

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