

Seminar Series

MOBILE METHODS FOR RESEARCHING BODIES IN MOTION

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4:00pm - 5:30pm with reception to follow
Ponderosa Commons Oak House Room 1306A

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Technology in research for and with people with disabilities

In this seminar, Dr. Natasha Saltes, Professor Simon Darcy and Dr. Andrea Bundon will share their accounts of using technology to do research with and for people with disabilities.

Dr. Saltes' talk will highlight the significance of mobile devices in disability research as a topic of inquiry as well as a means of communication and data collection. The concept of 'embodied practices of mobility' (Saltes, 2017) will be discussed to illustrate the ways in which mobile devices are shifting practices and perspectives of disability.

Professor Darcy will the use of technology in research for people with disabilities through examining the UN Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities through examining the key clauses involving ICT, assistive technology, and the empowerment of PwD to increase social participation in employment, cultural enrichment and all other forms of human activity.

Dr. Bundon will share her experiences of carrying out community-based research with para-athletes. This talk will explore the ways disability is (re)produced in supposedly 'disembodied' virtual environments and the different forms of 'digital divides' encountered in her practice.

Dr. Natasha Saltes

Natasha Saltes holds a SSHRC postdoctoral fellowship in the Department of Communication at the University of Ottawa. She has a PhD in Sociology from Queen's University where she researched disabled people's experience using mobile devices in their everyday lives. She has an MPhil in Sociology from the University of Cambridge and an MA in Critical Disability Studies from York University. Dr. Saltes' research crosses several disciplines and examines disability in the context of access, inclusion and equality as well as the social impact of information and communication technology. Her current work looks at disability accommodation policies for instructors and faculty at institutions of higher education.

Professor Simon Darcy

Simon Darcy is a Professor at the UTS Business School, University of Technology Sydney. He specializes in developing inclusive approaches for groups and understanding the social impact of organizations and individuals. Simon's research has spanned sport, tourism, events, volunteers, transport, the built environment and disability services. His research on accessible tourism has been recognized for its outstanding contribution to the field through the World Leisure Organisation's Innovation Prize. He is co-author of several books including *Benchmark Games: Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games* (2008), *Research Methods for Studies and Management* (2014) and *Managing the Paralympics* (2017).

Dr. Andrea Bundon

Andrea Bundon is an Assistant Professor in the School of Kinesiology at the University of British Columbia. Her work is situated at intersections of the sociology of sport and critical disability studies. Past research projects have used diverse (and often digital) community-based research methods to engage Paralympic stakeholders exploring topics such as the mainstreaming of disability sport and formation of activist identities by athletes with disabilities. She is the editor of *Digital Qualitative Research in Sport and Physical Activity* forthcoming in November 2017.