

2019 Michigan Meeting

Living a Digital Life

Objects, Environments, Power

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Everyone thinks they know what digital means. Digital technologies are so pervasive in the 21st century that it is difficult to find critical distance from the immersive new world of ubiquitous connectivity, social media feeds, smartphones, mobile apps, responsive design, algorithmic recommendation systems, and voice-controlled home shopping assistants. While the question “what is the digital?” is compelling, the more pressing question might instead be: what does it mean to be alive in the digital age? The 2019 Michigan Meeting, “Living a Digital Life: Objects, Environments, Power,” brings together an interdisciplinary group of students, faculty, staff, and industry leaders, in order to critically engage the big issues, urgent consequences, and radical possibilities for grappling with the meaning of life in this era of digital ubiquity.

THURSDAY, MAY 09, 2019

10:00–10:30 AM **Opening Remarks**

10:30–12:00 PM **Session 01: (Digital) Self**

How might an investigation of the historical/legal context of personhood help us better understand how we extend ourselves through AI, personal digital assistants, and network logics?

12:00–01:30 PM **Lunch**

01:30–02:30 PM **Keynote: Sarah Sharma**

Associate Professor, University of Toronto and Director of the McLuhan Centre for Culture and Technology

02:30–03:00 PM **Coffee Break**

03:00–04:30 PM **Session 02: (Digital) Environments**

What are our digital spaces and infrastructures and how do we interact in this virtual and physical field?

04:30–06:00 PM **Session 03: (Digital) Health**

How is health constantly tracked, recorded, and mediated by personal devices, contort our relationship to our bodies?

06:00–08:00 PM **Reception**

DIGITAL FUN

During lunch and coffee breaks, attendants can enjoy demonstrations from local organizations, showcasing digital installations, virtual reality environments, and more.

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2019

10:00–11:30 AM **Session 04: (Digital) Politics + Resistance**

Who matters online? How do the politics of race and power play out on our digital platforms?

11:30–01:00 PM **Lunch**

01:00–02:30 PM **Session 05: (Digital) Labor**

How can we reconcile automation and Human-Computer Interaction in the sharing economy?

02:30–03:00 PM **Coffee Break**

03:00–04:30 PM **Session 06: (Digital) Speculation/Memory**

How do we memorialize with technology whose data never seems to let us forget?

04:30–05:30 PM **Keynote: Adam Greenfield**

Author of Radical Technologies: The Design of Everyday Life.

PANELISTS INCLUDE...

Shannon Mattern, The New School

Rihdi Tariyal, Founder, NextGen Jane

Molly Wright Steenson, Carnegie Mellon University

Jerry Davis, Ross School of Business, UM

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