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### **EDUCATION:**

**Ph.D. Communication (Science Studies)** (In Progress)

**C.Phil. Communication** (2024)

**M.A. Communication** (2023)

University of California San Diego, La Jolla, CA.

**M.A. Cultural Studies** (2018)

**Graduate Certificate, Textual and Digital Studies** (2018)

University of Washington. Bothell, WA and Seattle, WA.

Thesis: *Rendering Passage: Bureaucratic Media, Refugee Identity and Representation in the Liminal Spaces of Statelessness and Displacement*. Graduate Certificate Capstone: *The Warden Game: Digital Media Archaeology Lessons from the Washington Prison History Project*

**B.A. Humanities/Cultural Studies** Cum Laude (2016)

SUNY Excelsior College. Albany, NY.

### **Additional Coursework:**

Miramar College, San Diego, CA. 2004-2005: Philosophy.

University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT. 1987-1990: Mathematics/Numerical Analysis. Presidential Scholar.

### **AREAS OF INTEREST:**

Affective and phenomenological dimensions of living under surveillance, affective displacement, un-belonging. Infrastructures and mediations of resistance. STS; time and temporalities of displacement; unprecedentedness and crisis. Critical Data/Surveillance Studies, AI, DH, maps, counter-archives. Community-engaged scholarship, public scholarship, everyday activism and public service.

### **SELECT PUBLICATIONS:**

Berger, D., Donea, M., Hattwig, D., & Rowland, D. (2019). A Counter-Archive of Imprisonment: The Washington Prison History Project. *Public*, 5(2). <https://public.imaginingamerica.org/blog/article/a-counter-archive-of-imprisonment-the-washington-prison-history-project/>

Donea, M. (2018). The Warden Game: Lessons in Power and Politics from a Recovered 1980's Text Adventure. *In Media Res*. <https://mediacommons.org/imr/content/warden-game-power-and-politics-recovered-1980s-text-adventure>.

**SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:**

Donea, M., & Metcalf, K. (2023). "Critical Data Studies Summer School: Building a Community Around Critical Pedagogy." *ACH23*. Association for Computers and the Humanities. Online.

Donea, M. (2022). "Always Already Vulnerable: Infrastructures and the Production of Disaster." *Re-Centering the Social: Technoscience in Crisis Times, Graduate Research in STS (GRiSTS) Conference*. Kennedy School of Public Service, Harvard University. Cambridge, MA.

Donea, M. (2018). "Interactive Storytelling as Critical Pedagogy: Lessons from the Warden Game." *Making Livable Futures in the Contemporary Moment, Graduate Research Conference*. University of Washington Bothell. Bothell, WA.

Donea, M. (2018). "Interactive Fiction as Critical Pedagogy: Lessons from the Warden Game." *Digital Collections in Teaching and Research Conference*. Orbis Cascade Alliance. Portland, OR.

**RECENT GRANTS:**

Principal Investigator, *Critical Data Studies Multicampus Graduate Working Group* (\$4,000)  
University of California Humanities Research Institute (UCHRI), 2022-2023

Principal Investigator, *Critical Data Studies Summer School* (\$4,050)  
Democracy Lab, University of California San Diego, 2022-2023

**SELECTED AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS:**

Graduate Fellowship, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, UC San Diego (2025-2026)  
Changemaker Fellowship, Anti-Racist Pedagogy Learning Community, UC San Diego (2023-2024)  
Rita L. Atkinson Endowment Fellowship, UC San Diego (2022-2023)  
Eugene V. Cota-Robles Doctoral Fellowship, UC San Diego (2019-2022)  
Communication/Science Studies Program First Year Fellowship, UC San Diego (2019-2020)  
HASTAC Scholar, Humanities, Arts, Science, and Technology Alliance and Collaboratory (2017-2019)  
IAS Interdisciplinary Scholar, University of Washington Bothell (2017-2018)

**TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE:**

**UC San Diego.** Associate Instructor:

COMM 30: Digital Media Literacy: Analyzing Forms, Practices, and Infrastructures of Mediated Public Life (SP26)  
COMM 106D: Data and AI Industry (S225)  
TMC 15: Public Service in America (WI25, WI26)

**UC San Diego.** Instructional Assistant:

DOC 3: Imagination + Action: Dimensions of Culture Writing Program, Thurgood Marshall College (SP25)  
DOC 1: Reading Diversity: Dimensions of Culture Writing Program, Thurgood Marshall College (FA24)  
COMM 10: Introduction to Communication (WI21, SP21, WI24) + Discussion Sections (2)  
COMM 100A: Communication, the Person, and Everyday Life (FA20, SI21) + Discussion Sections (2)  
COMM 106G: Tourism: Global Industry (SP22)  
COMM 109N: American News Media (FA21)  
COMM 124A: Critical Design/Advanced Studio (WI22)

**UC San Diego.** Guest Lecturer:

COMM 111B: Global Borders: Communication and Conflict (WI25, WI24)

**UW Bothell.** Guest Lecturer:

BIS 208: Experimenting Through the Arts: Socially Engaged Art (WI19)  
BIS 336: History of Mass Incarceration in the United States (SP19)

## **RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES:**

### **University of California San Diego:**

*Displacement and Reparation: Climate, Labor, and Migration Justice Symposium*, Conference Co-Organizer (2025)  
 Nature, Space & Politics Working Group, Graduate Student Co-Organizer (2024-2025)  
 Global Borders Initiative, UC San Diego International Institute, Graduate Student Member (2024-Present)  
 UC San Diego Labor Center, Database Consultant (2024), Web and Communications Specialist (2023)  
 Just Transitions Initiative, UCSD Design Lab, Graduate Student Member (2021-Present)  
 Nature, Space & Politics Working Group, Graduate Student Member (2021-Present)  
 Critical Data Studies Working Group, Co-Founder (2020-Present)  
*Counter-Technologies at the Edgelands*, Conference Co-Organizer (San Diego & Tijuana, MX) (2019)

### **University of Washington Bothell:**

Washington Prison History Project, IAS Interdisciplinary Scholar (2017-2018)  
 Community Engagement Council, Graduate Representative (2017-2018)  
*International Day for Women and Trans People*, Festival Co-Organizer, Northwest Film Forum (2017)  
 Black Prisoner Caucus Summit, Monroe Correctional Complex, Monroe, WA. Participant (2016)

### **Additional Activities and Training:**

Humanities and the Web: Introduction to Web Archive Data Analysis. Internet Archive (2022)  
 CalSTS Retreat, STS Futures Initiative. UC Humanities Research Institute (2021)  
 Harvard STS Summer School. Harvard University (2021)

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE:**

Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Communication (2024-2025, 2020-2021)  
 UC San Diego Library, Library Student Advisory Council (2022-2023)  
 Graduate & Professional Student Association (GPSA), Legislative Affairs Committee (2020-2022)  
 Graduate & Professional Student Association (GPSA), Communication Department Rep (2019-2021)

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES:**

Privacy Advisory Board, City of San Diego, CA. Board Member (2024-Present)  
 TRUST-SD Coalition, Surveillance Oversight Ordinance, San Diego, CA. Contributor (2020-2023)  
 COVID-19 Refugee Community Impact Report, SDRCC, San Diego, CA. Designer (2020)  
 Moving Stories Animation Workshop, UWEAST, San Diego, CA. Volunteer Instructor (2020)  
 Washington Prison History Project, Bothell, WA. Volunteer Contributor (2017-2020)  
 Black Prisoner Caucus Summit, Monroe Correctional Complex, Monroe, WA. Participant (2016)  
 Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, Seattle, WA. Volunteer Interpreter (2012-2019)  
 Neighborhood Mediation Program, Bellevue, WA. Volunteer Conciliator (2007-2008)

## **ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

Surveillance Studies Network  
 Association for Computers and the Humanities (ACH/ADHO)  
 Cultural Studies Association (CSA) / Association for Cultural Studies (ACS)  
 Disaster STS Research Network / STS-MIGTEC Network  
 International Communication Association (ICA)  
 Society for Social Studies of Science (4S)

***PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT:***

Microsoft/Design Laboratory, Inc., Redmond, WA. Senior Privacy Consultant (2015-2022)

Microsoft/Allyis, Inc., Bellevue, WA. Privacy Program Manager (2011-2015)

Microsoft/Valente Solutions, Redmond, WA. Geopolitical Technical Program Manager (2006-2010)

KIA Internet Solutions, Inc., Chicago, IL/Fairfax, VA. Founder and President (1997-2005)

InterAccess Co., Chicago, IL. Director, WWW Services & Solutions (1995-1997)

Value Health Sciences/RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA. Designer/Technical Writer (1992-1994)

***LANGUAGES:***

English (Native), Romanian (Native), Spanish (Conversational), French (Reading)