

DISCO Network Newsletter



"Digital culture has been on fire lately, and not in a good way. Elon Musk's acquisition of Twitter has reminded many of us that we're unwelcome guests in a house owned by an absolute ruler. Yet at the same time, intellectual communities continue to get built, the platform is full of subversive humor and collective resistance to unaccountable platforms.."

— *Lisa Nakamura*

[Read the Full Letter](#)

Upcoming Events

DISCO NETWORK LECTURE SERIES

QUEER SILENCE:

RHETORICAL QUIETING AND AN EROTICS OF ABSENCE

Logan Smilges in Conversation with Remi Yergeau and David Adelman

JANUARY 25, 2023
12:00 – 1:30PM EST

The value of visibility is contingent on a variable, embodyminded social currency. Being seen tends to benefit most the people whose bodies and minds adhere closest to norms structured by whiteness, cishnormativity, and abledness. In their interactive talk, J. Logan Smilges shows how queer and otherwise marginalized populations navigate the risks that subtend their precarious visibility. Centering their analysis on the dating app Grindr, Smilges introduces profile pictures as a digital site for rhetorical quieting—a strategy whereby users regulate how their bodyminds signify to people around them. As part of their talk, Smilges will offer an opportunity for attendees to evaluate how their own social media use is situated within a political matrix of presence and absence.

Logan Smilges

Remi Yergeau

David Adelman







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[Register](#)

Introducing our DISCO Network Fellows

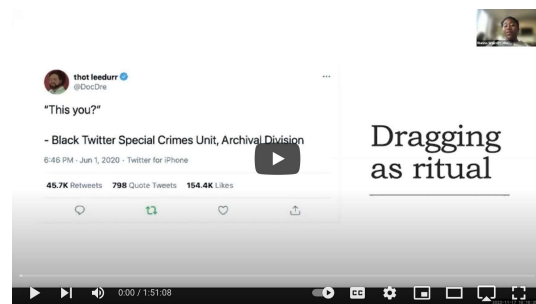


Read their full profiles [here](#).



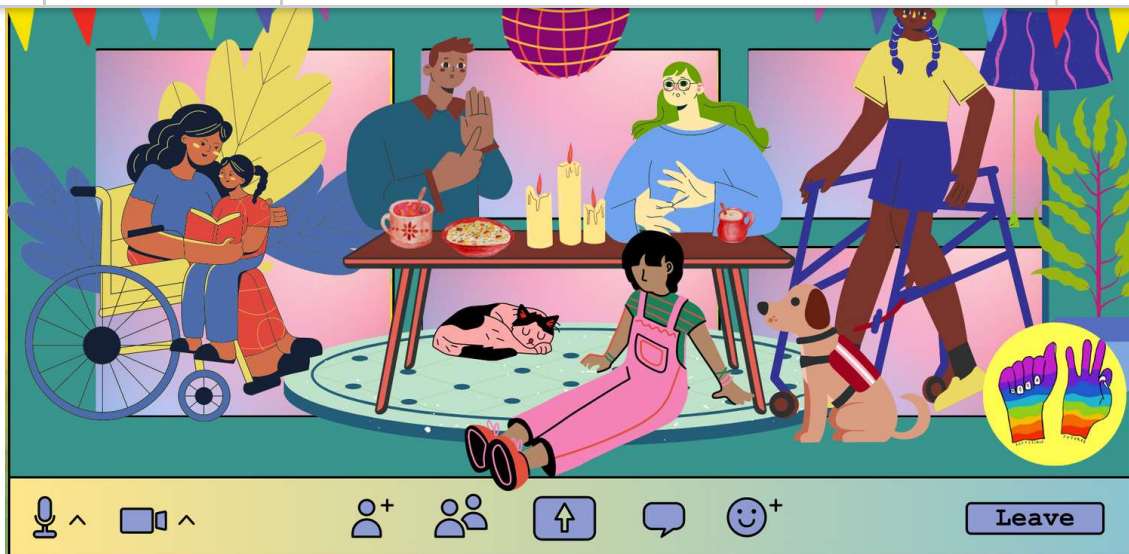
If you missed it, watch our 2021-2022 DISCO Graduate Scholars' Lightning Talks

Watch our Fall 2022 Events



Find all the videos on our [YouTube channel](#).

Catch up on the DISCO Blog



David Adelman

Digital Accessible Futures Lab Fellow

“One of my animating questions as a postdoctoral fellow in this lab will be to take **crip joy** seriously.”

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PICTURES OF A HEAVEN
Our Lady J

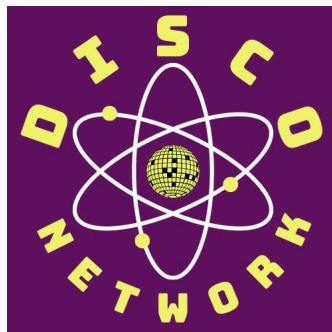




- [Event Reflection: Crip Mentoring, Access Advocacy, and the Job Market](#)
- [Meet our DISCO Network Fellows: David Adelman](#)
- [Five Days of Collaborative Writing](#)
- [Event Reflection: Racial Replication](#)

Both DISCO Network Members and Research Affiliates will have early access to registration to workshops, trainings, and other event series.

As winter approaches, we're planning more collaborations and [partnerships](#). Don't hesitate to reach out, we'd love to work with you! Email us at disconetwork@umich.edu



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