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December Newsletter

Final BCaT events of the year!

LUNCH AND LEARN:
CRITICAL TECHNOCULTURAL DISCOURSE ANALYSIS
BCaT Lab Presents

6TH DECEMBER
12.00 - 1PM WORKSHOP
SKINNER 3115



ANDRÉ BROCK



In this lunch and learn we have the privilege of being joined by André Brock, Associate Professor of Black Digital Studies and Media in the Department of Literature, Media and Communication at the Georgia Institute of Technology. He is a leading academic in Black Cyberculture and the study of racial representations in social media, including groundbreaking research on Black Twitter.

We'll be discussing CTDA, an internet research method that takes a discourse-analytic approach to digital objects and phenomena and is framed by cultural theory.

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CTDA Lunch & Learn

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[Zoom Link](#)



BCaT Eats

Join us for the final BCaT Eats of the year! We'll be watching a festive film, eating sweet treats and pizza!

Note- we'll be running this event earlier than usual, drop by the lab between **3-5pm.**

Fall 2023 in review:



BCaT
BLACK COMMUNICATION
& TECHNOLOGY

BCaT Lab Open Hours

10:00AM - 3:00 PM
Mon-Weds

Monday: Podcast room drop-ins
Tuesday: Writing lab day
Wednesday: Lunch and Learn
12:00PM - 1:00PM

Selected Wednesdays:
BCaT Applies: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
BCaT Eats: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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Semester Roundup

We had a very active semester in the lab, where in addition to our regular lab hours we hosted a series of 'lunch and learn' events, 'applies' sessions, and 'eats' events, including:

- A workshop on using Zotero for reference management hosted by temi lasade-anderson
- An in-conversation about CTDA with Dr. André Brock
- A series of conversations on researching changing social media landscapes
- Practice-led sessions on using Tableau for data visualisation
- 3 BCaT Eats events, notably featuring some very good Jollof and a heated dominoes tournament
- Applies sessions on building your resumé



Ri got a job!

Dr Rianna Walcott will be joining UMD's Communication department as an Assistant Professor from Fall 2024!

She's very excited to continue working with the BCaT Lab and maybe to get a pet terrapin just to get in the spirit of things. [Go Terps!](#) 🍌

Black PodClass

The students of COMM44P Black Podcasts thoroughly enjoyed their live podcast recording with Dean Stephanie Shonekan, who answered questions about her music podcast *Cover Story*.

The students also shared their recommendations of song covers that the dean should include in future episodes of her podcast. Stay tuned for her episode of the Black Pod Class podcast to drop very soon!





Conferences

We had a very busy fall semester in the lab, attending [AoIR](#), [NWSA](#), [ASA](#) and [NCA](#) between us!

We'll be headed to the *Critical Approaches to Black Media Culture* conference in February, watch this space!



Fall Collaborative Project

We continued our work with the Black Migration Project this fall. This semester the team created data visualisations from our scraped dataset using Tableau, recorded podcasts, and began preparing papers for publication.

Please keep an eye out for the first installment of our new BCaT Podcast: *'BCaT Talks: Elon Musk's Twitter Takeover'*

Upcoming Events

TECHNOSKEPTICISM

Technoskepticism is a multi-authored monograph written by an intergenerational group of 14 DISCO Network researchers and artists. This book offers a critical road map of the contemporary digital landscape from the point of view of disabled and POC technology scholars, arguing for the concept of ‘technoskepticism’ as a response to our current inflection point in regards to race relations, disability history and care activism in relation to technology use.

Nine co-authors of Technoskepticism will be in conversation about this exciting new manuscript on **Thurs, Dec 14 at 4pm.**



Register to attend!

Black Podcasts

Join Dr Briana Barner, BCaT Lab affiliate, for her winter 2023 course ‘Black Podcasts: COMM 449P’

This course examines the cultural production and significance of Black podcasts. Students will examine how podcasts can help us make sense of shifting meanings of race, gender, and sexuality.

Listen to season one of the

Spring Showcase

Watch this space for information about our upcoming spring showcase!

1. - Learn about our collaborative project
2. - Eat good food
3. - Hear snippets from our podcast
4. - Learn about lab outputs



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