

# THURSDAYS

## CMS/W COLLOQUIUM & MIT COMMUNICATIONS FORUM



Comparative Media Studies | Writing



Sep 11 | 5pm | E14-633

### Social Influence and The Dynamics of Online Reputation

**Sinan Aral**, MIT Sloan School of Management

Sep 18 | 5pm | E14-633

### The Treacherous Task of Quantifying Journalistic Performance

**Philip Napoli**, Rutgers University

Sep 25 | 5pm | E14-633 | With Literature at MIT

### What Remote Controls Can Teach Us about the Nature of Control

**Caetlin Benson-Allott**,  
Georgetown University

Oct 2 | 5pm | E14-633

### Resisting Data's Tyranny with Obfuscation

**Helen Nissenbaum**, NYU

Oct 9 | 5pm | 66-110 | Communications  
Forum

### Teens and Media

**danah boyd**, author of *It's Complicated:  
The Social Lives of Networked Teens*

**Marah Gubar**, Literature at MIT

Oct 16 | 5pm | E14-633

### Welcome Back, to the Humanities as Civic Engagement

*Riviging the collaboration between aesthetic  
philosophy and democratic development*

**Doris Sommer**, Harvard University,  
Cultural Agents Initiative

Oct 23 | 5pm | 4-231

### Alumni Panel

*Three Comparative Media Studies alums  
return to discuss their post-graduate lives.*

**Sam Ford**, Director of Audience  
Engagement at Peppercomm

**Rekha Murthy**, Director of Projects and  
Partnerships at Public Radio Exchange

**Parmesh Shahani**,  
Godrej India Culture Lab

Oct 30 | 7pm | 32-123 | Communications Forum

### Ultimate Truths: Comparing Science and the Humanities

**James Carroll**, National Book Award-  
winning historian

**Rebecca Goldstein**,  
Philosopher and novelist

**Alan Lightman**, MIT Professor of the  
Practice of the Humanities, author of  
*Einstein's Dreams*

**Robert Weinberg**, Whitehead Institute

Nov 6 | 5pm | E14-633

### Transmedia Organizing and the Immigrant Rights Movement

*A book release party for his new title from  
MIT Press*

**Sasha Costanza-Chock**, MIT  
Comparative Media Studies/Writing

Nov 13 | 5pm | E14-633

### Paul Levitz

*The Comic Reader*, editor (Batman, among  
many titles), writer (Legion of Super-  
Heroes), 30 years at DC Comics (ending  
as President & Publisher), historian, and  
educator. Winner of Eisner Award and  
Comic Art Fan Awards for Best Fanzine.

Nov 20 5pm | 4-231

### Town Meeting

*For the CMS/W family only*

Dec 4 | 5pm | 66-110 | Communications Forum

### Making Computing Strange

*Cultural analytics and phantasmal media*

**Lev Manovich**, CUNY Graduate Center

**Fox Harrell**, MIT CSAIL and CMS/W

**Nick Montfort**, CMS/W

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