

Information Session

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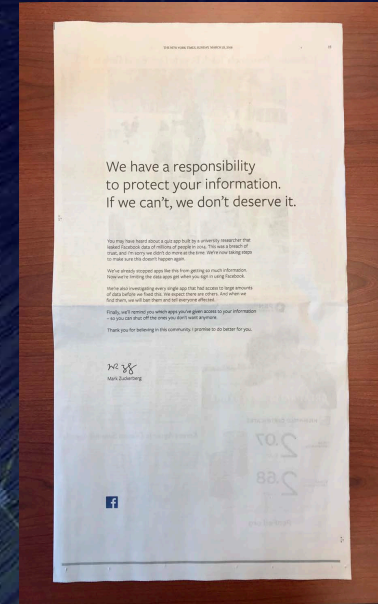
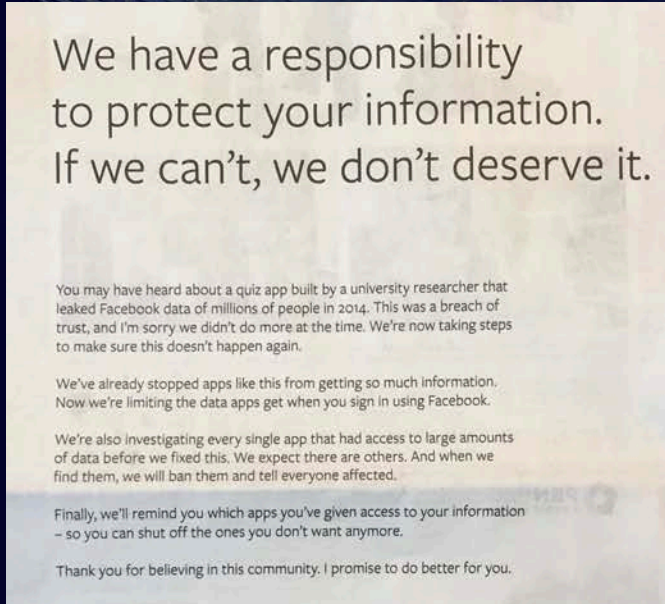


INFORMATION STUDIES

EXPLORING THE INTERSECTION OF INFORMATION, TECHNOLOGY, AND FAITH

Why Information Studies?

- Part of our daily lives
 - Facebook, Cambridge Analytica, and the personal data of 50M users



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Why Information Studies?

- Raising big questions about life
 - **The Human and the Digital**
 - Digital Metaphysics: The Cybernetic Idealism of Warren McCulloch *by Leif Weatherby*
 - Expose Thyself! On the Digitally Revealed Life *by Christine Rosen*
 - Tending the Digital Commons: A Small Ethics toward the Future *by Alan Jacobs*
 - Afraid of the Frightful Five? Monopoly and Culture in the Digital Age *by Edward Tenner*



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Why Information Studies?

- An information revolution
 - “[casting] new light on who we are and how we are related to the world” (philosopher Luciano Floridi)
- An information revelation
 - “We may characterize God’s interaction with the world as a holistic, top-down continuing process of input of information” (theologian Arthur Peacocke)



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Why Information Studies?

- Professional preparation
 - One of SingularityHub's **most exciting jobs** of the future: "**Technology Ethics, Philosophy, and Policy** ... there will be a growing demand for professionals who can ask the right questions about [new technologies] and set appropriate ethical guidelines for a wide range of complex scenarios"



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 - A National Association of Colleges and Employers **competency for career readiness: “Digital Technology:** Leverage existing digital technologies ethically and efficiently to solve problems, complete tasks, and accomplish goals. The individual demonstrates effective adaptability to new and emerging technologies.”

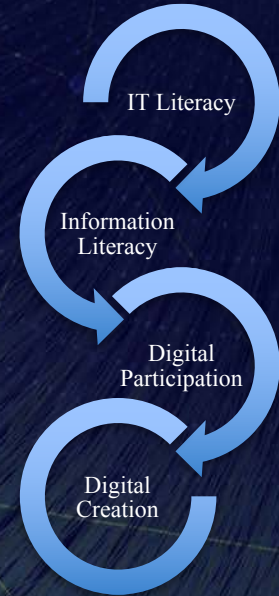


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Why Information Studies?

- Digital competencies
 - **Information Technology Literacy**: Devices, applications, and networks
 - **Information Literacy**: Discovering, interpreting, evaluating, managing, synthesizing, and using information

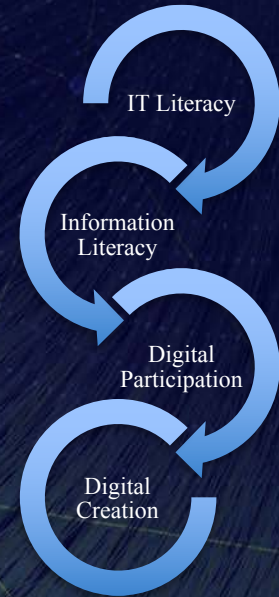


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- Digital competencies
 - **Digital Participation:** Digital identity, collaboration, and learning networks
 - **Digital Creation:** Creating and sharing scholarly, professional, and other communications using digital media

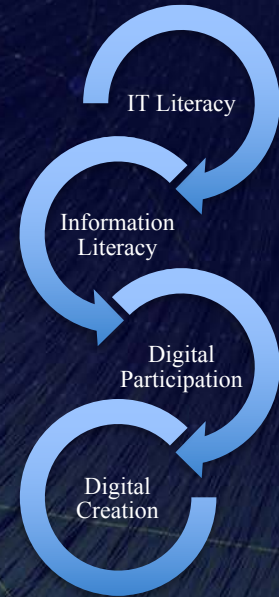


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Why Information Studies?

- Digital literacy and wisdom
 - Critical analysis
 - Reflective attention
 - Ethical agency



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Why Information Studies?

- Vocational preparation
 - Finding a “missional call” in and for the information environment



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What Is Information Studies?

- Studies the dynamic relationships between information, technology, and people
- Provides students with the opportunity to examine the creation, use, and dynamics of information and digital technologies
- Prepares students to thrive personally, professionally, and spiritually in our information-rich and digitally-networked world



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What Is Information Studies?

- Program distinctives
 - **Unique and relevant:** Explore emerging issues at the intersection of information, technology, and faith
 - **Experiential and practical:** Engage in active learning experiences and develop competencies for the digital age
 - **Reflective and integrative:** Critically and theologically reflect on information and technology and design a capstone research project or internship experience



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What Is Information Studies?

- Program distinctives
 - Guided **theological reflection** on issues related to information and technology
 - Exploring information inequities through **service-learning**
 - Integrating knowledge and practices from **other disciplines**



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What Is Information Studies?

- Program outcomes: Students will ...
 - engage with resources from the Christian tradition to explore the theological significance of the information society
 - reflect on the role of information and technology to become more intentional about decisions in their personal, professional, and spiritual lives
 - use information and technology to become more skillful and ethical participants in the information society
 - analyze how information and technology invite and exclude participation in the information society



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What Is Information Studies?

- Core courses
 - **Information and Attention:** How are our lives changing in a high-tech world?
 - **Digital Literacy and Life:** How do we live well in the digital age?
 - **Information and Society:** What digital challenges are facing Seattle?
 - **Independent Research or Internship**



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- Electives
 - General
 - Art
 - Art History and Visual Studies
 - Computer Science (BA)
 - History – General and Museum Studies Track
 - Philosophy – General and Tech Track
 - Visual Communication



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