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Education

University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA.

Candidate for Ph.D in Film & Media Studies in 2012.

Research: media of diaspora; global television melodramas; critical game studies; technology/mobility/history.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA.

Masters of Science in Comparative Media Studies in 2009.

Thesis: *Imaginaries of the Asian Modern: Text and Context at the Juncture of Region and Nation.*

Boston University, Boston, MA.

Masters of Public Health in 2007.

Concentration in Health Services Management & Policy.

Thesis: *How Can Hospitals Reduce the Harm Caused by Medical Errors to Save Patients from Unnecessary Morbidity and Mortality?*

Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA.

Bachelor of the Arts in 2004.

Double major in Biology and Asian Studies.

Thesis: *Possibility and Liberation in Card Captor Sakura Through the Subversion of Normative Sex, Gender, and Social Expectation*

Thesis received the Alice L. Crossly Prize for Excellence in Asian Studies.

Teaching Experience

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA.

Teaching Assistant. (Spring 2008-Fall 2009)

Courses: Understanding Television, Transmedia Storytelling.

Girls Moving Forward, Oakland, CA.

Feminist Educational Consultant. (April 2005 – August 2005)

Subject Areas: Math, English grammar, writing

Swarthmore College Biology Department, Swarthmore, PA.

Teaching Assistant. (Spring 2004)

Subject Areas: Quantitative data analysis, statistics, and writing instruction

Papers & Publications

- Osterweil, S. & Le, L. X. 2010. "Learning and Change - A View from MIT's Education Arcade." *Cognitive Technology Journal*. 14(2). In submission.
- Leininger, E., Tran, T., Verardo, A., Song, J., Le, L., Amiya, R., Pike, E., Zee, B., Berner, N., Hiebert, S. 2010. "Temperature-Independent Effects of Melatonin and Day Length on Self-Selection of Diets Rich in Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids by Siberian Hamsters." *American Journal of Physiology*. In submission.
- Walker, J.D.; Ahern, D.K.; Le, L.X.; Delbanco, T. 2009. "Insights for Internists: 'I Want the Computer to Know Who I Am.,'" *Journal of General Internal Medicine*. Online First Publication. [URL: <http://www.springerlink.com/content/2257k62j3r8850t5/?p=9373148ae5d64d4b811e99adf6408080&pi=8>]
- Le, L.X. Review of *Media Queered: Visibility and Its Discontents*, ed. Kevin G. Barnhurst. *E-Learning* 5(2) (2007). [URL: http://www.wvwords.co.uk/elea/content/pdfs/5/issue5_3.asp]
- Le, L.X. "I HEART Mutants (Except for that Shameless Mary Sue, Jean Grey)" *Confessions of an Aca/Fan - The Blog of Henry Jenkins, III*. April 25, 2008. [http://henryjenkins.org/2008/04/i_mutants_except_for_that_sham.html]
- Le, L.X. "Secret Asian Man and the Art of the Comic Strip: an Interview with Tak Toyoshima." *Confessions of an Aca/Fan - The Blog of Henry Jenkins, III*. February 18, 2008. [http://henryjenkins.org/2008/02/secret_asian_man.html]
- Le, L.X. 2008. Review of Karen Hellekson and Kristina Busse, *Fan Fiction and Fan Communities in the Age of the Internet: New Essays*. Resource Center for Cyberculture Studies: electronic book reviews. [URL: <http://rccs.usfca.edu/bookinfo.asp?BookID=390&ReviewID=542>]
- Ahern, D.K.; Phalen, J.M.; Le, L.X.; Goldman, R. 2007. "Childhood Obesity Prevention and Reduction: Role of eHealth." White Paper for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Conferences

- Le, L.X.; Phalen, J.M.; Goldman, R.E.; Bazarre, T.L.; Ahern, D.K. November 6, 2007. "Role of eHealth in Childhood Obesity Prevention and Reduction." Panel presentation for American Public Health Association 135th Annual Meeting and Expo, Washington, DC.

Hiebert, S.M.; Pannorfi, R.; Leininger, E.; Le, L.; Hungeryager, R.; Pike, E. 2004.
“Dietary lipids, temperature and melatonin: behavioral preference adjustments in hamsters consistent with the membrane homeoviscosity model.” Poster for Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology Conference 2004, New Orleans.

Internships

Planned Parenthood, Boston, MA.

Human Resources Intern. (Summer 2006)

Project: Assemble best practice syllabi concerning medical abortions from the nation’s top ten affiliates for Director of Training.

Planned Parenthood, Boston, MA.

Recovery Room Intern. (Spring 2006)

Office of the Medical Examiner, Delaware County, Lima, PA.

Medical Forensics Intern. (Summer 2003)

Project: Contribute to special project on bio-terrorism and mass casualty preparedness in conjunction with National Bioterrorism Civilian Medical Response Center, Drexel University.

Research Work Experience

Education Arcade, Cambridge, MA.

Research Assistant. (September 2007 – September 2009)

Projects: Labyrinth – puzzle game (math for middle grades)

Caduceus – puzzle game (health-themed casual games for grade school)

Kids Survey Network – social game (quantitative survey analysis for middle grades)

Online Language Learning Initiative – social game (language learning, all ages)

Bacterial Ecology – simulation game (biology learning, high school)

Project Management: GAMBIT Summer 2009. Project managed Labyrinth Nintendo DS extension game. Oversaw puzzle design and technological implementation with team of undergraduate game designers to produce playable game on Nintendo DS platform in 9 weeks.

Health E-Technologies Initiative, Boston, MA.

Research & Administrative Assistant. (June 2006 – November 2007)

Project: Literature survey on available publications concerning the childhood obesity epidemic. Synthesized the information into a white paper on the role of e-technologies in disease and behavioral management. (Co-author)

Conducted qualitative analysis of data for paper on patient views on electronic medical records currently under review with the *Annals of Internal Medicine*. (Co-author)

Exhibitions

McCabe Library, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA.

Curator. Designed, organized, prepared and executed the *Cultural Imports: From Pokemon to Hello Kitty* Exhibit in McCabe Library. (Fall 2003)

Skills & Qualifications

Languages: Fluent in spoken Vietnamese. Elementary reading and writing in same.

Computer: General office software; Access; Adobe Photoshop, InDesign, Corel Draw, and Flash 8; NVivo 7; Final Cut Express; and HTML/CSS.

Art & Art Design: Worked with comic book artist Frank Espinosa, creator of *Rocketo*, on world-building and character design class. Illustration, ink, and limited painting skills.

Web design experience.

Amateur art photography.

Basic video and image editing experience.

Print promotional materials layout and design skills.

Portfolio available upon request.

Creative Writing: Co-writer for a treatment of *Caduceus* graphic novel. Studied fantasy fiction with Pulitzer Prize Winner Junot Diaz.

Activities & Hobbies

Extracurriculars: President and Treasurer of Knitwits, a Swarthmore College organization to teach knitting to community members.

Purple belt in Uechi Ryu Karate Do.

Admitted as one of twelve candidates to the selective Swarthmore College Fiction Writer's Workshop under the supervision of novelist Gregory Frost.

Membership: Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology Member.

Sigma Xi Member, Swarthmore College Chapter.

Volunteering: Preservation Action Council of San Jose, San Jose, CA. Volunteer.

Assisted in the 2004 fund raising auction/dinner. Photographed and coded web galleries for both the auction and the salvage sale. Assisted in the

design of the Winchester Musical flier. Also photographed and advertised for the 2005 annual fund raising gala. (July 2004 – August 2005)

Creative Publications: “What I Cannot Say.” Short story. (*Knitty*, Winter Issue, 2006)

References

Available upon request.