Laine McCrory

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EDUCATION

2025 - **PhD in Media, Culture and Communication**
New York University. Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development
Dissertation research focusing on community-based technology development and governance
Funded by Steinhardt & The Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada

2023 - 2025 **M.A. In Communication and Culture**
York University & Toronto Metropolitan University (Formerly Ryerson University)
Joint Program in Communication and Culture. Supervised by Dr. Jonathan Obar.
MA Thesis: *"An Analysis of the Artificial Intelligence and Data Act: Envisioning Feminist Alternatives for Mitigating Algorithmic Harm".* Committee: Jonathan Obar, Opeyemi Akabi, Jeff Nagy

2019 -2023 **Honours B.A. in Political Science & Gender, Sexuality, Feminist and Social Justice Studies**
McGill University, *Distinction and First Class Honours.* Supervised by Dr. Jonathan Sterne
Honours Thesis: "The "Smart City" - Techno-Solutionism at the Expense of the Citizen".
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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2024-2025
Waterloo, ON
Centre For International Governance Innovation (CIGI)
Fellow - Digital Policy Hub

Fellowship for emerging scholars to examine key emerging issues in digital policy
Research Outputs: Avoiding Catastrophe through Intersectionality in Global AI Governance, Digital Commons: Feminist Futures and Participatory Urban Governance (Forthcoming)

2024-2025
Toronto, ON
Department of Media and Communication Studies, York University
Research Assistant - Dr. Jonathan Obar

Collaborative research on the sociopolitical impacts of the explainable AI (XAI) movement

2024-2025
Toronto, ON
The Creative School, Toronto Metropolitan University
Research Assistant - Policy Issues in the Emerging Creator Economy

Conducted research as part of a broader team examining digital policy issues facing the creator economy.
Research output: Report and presentation for government partner

2022 - 2023
Montreal, QC
Just Feminist and Tech Scholarship Lab at McGill University
Research Assistant in Gender and Feminist Studies

Partnered with the Archives Gaies du Québec and Archives Lesbiennes du Québec under Dr. Alexandra Ketchum to record oral histories of Montreal lesbian and queer organizing.
Research Output: Montreal Lesbian, Nonbinary, and Queer Women's Oral History Project

2021 - 2023 **McGill University - Under the Supervision of Dr. Jonathan Sterne**

Montreal, QC   Research Assistant in Communication Studies

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

09/2025 - 12/2025   Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Media Studies (New York University)
01/2024 - 04/2024   Graduate Assistant, IP Issues in the Digital Age (Toronto Metropolitan University)
09/2023 - 12/2023   Graduate Assistant, Intro to Disability Studies (Toronto Metropolitan University)

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

[R]   **McCrory, L**. (2024). A feminist framework for urban AI governance: addressing challenges for public–private partnerships. *Data & Policy*, 6. https://doi.org/10.1017/dap.2024.69

[R]   **McCrory, L**. (2025). Crafting a Situated Feminist Praxis for Data Regulation in the Age of Artificial Intelligence. *Canadian Journal of Communication.* https://doi.org/10.3138/cjc-2024-002

ACADEMIC WORKS IN PROGRESS

Sterne, J., **McCrory, L.**, & Stevens, Y. (2024) Why Montreal?: Denaturalizing an AI Ecosystem. : 35 pages.

McCrory, L. & Salehi, K. (2024). Politicizing the "Glitch": Examining the In/Visibility of AI Systems: 25 pages.

THESES

McCrory, L. (2023) The "Smart City" - Techno-Solutionism at the Expense of the Citizen. McGill University. Bachelor's Honours Thesis. Number of Pages: 75. Supervisor: Dr. Jonathan Sterne. https://lainemccrory.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/mccrory_thesis_2023.pdf

McCrory, L. (Forthcoming 2025). "An Analysis of the Artificial Intelligence and Data Act: Envisioning Feminist Alternatives for Mitigating Algorithmic Harm". Toronto Metropolitan University. Master's Thesis. Supervisor: Dr Jonathan Obar.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

McCrory, L. (Forthcoming). Digital Commons: Feminist Futures and Participatory Urban Governance. *CIGI Digital Policy Hub Working Paper.* To be displayed on my CIGI profile.

McCrory, L. (2025, August 13). Can machines think? What feminism can teach us about ethical AI development beyond de-biasing. *Media Development (WACC)*

McCrory, L. (2025). Avoiding Catastrophe through Intersectionality in Global AI Governance. *CIGI Digital Policy Hub Working Paper.* https://www.cigionline.org/publications/avoiding-catastrophe-through-intersectionality-in-global-ai-governance/

McCrory, L. (2024). Avoiding Surveillance on Campus: an Exploratory Video Game.

Ketchum, A., Regembal, E., **McCrory, L.,** Akehurst, J. & Pirsh, T. (2023) Oral History of Montreal Queer and Lesbian Women. *Archives Lesbiennes du Québec.*

McCrory, L. (2023) Four Perils of Military AI. *The Project Ploughshares Monitor*

McCrory, L. (2023). [Data, Design and Justice](#).

McCrory, L. (2023) [An Intro To Technofeminism: How To Use (& Critique) Tech For Social Good.](#)

McCrory, L., Balough, A. (2022). [TechnoFeminist AI Syllabus](#)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

McCrory, L. (2025, September). *Care over Code: Mitigating AI Harms Through Collective Justice.* Society for the Social Studies of Science. Seattle, WA.

McCrory, L. (2025, June). *Challenging Algorithmic Harm Through Co-Constructed Feminist Imaginaries.* Canadian Communication Association. Toronto, ON.

McCrory, L. (2025, June). *Platform Power Versus Care-ful Cities: The Production of Norms, Knowledge and Embodiment in Urban Assemblages.* International Communication Association. Denver, CO.

McCrory, L. (2025, April). *Digital Commons: Feminist Futures and Participatory Urban Governance..* CIGI Digital Policy Hub Research Conference. Waterloo, ON.

McCrory, L. (2024, December). *Avoiding Catastrophe through Intersectionality in Global AI Governance.* CIGI Digital Policy Hub Research Conference. Waterloo, ON.

McCrory, L, & Salehi, K. (2024, September). *Politicizing the "Glitch": Examining the In/Visibility of AI Systems. Situated Emergences.* Concordia University, Montreal, QC

McCrory, L. (2024, September). *Localizing AI Governance: A Bottom-Up Approach to Governance.* Data Power Conference. Graz, Austria/Bangalore, India.

McCrory, L. (2024, September) *Solutionism & Surveillance or Digital Citizenship? Emergent Discussions and Canada's Changing AI Policy Landscape.* Intersections-Cross Sections Graduate Conference.Toronto Metropolitan University. Toronto, ON.

McCrory, L. (2024, July). *A Feminist Framework for Urban AI Governance: Addressing Challenges for Public-Private Partnerships.* Data for Policy, London, UK.

McCrory, L. (2024, June). *What's Left of The (smart) City? Countering Algorithmic Surveillance In The Feminist City.* Canadian Communication Association (CCA) Annual Conference. Montreal.

McCrory, L. (2024, May). *The Hypocrisy of "Democratic AI": Investigating Power and Neoliberalism in AI Ethics.* University of Calgary Media, Communications and Film Conference. Calgary. AB.

McCrory, L. (2024, March). *Examining Digital Citizenship: the Construction of Power within Canada's Artificial Intelligence Act.* Carleton Graduate Conference. Ottawa, Canada.

McCrory, L. (2023, December). *The Emergence of the "Digital Citizen" as a Challenge to Algorithmic Protocol.* Future Communications Conference - Toronto Metropolitan University. Toronto, ON.

McCrory, L. (2023 April). *The "Smart City" - Techno-Solutionism at the Expense of the Citizen* McGill University Feminist Research Colloquium, Montreal, QC.

Stevens, Y., Sterne, J., **McCrory, L**. (2022, September). *Why Montreal? A Critical Timeline of Artificial Intelligence in Montreal.* Montreal Artificial Intelligence Symposium at MILA, Montreal, QC.

McCrory, L. (2022, March). *Developing a Critical Analysis of Montreal's AI "Boom".* Science Undergraduate Research Conference. Montreal, QC.

McCrory, L. (2021 October). *Locating AI: Developing a Critical Timeline of the Artificial Intelligence "Boom" in Montreal.* McGill Undergraduate Research Conference, Montreal, QC

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS ($365,415)

2025-2028	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.Doctoral Fellowship ($120,000)
2025-2030	NYU Steinhardt Fellowship ($174,415 USD).
2024 - 2025	Fellow, Centre for International Governance Innovation Digital Policy Hub. ($25,000)
2024 - 2025	Canada Graduate Scholarship. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. ($27000).
2023 - 2024	Graduate Fellowship. Toronto Metropolitan University. ($12,000).
2023 - 2024	Graduate Development Award. Toronto Metropolitan University. ($2,000).
2021	Arts Research Internship Award. McGill University. ($5000)

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

2023 - 2024	**Project Ploughshares - Multimedia Assistant**
2023 - 2024	**Toronto Metropolitan University - Writing Consultant**
2022 - 2023	**Intl. Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War Canada - Media Coordinator**
2022	**Quebec Public Interest Research Group - Rad Frosh Coordinator**
2020 - 2021	**McGill University - Remote Learning Assistant**

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND SERVICE

2024-2025	Co-Chair - Intersections | Cross-Sections Graduate Conference
2024 -	Executive Member - Youth Internet Governance Forum in Canada
2022 -	Researcher/Founder - [Techno-Feminist AI Syllabus](#)
2022- 2023	Editor in Chief - Intersections: McGill's Undergraduate Journal of Feminist and Social Justice

AWARDS

09/2024	Graduate Student Travel Award. Toronto Metropolitan University
03/2024	Best Paper, Carleton University Graduate Conference
05/2023	Distinction, First Class Honours. McGill University
03/2022	Finalist. McGill Policy Competition on Ethical AI
2020 - 2023	Golden Key Honours Society - Top 15% of Faculty of Arts. McGill University

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

- Centre for AI and Society, York University - Trainee
- Centre for Feminist Research, York University - Graduate Affiliate
- CITY Institute - York University - Graduate Affiliate
- Canadian Communications Association - Member