

# Colin David Conrad

## Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

- 2019 (expected) Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Studies, Dalhousie University  
Thesis: Neurophysiological Indicators of Attention During Online Lectures  
Supervisors: Dr. Aaron Newman, Dr. Michael Bliemel, and Dr. Vlado Keselj
- 2015 Master of Electronic Commerce, Dalhousie University  
Thesis: Predicting Political Donations using Data Driven Lifestyle Profiles  
Generated from N-Gram Analysis of Heterogeneous Online Sources.  
Supervisor: Dr. Vlado Keselj
- 2011 Master of Arts in Philosophy, Queen's University  
Research Project: Making Sense of Moral Relativism  
Supervisor: Dr. David Bakhurst
- 2010 Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Dalhousie University  
Research Project: Manufactured Conventions  
Supervisor: Dr. Duncan Macintosh

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2018-2019 Lecturer (limited term), Rowe School of Business, Dalhousie University,  
Halifax, NS, Canada
- 2015-2018 Lecturer (adjunct), Faculty of Computer Science, Dalhousie University,  
Halifax, NS, Canada

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Published Journal Articles

Conrad, C., Bliemel, M., & Ali-Hassan, H. (forthcoming, 2019). The Role of Flow in Learning Distributed Computing and MapReduce Concepts using Hands-On Analogy. *Journal of Information Systems Education* 30(1).

## **Published Conference Proceedings**

Conrad, C. and Newman, A. (2019). Measuring the Impact of Mind Wandering in Real Time Using an Auditory Evoked Potential. In *Information Systems and Neuroscience* (pp. 37-45). Springer.

Conrad, C. and Newman, A. (2019). How Attention Networks Can Inform Research in Information Systems. In *Information Systems and Neuroscience* (pp. 155-162). Springer.

Jankowska, M, Conrad, C., Harris, J. & Keselj, V. (2018). Combined N-gram and Semantic Approach to Assignment Feedback Analysis and Generation. In *Advances in Artificial Intelligence: 31st Canadian Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Canadian AI*. Springer.

Conrad, C., & Bliemel, M. (2016). Psychophysiological Measures of Cognitive Absorption and Cognitive Load in E-Learning Applications. In *Proceedings of the 2016 International Conference on Information Systems*.

Conrad, C., Ali, N., Gao, Q. & Keselj, V. (2016). ELM: An Extended Logic Matching Method on Record Linkage Analysis of Disparate Databases for Profiling Data Mining. In *Proceedings of the 18<sup>th</sup> IEEE Conference on Business Informatics*. IEEE.

Conrad, C., & Keselj, V. (2016). Predicting Political Donations Using Twitter Hashtags and Character N-Grams. *Proceedings of the 18<sup>th</sup> IEEE Conference on Business Informatics*. IEEE.

## **Refereed Conference Presentations (without proceedings)**

Conrad, C., Ali-Hassan, H. and Bliemel, M. (2015). Hadoop Hands On: Teaching MapReduce to Business Students through Analogy. 2015 Americas Conference on Information Systems Big Data and Analytics EdCon.

## **Non-refereed Publications and Presentations**

Charlebois, S., Harris, J., Tyedmers P., Bailey, M., Keselj, V., Conrad C., Grant G., Somogyi, S., Chamberlain, S. (2017). *Canada's Food Price Report 2017*. Dalhousie University.

Conrad, C. Measuring Mind Wandering During Human-Computer Interactions (2018). *2018 Dalhousie Computer Science Inhouse Conference*. Dalhousie University

Conrad, C. Psychophysiological Measures of Cognitive Absorption and Cognitive Load in E-Learning Applications (2016). *2016 Dalhousie Computer Science Inhouse Conference*. Dalhousie University.

## Research in Progress

Conrad, C. and Newman, A. (submitted). Neural markers of mind wandering during online learning sessions. Poster submitted to Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society

Conrad, C., Newman, A. and Bliemel, M. (draft complete). A Real-time EEG Measure of Mind Wandering during E-Learning. Submitted to *ACM DATABASE for Advances in Information Systems*, winter 2019.

Beaubien, L. and Conrad, C. (paper being written). Simplified Web Models for Clinical Applications. Targeting *Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association*, winter 2019.

Kosmajac, D., Ghazizadeh, G., Taylor, S., Conrad, C., Keselj, V. and Matwin, S. (research in progress). A Twitter Alerting System for Canadian Election Security. Targeting *32nd Canadian Conference on Artificial Intelligence (Canadian AI)*, winter 2019.

Conrad, C., Newman, A., Chiles, T., and Sproul, A. (early stage) How to use MNE Python to analyze EEG data and conduct real-time analysis. Targeting *2019 NeuroIS Retreat*, winter 2019.

Conrad, C., Newman, A. and Bliemel, M. (paper being written). The Effect of Mind Wandering in Online Education. Targeting *Journal of the Association for Information Systems*, summer 2019.

Conrad, C., Newman, A. (early stage). An Attention-Adaptive Brain Computer Interface for Massive Open Online Courses. Targeting *ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI)*, fall 2019.

## AWARDS AND HONOURS

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| 2017 | Killam Scholarship (Doctoral), Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS, Canada. \$30 000 annual scholarship syndicated with NSERC.                              |
| 2016 | Post-Graduate Scholarship (Doctoral), Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, Ottawa, ON, Canada. Value \$21 000 annual scholarship. |
| 2016 | President's Award, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS, Canada. \$9 000 scholarship.  |
| 2015 | Nova Scotia Research and Innovation Graduate Scholarship Dalhousie University, Halifax NS, Canada. Value: \$15 000 annual scholarship.                    |
| 2014 | Faculty of Graduate Studies Scholarship, Dalhousie University, Halifax NS, Canada. Value: \$1 400 scholarship.  |

- 2013 First Prize, Halifax Startup Weekend 2013, Halifax NS, Canada. \$10 000 business capital and in-kind.
- 2011 Queen's Graduate Scholarship, Queen's University, Kingston ON, Canada \$18 000 scholarship.
- 2006-2010 Dean's List, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS, Canada. Awarded on multiple occasions between September 2006 and May 2010.
- 2006 L.A. & Edith Upham Scholarship, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS, Canada. \$5000 annual scholarship.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Graduate Courses**

- 2018 ECMM 6020 – Business Issues in Electronic Commerce, Faculty of Management, Dalhousie University.
- 2015-2017 ECMM 6000 – Overview of Electronic Commerce, Faculty of Computer Science, Dalhousie University.

### **Undergraduate Courses**

- 2018-2019 COMM 3511 – Management Information Systems, Rowe School of Business, Dalhousie University.

### **Teaching Assistantships**

- 2017 Rapid Programming Techniques for Innovation (Computer Science), Dalhousie University
- 2016 Data Mining and Visualization (Business Administration), Dalhousie University
- 2014 Overview of Electronic Commerce (Computer Science), Dalhousie University
- 2014 Starting Lean (Business Administration), Dalhousie University
- 2013 Technology and the Environment (Philosophy), Dalhousie University
- 2012 Legal Thinking (Philosophy), Dalhousie University

- 2011 Ethical and Social Issues in Computer Science (Philosophy), Dalhousie University
- 2011 Philosophy of Education (Philosophy), Queen's University
- 2010 Existentialism (Philosophy), Queen's University

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

### **Research Assistantships**

- 2017 Dalhousie Natural Language Processing Group – NSERC Engage with D2L Inc. to produce an automated grading solution.
- 2017 Launch Dal – Content edited Pearson's *Management 12<sup>th</sup> Canadian Edition*.
- 2016 Dalhousie Natural Language Processing Group – NSERC Engage with QRA Inc. to produce a solution to document quality analysis.
- 2015 Launch Dal – Content edited Pearson's *Management 11<sup>th</sup> Canadian Edition*.
- 2014 Dalhousie Natural Language Processing Group – NSERC Engage with iWave Information Systems Inc. to produce a solution to charitable giving prediction.
- 2013 Dalhousie Natural Language Processing Group – NSERC Engage with LeadSift Inc. to produce a solution to psychographic profiling on social media.

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

### **Conference Reviews**

- 2018 Canadian Council for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (CCSBE) 2018
- 2018 18<sup>th</sup> ACM Symposium on Document Engineering (DocEng)
- 2017-2018 Americas Conference on Information Systems (AMCIS)

### **Service at Dalhousie University**

- 2015-2018 Mentor, Norman Newman Centre for Entrepreneurship
- 2017 Coordinator, Shiftkey Labs Django Hackathon
- 2017 Instructor, Shiftkey Labs Summer Internship Program

2016 Recruitment Initiative Coordinator, Master of Electronic Commerce Program

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

2014-2019 Member, Global Shapers Community (World Economic Forum)

2018 Project Co-Chair, Nova Scotia International Entrepreneurship Competition

2017-2018 Treasurer, IDPhD Student Society, Dalhousie University

2017 Project Co-Chair, Immigrant Women Entrepreneur Showcase, Halifax, Canada

2017 Volunteer Coordinator, ACM SIGKDD 2017 Conference

2016 Conference Co-Chair, Dalhousie Computer Science Inhouse Conference (DCSI)

2015 Finalist, ERPSim World Competition

2014-2015 Student Representative, Dalhousie Faculty of Computer Science Dean Search Committee

2014 Master of Electronic Commerce Representative, Dalhousie Computer Science Graduate Society

2014 Participant, Launch Dal Summer startup accelerator

2014 Mentor, Junior Achievement Company Program

2007-2010 Treasurer and VP External, Dalhousie Undergraduate Philosophy Society

## **OTHER TRAINING**

2018 Dalhousie University Interdisciplinary PhD Public Scholars Training Program

2017 NeuroIS Retreat Training Course

2016 ERPSim Certified Instructor (Level 1)

2016 Propel ICT Launch Startup Accelerator Program

2015 SAP HANA Native Application Development Workshop (SAP UA)

## **NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE**

2014-2018    Principal, Innovate UI (IT management and web development consulting)

### **Related Professional Skills**

Brain Products actiCHamp EEG Systems

Python (Django, Scikit-Learn, MNE, NLTK, NumPy, Pandas, PsychoPy, Jupyter)

R (RStudio)

JavaScript (jQuery, D3)

SAP technologies (Hana, OpenUI, Fiori, Lumira, Predictive Analytics, Business Objects)

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Association for Information Systems (AIS)

SAP University Alliances

Canadian Artificial Intelligence Association (CAIAC)

## **REFERENCES**

Available upon request.