

Contributors

Kristina Andersen works with electronics and reclaimed materials to create unusual devices and experience, but her work is primarily concerned with how we can allow each other to imagine our possible (technological) futures through the making of exploratory objects. She teaches the combined MA between STEIM and Sonology in Den Haag as well as maintaining her own practice.

Mike Chiasson is a professor of Information Systems in the Faculty of Management at the University of British Columbia. His research examines how the broad social context affects and is effected by IS development and implementation, using a range of social theories. He has examined various topics including: system development and the effects of IT with particular types of IT in medical, legal, entrepreneurial, and governmental settings. His empirical work mixes both quantitative and qualitative data, with an emphasis on “participant” observation, resulting in various contributions to social theory, action research, research methods, and ethics.

Paul Coulton is the chair of Speculative and Game Design at Imagination Lancaster—an open and exploratory, design-led research lab at Lancaster University. His research practice primarily embodies “research through design” to develop design theories from the speculative design of novel, hybrid, as well as physical and digital interactive future-focused experiences and artifacts. The most recent examples relate to the use of Design Fiction as a way of exploring futures of emerging technologies.

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Elizabeth Edwards is a designer and PhD candidate based in the HighWire Centre for Doctoral Training at Lancaster University. Her work uses a research-through-design approach to explore the design of hybrid physical and digital artifacts used to interpret nature and outdoor places. Her research draws on values-led design and critical theory of technology.

Joanna Foster is an artist, musician, and a PhD researcher at Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design. Her practice-led research explores song performance and drawing practice as transformative processes that can initiate connections between people and place—adapting in real-time to shifting—and multi-layered conditions of encounter.

Dan Gibson is an English musician and sound artist. As a result of the improvised and collaborative nature of his music, he has developed a long-term interest in the creation of interfaces for intuitive musical expression. Through the use of gestural interfaces and dynamic mapping techniques, his research aims to provide the spontaneous and expressive control required in improvisational contexts.

Amy Twigger Holroyd is a designer, maker, and researcher. Through her “craft fashion” knitwear label, Keep & Share, she has explored the emerging field of fashion and sustainability since 2004. Her doctoral research informed her monograph, *Folk Fashion: Understanding Homemade Clothes* (I. B. Tauris, 2017). She is a senior lecturer in Design, Culture & Context at Nottingham Trent University, UK.

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Ian Lambert is associate professor of Design and director of the Art & Design Research Centre at Edinburgh Napier University where he has taught since 2001. He has published pedagogic research in drawing, design in the developing world, and micro-manufacture. Ian is currently undertaking practice-led research into ocean plastic, and preparing a homage to Yves Klein. With Chris Speed, Ian is co-chair of the Research Through Design (RTD) Conference 2017.

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Jon Rogers holds a personal chair in creative technology at the University of Dundee. His work explores the human intersection between digital technologies and the physical design of things. He balances playful technologies with citizenship to find new ways to connect people to each other and to their data.

Erika Shorter graduated from the University of Alberta in 2010 with a degree in English Literature and Journalism and from the University of Dundee in 2011 with an MLITT. She has five years of experience as a writer, researcher, editor, and insight journalist. She has previously worked with Canongate Books, the University of Dundee, the Dundee Contemporary Arts (DCA), and the Design Council. She frequently collaborates with artists, designers, makers, and thinkers on a wide range of creative projects and publications.

Mike Shorter holds a degree in Product Design (2007) and is a PhD candidate (prototyping for emergent technologies) at the University of Dundee. He has over 8 years of experience as a product designer, university lecturer, and researcher. Mike has worked with partners such as, NASA, Penguin Random House, and Mozilla, and he co-founded the design publication *Fieldguide* in 2012. He has published journal articles, conference papers, and book sections and has presented worldwide from London Design Festival to Unbox Festival in India.

Chris Speed is chair of Design Informatics at the University of Edinburgh where he collaborates with a wide variety of partners to explore how design provides methods to adapt, and to create products and services for the networked society. He especially favors transgressive-design interventions including cups that hold coffee only while one is talking to another in the queue, an application for sham marriages using the blockchain, and an SMS platform for shoplifting. With Ian Lambert, Chris is co-chair of the Research Through Design (RTD) Conference 2017.

Alex S. Taylor is a sociologist working at Microsoft Research. He has undertaken investigations into a range of routine and often mundane aspects of everyday life. For instance, he has developed what some might see as an unhealthy preoccupation with hoarding, dirt, clutter, and similar seemingly banal subject matter. Most recently, he has begun obsessing over computation and wondering what the compulsion for seeing-data-everywhere might mean for the future of humans and machines.

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