

EDUCATION

M.F.A., Game Design, New York University, 2016.

Thesis title: “Games about Games: Playing Parody Games as Criticism.”

Advisor: Clara Fernandez-Vara.

B.A., English Literature major, Sociology & Cinema Studies double minor, University of Mississippi, 2013. Magna Cum Laude.

Thesis title: “Shepard-ing Gender: Queering Identity in *Mass Effect*.”

Advisor: Ross Haenfler

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2016 –** Adjunct Arts Instructor; NYU, Tisch School of the Arts
- 2020 –** Part-Time Faculty; The New School, Parsons School of Design
- 2018 –** Adjunct Arts Instructor; Marymount Manhattan College
- 2021 –** Adjunct Assistant Professor; Hostos Community College CUNY
- 2018 – 2020** Adjunct Arts Instructor; Long Island University Post, School of
Visual Arts, Communication and Digital Technology
- 2018 – 2019** Adjunct Arts Instructor; NYU Steinhardt School of Media
Culture and Communications
- 2018 – 2019** Adjunct Instructor; NYU School of Professional Studies

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- 2018** International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam, Digital
Storytelling Nominee, *10 Mississippi*, November 2018, Amsterdam,
Netherlands.
- 2018** International Games Festival Nouvo Nominee, *10 Mississippi*, March
2018, San Francisco, CA.

FESTIVAL AND EXHIBIT SELECTIONS

- 2020** LIKELIKE Arcade, *10 Mississippi*, Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2018** Come Out and Play Selection, *Space Kitty 2*, Brooklyn, NY.
- 2018** VGA Gallery - Hunt and Peck: Alt. Expressions of the Keyboard
Selection, *10 Mississippi*, Chicago, IL.
- 2018** Now Play This Selection, *10 Mississippi*, London, United Kingdom.

- 2017 Fantastic Arcade Selection, *10 Mississippi*, Austin, TX.
- 2017 AMAZE Johannesburg Selection, *Space Kitty*, Johannesburg, SA.
- 2016 Come Out and Play Selection, *Space Kitty*, Brooklyn, NY.
- 2016 Change for Games for Change, GDC, San Francisco, CA.
- 2016 AltGames Arcade Vancouver Selection, *Beautiful/Ugly*, Vancouver, Canada.
- 2016 Derivative Weird Games: A Temporary Collection of Referenced Works, New York, New York.

INCUBATORS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2017 Stugan Accelerator, *10 Mississippi*, June-August 2017, Stockholm, Sweden.
- 2016 Different Games GDC Scholarship.
- 2015 Girls Make Games GDC Scholarship.

COMMISSIONED PROJECTS

- 2019 *Party Baby*, No Quarter Exhibition, November 2019, Brooklyn, New York.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- 2016 “Queering the Body in Physics Simulation Games,” Proceedings of DiGRA, August 2016, Dundee, Scotland.
- 2015 “A Small Act of Resistance: Social Change in Thomas Was Alone”, Proceedings of Games and Literary Theory Conference, November 2015, New Orleans, LA.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 Fireside Chat with Karina Popp, VGA Gallery, January 2021, Online.
- 2019 “Games are Changed”, Games for Change Festival, June 2019, New York, NY.
- 2018 “Bodies at Rest: Feminist Photography in Games”, Proceedings of Different Games Conference, October 2018, Worcester, MA.
- 2018 “Always Already Interactive” IDFA DocLab Festival, November 2018, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- 2018 “Creation as Research” Gente Dando Charlas, January 2018, Madrid, Spain.

- 2017 “Intimacy in First-Person Games” Fantastic Arcade, November 2017, Austin, TX.
- 2015 “How to Write an Essay” NYU, Game Center Skill Share, September 2015, New York, NY.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 “10 Mississippi Track Notes” — Indieocalypse Zine #12
- 2015 “The Exuberance of Play, An Interview with Kevin Cancienne” — 2015 A MAZE. Magazine Vol. 4

MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2018 “Road to the IGF: Karina Popp’s *10 Mississippi*.” Interviewed by Joel Couture for *Gamasutra* March 2018.
- 2017 “Interview with Karina Popp, Developer of *10 Mississippi*.” Interviewed by Andrea Sacchi for *Pressura* November 2017.

SELECTED PROJECTS

- 2019 *Party Baby*
- 2018 *10 Mississippi*
- 2018 *Space Kitty 2*
- 2017 *Elmo’s Animal Match*, for Sesame Workshop
- 2016 *Cookie Monster Quest*, for Sesame Workshop
- 2016 *Derive Met*, for The Metropolitan Museum of Art
- 2016 *Candy Crunch*
- 2015 *Space Kitty*
- 2015 *Beautiful/Ugly*

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

- 2019 – Level Designer for *Dear Reader*, Local No. 12.
- 2016 – 17 Front End Web Developer, Sesame Workshop.

SERVICE

- 2020 DiGRA, Play and Players Track Reviewer
- 2019 Games Educators Conference Co-Chair
- 2018 Games for Change Jury Member
- 2015 Different Games Volunteer

2015 Indiecade Volunteer

2014 - 15 PRACTICE Volunteer

COURSES TAUGHT

NYU, Tisch School of the Arts, Adjunct Instructor

Code Lab 0 (Fall 2021)

Intermediate Game Development (Fall 2021, Spring 2021)

Introduction to Game Development (Summer 2021, Summer 2020, Spring 2020, Spring 2019)

Intro to Programming for Games (Fall 2020, Fall 2019)

Introduction to Game Studies (Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017)

The New School, Adjunct Instructor

Games 101 (Spring 2020)

Core Studio Objects: Games (Fall 2021)

Marymount Manhattan College, Adjunct Instructor

Videogame Storytelling (Fall 2018, Fall 2021)

Videogame Design (Spring 2019)

Hostos Community College, Adjunct Instructor

Code for Art and Design (Spring 2021, Fall 2021)

LIU-Post, Adjunct Instructor

Games through History (Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020)

Game Studies (Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020)

Game Development I (Fall 2018, Fall 2019)

NYU, Steinhardt School of Media, Culture and Communication, Adjunct Instructor

Videogames: Culture and Industry (Fall 2019, Fall 2018)

NYU, School of Professional Studies

Videogames and Culture (Spring 2018)

NYU, Tisch School of the Arts, Teaching Assistant

Games 101 (Fall 2018, Fall 2017)