

Perspectives on Gender and Technology:

An interdisciplinary conference
Sponsored by the Center for Women's and Gender Studies
The University of Texas at Austin

April 10th, 2008
5:00pm *Opening Reception* (lobby)
6:00pm *Keynote Address*
AVAYA Auditorium, ACES 2.302

Keynote Speaker: Lucy Suchman - *Agencies in Technology Design: Feminist Reconfigurations*

Lucy Suchman is Professor & Co-director at the Centre for Science Studies at Lancaster University. She joined the faculty at Lancaster after twenty years as a researcher at Xerox's Palo Alto Research Center. She researches the relationship of ethnographies of everyday practice to new technology design. Her 1987 book, *Plans and Situated Actions: The Problem of Human-Machine Communication*, is a watershed work in the field of human-computer interaction.

April 11, 2008
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8:30-9:30 Opening Plenary AVAYA Auditorium, ACES 2.302
Debra Howcroft - *Gender, service work and globalisation: making the connections*

9:45-11:15 Concurrent Sessions

1. Virtual Identities TAY 3.128
Discussants: Lucy Suchman & Christoph Engemann

- Leslie Jarmon - *I tried to turn the sun to noon: Improvisation, Social Change, and an Ecology of Embodied Interaction 3.0*
- Sangmi Chai - *Gender and Online Privacy Behavior*
- Deborah Blizzard - *The Magic of Real Dolls: Rhetoric, Material Culture, and the Entrenchment of Emphasized Femininity*

2. Global Perspectives ACES 2.2404B

Discussants: Debra Howcroft

- Wenda K. Bauchspies - *Sources of Light and Women's Lives: Technology, Knowledge, and Practice in Guinée, West Africa*
- Connie Johnson - *Cisco Erasing Digital Divide in Kenya and the African Continent: When Women Become Network Engineers*
- Emily A. Lynch - *Transnationalism across Irish Terrain: Pipeline and Internet Technologies*

11:30-12:00 Plenary AVAYA Auditorium, ACES 2.302

Rachel Muir - *Using technology as a global tool for positive social change*

12:00-1:00 LUNCH ACES lobby

1:15-2:45 Concurrent Sessions

3. From Users to Designers TAY 3.128

Discussants: TBA

- Carolyn Cunningham - *Girl Game Designers*
- Jane Fedorowicz - *Gender Differences in Teenagers' Elective Use of Computer Technology*
- Yixin Qiu - *Gateway for CyberWomen: The Role of the KDE Women's Group*
- J. Patrick Biddex/Patricia Somers - *Gender Differences in Networks of eStudent Protest: A Social Network Analysis*

4. Technology and the Body ACES 2.2404B

Discussants: Sandy Stone & Katherine Mansfield

- Locke Carter - *Facing Change, Changing Face: Creating New Transsexual Narratives with Technology*
- Michele Merritt - *The 'Phallusy' of Medical Technology in Transformative Surgeries*
- Gretchen Voter - *The Nurturing Mother (Yasashii Okinawan): The Impact of Post-War Reproductive Technology, Ideologies of Japanese Motherhood, and Nationalism on Mizuko Kuyō*
- Marko Monteiro - *Beyond Identity: Reading the Body through Anthropology, Gender and Technology*

3:00-4:00 Concurrent Sessions

5. Technology and the Workforce TAY 3.128

Discussants: Eileen Trauth & Marianne Stout

- R. Scout Calvert - *Articulation Work, Technology, and the Labor of Care in Library and Information Science*
- Sandra Slaughter - *Gender Based Wage Inequality and Career Transitions: An Empirical analysis of IT Professionals*
- Katherine Haenschen - *The Conflict Between Women and Computers in the Corporate Sphere*

6. Technology & Education **ACES 2.2404B**
Discussants: Elaine Rich

- Mia K. Markey - *Women's Attitudes Toward and Use of Instructional Technologies*
- Lea Susan Engle - *Embracing the Geek: Increasing Women's Confidence in Web Development via e-Learning*

4:15-5:00 Closing Plenary **AVAYA Auditorium, ACES 2.302**
Eileen Trauth - *The Impact of Gender Research on Gendered 'Ways of Doing'*