Lauren Herckis

Librarian at Carnegie Mellon University

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Biography

Lauren Herckis is an anthropologist at Carnegie Mellon University who specializes in faculty culture and the use of technology in higher education. Her field research applies anthropological and archaeological methods and theory to analyze human engagement with the material world. Dr. Herckis is interested in implementation science, human diversity (especially in urban contexts), the pedagogical training of future faculty, the politics of praxis in fieldwork, chaîne opératoire, and political economy in urban growth. Her research in Latin America interrogates assumptions about cultural heterogeneity in the context of long-term urban growth, and highlights the ways that social networks dynamically impact technical choices and the development of informal economies. Under the aegis of Carnegie Mellon's Simon Initiative, Dr. Herckis' current projects explore the intersection of campus culture, technological change, and effective teaching at the college level. Her research informs policymaking, shapes the development of learning technologies, and illuminates aspects of organizational culture and policy which affect teaching practice.

Industry Expertise

Public Policy, Education/Learning, Research

Areas of Expertise

Human-Computer Interaction, Implementation Science, Future of Education, Anthropology, Digital Archaeology

Affiliations

Anthropology of Higher Education TIG : Vice Chair for Sessions, Computer Applications & Quantitative Methods in Archaeology : Member, ACM Association for Computing Machinery : Member, SIGCHI Special Interest Group on Computer-Human Interaction : Member, SfAA Society for Applied Anthropology : Member, AAA American Anthropological Association : Member

Event Appearances

Using Adaptive Learning Technologies Effectively
California Education Learning Labs meeting

Optimizing Technology-Enhanced Teaching and Learning
Washington and Lee University

The New Digital Divide: Equity and Access in Postsecondary Education
Spring 2023 Micro-Course: Technology, Humanity, and Social Justice

The Challenges and Triumphs of Blended Learning
KEDGE Business School

Glocal Collaboration on Education for Sustainable Development
UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development

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Education

University of Pittsburgh
Ph.D. Anthropology

University of Pittsburgh
Certificate Latin American Studies

University of Michigan
B.A. Anthropology

Accomplishments

Early Career Researcher Award
2016 POD Network in Higher Education

University of Pittsburgh Arts and Sciences PCB Alumni Fellowship
2012

Fulbright Garcia-Robles IIE Fellowship
2009

H.J. Heinz Fellowship
2011