

Linda Durnell, PhD

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Virtual Reality, Media Psychology and Social Change

Description

Linda Durnell, PhD is a media psychologist, researcher and educator. Dr. Durnell's current research is on the Emotional Reactions of Viewing a Crisis in Virtual Reality (VR), which she presented at Stanford's 3rd Annual Innovations in Psychiatry and Behavioral Health: Virtual Reality and Behavior Change as well as the VR and Healthcare Symposium at Harvard Medical School.

As adjunct faculty at Fielding Graduate University, Dr. Durnell teaches graduate students the "Psychology of Technology."

Dr. Durnell works with technology and non-profit organizations in Silicon Valley. She also works with the Department of Defense, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the U.S. Army Special Operations Command (USASOC) and Joint Staff (SMA) to assess options in the cognitive space to disrupt and counter ISIL operational capabilities. In addition, she trains Psychological Operations (PO) operators.

Durnell is a frequent presenter at technology (AWE) and psychology conferences (APA) and public lectures on the topics of virtual reality for social change, and how technology affects human behavior.

Dr. Durnell brings research and resources to industry-defining technology used to facilitate change in our approach to healthcare.

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Research, Professional Training and Coaching, Publishing, Writing and Editing

Topics

AR/VR/AI and Robotics, Immersive Technology for Social Change, Media and Consulting, Technology, Marketing, Consumer Neuroscience, Virtual Reality (VR) for medical/clinical /healthcare applications, Technology for Conflict Management

Affiliations

American Psychology Association (APA) Division 46: Psychology & Technology : Member, Virtual World Society (VWS) : Member, VR/AR Association (VRARA) : Member, International Positive Psychology Association (IPPA) : Member, Women's High Tech Coalition Washington DC : Member, Advancement Board at West Valley and Mission Colleges : Member, Apple Computer Alumni Group : Member, University of Washington Alumni Organization : Member, University of Washington Department of Global Health Initiatives : Member, VR for Good, Women in VR, Brainstorm: The Laboratory for Brain Health Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Virtual World Society

Past Talks

Visceral VR: How VR is Impacting Social Change
(June 2017) Augmented World Expo (AWE)

The Psychology of Immersive Design
(2017) Digital Hollywood

Racial and Ethnic Tensions: From Public Discourse to Community Action
(2017) Grant project for The Kettering Foundation

The State of Media Psychology Roundtable: Narrative and Violence
(2017) Panel discussion

Disruption for Good
(2016) Digital Hollywood / Fielding Panel on Digital Media

The Human Factor in Immersive Interfaces
(2016) Digital Hollywood / Panel Discussion

The Neuroscience of Immersive Technology
(2016) Digital Hollywood / Panel Discussion

Education

Fielding Graduate Institute
Doctoral Candidate (2017) Media Psychology

Fielding Graduate University
MA Media Psychology

University of Washington
BA Communications

Accomplishments

(2016) Michael R. Neal Legacy Scholarship
The Michael R. Neal Legacy Award is given annually to one doctoral candidate who demonstrates outstanding academic achievement, media innovation and collaboration with and support of fellow media scholars.

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