

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH) School of Information and Library Science (SILS) invites applications for our PhD program, **due December 15th, 2020**.

<https://sils.unc.edu/programs/graduate/admissions>

I have an opening for a fully funded Ph.D. student at SILS. I have secured a National Science Foundation (NSF) CAREER Award that will support a graduate student. The project is entitled, ["Equity in the Making: Investigating Spatial Arrangements of Makerspaces and Their Impact on Diverse User Populations."](#) I am currently recruiting a doctoral student with research interests in makerspaces, critical making, inclusive and equitable making, and/or virtual reality. This Ph.D. student will join a research team exploring topics connected to the spatial design of makerspaces in academic libraries. I invite applicants with interests across any or all of these areas to apply.

About me

I am an assistant professor in the School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. My research resides at the intersection of critical making and the development of equitable and inclusive STEM-rich learning spaces (e.g. makerspaces) in libraries. I co-founded the University of Arizona's first publicly accessible and interdisciplinary makerspace – iSpace – and strategically facilitated its growth from a 400-square-foot room in the Science-Engineering Library to a 5,000-square-foot facility now housed in the University's Main Library. I am also the founder of the [Women Techmakers Tucson Hackathon](#), the Southwest's first women's-only hackathon. Please visit my homepage for more details: <http://www.maggiemelo.com/>

About the School of Information and Library Science

SILS educates innovative and responsible thinkers who will lead the information professions; discovers principles and impacts of information; creates systems, techniques, and policies to advance information processes and services; and advances information creation, access, use, management, and stewardship to improve the quality of life for diverse local, national, and global communities.

The UNC School of Information and Library Science (SILS) is a bustling hub of interdisciplinary research, innovation, and learning:

- SILS: <https://sils.unc.edu/innovation-discovery/history>
- UNC & Chapel Hill: <https://sils.unc.edu/innovation-discovery/the-university-and-chapel-hill>
- Living in Chapel Hill: <https://www.townofchapelhill.org/things-to-do/welcome-to-chapel-hill>

Questions?

- If you have questions specific to my research, please contact [me](#) directly.
- If you have any questions about the academic side of the Ph.D. program please contact [Dr. Christopher Lee](#).
- If you have questions about application logistics (e.g. GRE or English test requirements, application completeness, transcripts etc.) please contact the Graduate Student Coordinator [Lara Bailey](#) or the [Graduate School](#).
- Please visit the [Ph.D. program page](#) for specific program guidelines.

I hope you're managing to stay safe and well during this time. I look forward to your application!

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***Dr. Amelia Acker's information sheet was used as a template for this recruitment document. Many thanks to Dr. Acker for allowing me to use it.*