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Course Title: Confronting Surveillance: Living In Data Science's Gaze
Faculty Organizer: Gabe Kaptchuk
Course Time: Mondays, at 2:30pm
Course Location: MCS B52

Course Overview: This class will be a 1 credit seminar style course focusing on how data-science, when not done intentionally, powers surveillance of marginalized populations. Each week, we will bring in a speaker to highlight either the lived experience of surveillance, the data practices that power this surveillance, or ways in which data can be used as a tool of political resistance. We will be focusing on lived experiences and real deployed projects, rather than theoretical frameworks.

Course Work: Students enrolled in the class will be required to attend the talk each week. Additionally, students will have a weekly reading that they must complete before the talk and will be expected to submit a reading response. This reading will provide necessary context for the talk. Finally, at the end of the semester, students will have the choice of one of two short final projects:

1. Write a 5 page essay delving more deeply into the history and issues associated with one of the talks in the class. Elaborate on how and why the data systems were developed in the way that they were. What was the intention behind the data system? Did that data system live up to its intended purpose? How did the system become a tool of surveillance?
2. Write a 5 page essay reflecting on how you have encountered surveillance throughout your life and how it has affected the communities of which you have been a part. If surveillance has not affected you or your communities, reflect on why that is true.

Course Schedule: The schedule is below. We will be covering the following topics:

- Lived Experience of Surveillance
    - We will be bringing in advocates, activists, and organizers that can share their experience and the experiences of the communities that they represent, highlighting the modern realities of surveillance and how it impacts people's lives.
- Systems that Uphold Surveillance
    - We will be bringing in scholars that will highlight the systems that facilitate surveillance, and the power that perpetuates these systems.
- Complicating the narrative. Data as resistance
    - We will be bringing in speakers who are involved in using data as a tool in resisting oppressive and harmful systems. For instance, data being used to highlight structural inequity and data being used to track the perpetrators of violence.

Date	Lecture Topic	Invited Speaker	Notes
Week 1 (Jan 24)	Intro to the lecture series	**Gabe**	• https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/12/19/opinion/location-tracking-cell-phone.html ○ (Part 1 + another part of your choice) • Gary T. Marx. What's New About the "New Surveillance"? Classifying for Change and Continuity.
Week 2 (Jan 31)	Modern Surveillance. Legal Viewpoint	Kade Crockford	
Week 3 (Feb 7)	Covid and Surveillance	Sharifah Sekalala	
Week 4 (Feb 14)	Workplace Surveillance	Aiha Nguyen	
~~Week 5 (Feb 22)~~	~~Class Canceled~~	~~Class Canceled~~	
Week 6 (Feb 28)	Surveillance in Prisons	Kentrell Owens	
~~Week 7 (March 7)~~	~~Spring Break~~	~~Class Canceled~~	
Week 8 (March 14)	Local Activist and Artist	Evan Greer	
Week 9 (March 21)	~~Sex Work and Surveilance~~	~~Em Coombes~~	Rescheduled
Week 10 (March 28)	FBI & Surveillance of Muslims	Trevor Aaronson	
Week 11 (April 4)	Sex Work and Surveilance	Em Coombes	

Week 12 (April 11)		~~Class Canceled~~	NO TALK THIS WEEK
Week 13 (April 18)	Lucy Parsons Lab	Freddy Martinez	PATRIOTS DAY
Week 14 (April 25th)	DOD Biometrics Systems	John Woodward	
Week 15 (May 2nd)			