

*On June 18, Congressman Dan Kildee announced a \$567,968 grant, awarded to UM-Flint by the U.S. National Science Foundation, to design, develop, and evaluate technology that would help promote safe online interactions through research being conducted by Douglas Zytke, associate professor of computer science in our College of Innovation and Technology. The project is titled: "CAREER: Designing, Developing, and Evaluating Consent Technologies to Reduce Unwanted Interpersonal Behavior."*

Per the Abstract, the goal of this CAREER award is to develop nuanced ways to express and assess consent in online spaces with the goal of reducing harmful interactions. According to Zytke, the NSF-funded project seeks to fundamentally transform approaches to mitigating harm and ensuring users feel safe online through the development and use of consent technology.

The Faculty Early Career Development Program, also known as CAREER, is a foundationwide activity that offers the National Science Foundation's most prestigious awards in support of early-career faculty who have the potential to serve as academic role models in research and education and to lead advances in the mission of their department or organization. Activities pursued by early-career faculty should build a firm foundation for a lifetime of leadership in integrating education and research.

Congratulations, Dr. Zytke!