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10-11:30am

Heritage Room  
University Club

Cyborg Learning: How our increasingly mobile and networked lives transform the possibilities for learning and education

In this talk I borrow the provocative trope of cyborg—a functioning system part human, part machine—to explore what are superficially acknowledged but theoretically and empirically underdeveloped issues for learning and education. Drawing on ideas from distributed cognition and actor network approaches, I will argue that “there’s an app for that” and “just Google it” barely scratch the surface as metonyms for both what and how our lives are being reorganized by our cyborg learning experiences. We explore, work, navigate, search, connect with each other, and play in an ever increasingly media- and information-saturated world...

Refreshments will be served