

Cristina Turdean

Associate Professor at University of Mary Washington

Fredericksburg, VA, US

Turdean's expertise focuses on museum studies, and the intersection of technology and society.

Biography

Cristina Turdean is an expert in Museum Studies for the Department of Historic Preservation, where she teaches a number of related classes. She also serves on the Museum Studies Minor Committee at the University. Since coming to the University of Mary Washington in 2011 Dr. Turdean has actively engaged her students in the local museum community by planning a number of exhibits, conducting collections management work, developing school programs, and writing grants for organizations like the George Washington Foundation, the Washington Heritage Museums, James Monroe Museum and Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center. A unifying theme throughout her work as a graduate student and faculty is the entwined configuration of technology and society ? the intricate ways in which people shape and are shaped by the technologies they create. Titled ?Betting on Computers. Digital Technologies and the Rise of the Casino Industry in the United States (1950-1995),? her dissertation project shed light on the adoption of computers in casinos as a key factor that made possible and decisively shaped the expansion of the casino industry to the extent we see today. Currently, she is conducting research on two other topics: the evolution of museum cataloging systems from an epistemological point of view; and, the development of the first hand-held commercial GPS receiver by Magellan Systems Corporation in the 1980s.

Areas of Expertise

Museum Studies, Technology and Gambling, Technology and Society, Historic Preservation

Education

University of Delaware

Ph.D. History

University of Delaware

M.A. History

State University of New York at Oneonta, Cooperstown Graduate Program

M.A. Museum Studies

Polytechnic Institute of Cluj-Napoca

B.S. Electrical Engineering

Accomplishments

Faculty Development Grant

Awarded by the University of Mary Washington, 2014.

Faculty Teaching Grant

Awarded by the University of Mary Washington, 2013.

Goldman-Sachs Fellowship

Awarded by the National Museum of American History, 2012 and 2013.

University of Delaware Dissertation Fellowship

Awarded 2010-2011.

University of Delaware Fellowship

Awarded for ?Public Engagement in Material Culture? project, 2010.

Research Fellowship

Awarded by the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, 2008.

University of Delaware Research Travelling Grant

Awarded in 2008 and 2009.

Stewart Summer Research Fellowship

Awarded by the University of Delaware, 2005.

Hagley Graduate Fellowship

Awarded by the University of Delaware, 2004-2009.

Academic Achievement Award

Awarded by the State University of New York at Oneonta, Cooperstown Graduate Program, Class of 2004.

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