

# **Lauren Herckis**

**Librarian at Carnegie Mellon University**

Pittsburgh, PA, US

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## **Biography**

Lauren Herckis is an anthropologist at Carnegie Mellon University who specializes in faculty culture and the use of technology in higher education. Her field research applies anthropological and archaeological methods and theory to analyze human engagement with the material world. Dr. Herckis is interested in implementation science, human diversity (especially in urban contexts), the pedagogical training of future faculty, the politics of praxis in fieldwork, chaîne opératoire, and political economy in urban growth. Her research in Latin America interrogates assumptions about cultural heterogeneity in the context of long-term urban growth, and highlights the ways that social networks dynamically impact technical choices and the development of informal economies. Under the aegis of Carnegie Mellon's Simon Initiative, Dr. Herckis' current projects explore the intersection of campus culture, technological change, and effective teaching at the college level. Her research informs policymaking, shapes the development of learning technologies, and illuminates aspects of organizational culture and policy which affect teaching practice.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Public Policy, Education/Learning, Research

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Human-Computer Interaction, Implementation Science, Future of Education, Anthropology, Digital Archaeology

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## **Affiliations**

Anthropology of Higher Education TIG : Vice Chair for Sessions, Computer Applications & Quantitative Methods in Archaeology : Member, ACM Association for Computing Machinery : Member, SIGCHI Special Interest Group on Computer-Human Interaction : Member, SfAA Society for Applied Anthropology : Member, AAA American Anthropological Association : Member

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## **Event Appearances**

**Using Adaptive Learning Technologies Effectively**  
California Education Learning Labs meeting

**Optimizing Technology-Enhanced Teaching and Learning**  
Washington and Lee University

**The New Digital Divide: Equity and Access in Postsecondary Education**  
Spring 2023 Micro-Course: Technology, Humanity, and Social Justice

**The Challenges and Triumphs of Blended Learning**  
KEDGE Business School

**Glocal Collaboration on Education for Sustainable Development**  
UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development

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## **Education**

**University of Pittsburgh**  
Ph.D. Anthropology

**University of Pittsburgh**  
Certificate Latin American Studies

**University of Michigan**  
B.A. Anthropology

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## **Accomplishments**

**Early Career Researcher Award**  
2016 POD Network in Higher Education

**University of Pittsburgh Arts and Sciences PCB Alumni Fellowship**  
2012

**Fulbright Garcia-Robles IIE Fellowship**  
2009

**H.J. Heinz Fellowship**  
2011

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