

Peter Krapp

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Expertise in: Secret communications & cryptologic history; cultural memory and media history; history of computing & simulations

Biography

Peter Krapp is Professor of Film & Media Studies at the University of California, Irvine, and there also affiliated with the Departments of English, Music (Claire Trevor School of the Arts), and Informatics (Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Science). He studied in Germany, Britain, and the USA, and taught at the University of Minnesota and at Bard College before coming to Irvine; since then he held visiting positions in Taiwan, South Africa, Germany, and Brazil. At UC Irvine, he has served as department chair and as chair of the Academic Senate. Among his main publications are *Deja Vu: Aberrations of Cultural Memory* (2004), *Noise Channels: Glitch and Error in Digital Culture* (2011), and the forthcoming book *Feedback: Reading Game Industry Circuits* (2021); he was also an editor of *Medium Cool* (2002) as well as of the *Handbook Language-Culture-Communication* (2013). His main research areas are: secret communications and cybernetics (cryptologic history); cultural memory and media history (games and simulations, history of computing); aesthetic communication (title design, film music).

Areas of Expertise

Media History, Cultural Memory, Aesthetic Communication, Cryptologic History, Secret Communications, Games and Simulations, Philosophy of Media, History of Computing

Affiliations

Society for Cinema and Media Studies (SCMS), Modern Language Association (MLA), National Communications Association (NCA), Gesellschaft für Medienwissenschaft (GfM)

Event Appearances

Opening lecture of the 16th Image Week debates the glitch beyond digital error
TCAv

Virtual Espionage

GCHQ and NSA take on MMOs

Education

University of California, Santa Barbara
PhD German & Comparative Literature

University of Stirling, Scotland
MPhil English Literature

University of Bonn
BA English, Philosophy, Musicology, Religious Studies

Accomplishments

Distinguished Mid-Career Faculty Award for Service
2011-12 UC Irvine Academic Senate

CORCL Research Award
March 2010 UC Irvine

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