



By [Kristina Knaus](#)

Thursday, March 31

5:30pm - 8pm

BlinkThink: How Technology is Shaping Our World

Join us at [Blink UX](#) in the Seattle Waterfront area for two interesting presentations and an artist's reception. We'll feature the art of [Gregory Beams](#) and presentations from [Dr. Megan Moreno](#) and [Dr. Kate Starbird](#) on how technology is impacting our society.

This [event is free and open to the public](#). Wine, beer, and light refreshments will be served. [RSVP today!](#)

Agenda

- 5:30pm - Artist reception and refreshments
- 6:30pm - Introduction and overview of the artwork by Gregory Beams
- 6:40pm - Dr. Kate Starbird, University of Washington
- 7:00pm - Dr. Megan Moreno, Seattle Children's Research Institute
- 7:20pm - Mingling until 8:00pm

Gregory Beams, Artist



Gregory Beams is a Seattle-based photographer who creates carefully staged, large-scale fine art tableau or photocinematic images of surreal urban scenes and isolated characters. Born and raised in the greater Seattle area, Beams continues to produce most of his photographs in and around the streets of Seattle. He is expected to complete his Master of Fine Arts degree from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco later this year.

Technology's Promises raises questions about our use of technology and the physical and emotional isolation that often occurs as we use technology to connect with friends, family, and those that we care about. Beams' photographs present a moment within a larger narrative, and questions about what happened before the instant within the photograph or what happens next are left for the viewer to discern through their own unique experience.

"While there is a story that I developed in creating each image, I find that the stories created by others as they view the images and try to uncover what is happening and how it relates to the overall theme of the series to be much more interesting." - **Gregory Beams**

To learn more about Gregory Beams, [please visit his website](#).

Kate Starbird, Ph.D., Speaker

Social Media Use during Crisis Events: The Evolving Role of the Connected Crowd in Response and Resilience



Crisis events in the physical world are now precipitating mass convergence events online, where thousands and in some cases millions of people turn to social media to seek and share information. This activity includes a new form of spontaneous volunteerism—*digital volunteerism*—where individuals and organizations come together in online spaces to provide assistance, both to those affected and to emergency responders. Often this takes the form of informational assistance, as volunteers help to process, filter, categorize, map, and route information. Starbird’s research has focused on ways in which remote volunteers contribute to these efforts. In this talk, she will cover some of the foundational research in digital volunteerism and discuss more recent studies examining how members of affected communities, including emergency responders and local volunteers, come together with remote volunteers to participate in “emergent crowdwork” after disaster events.

Appointments

- Assistant Professor, Department of Human Centered Design & Engineering (HCDE), University of Washington

Education

- Ph.D., Technology, Media and Society, University of Colorado at Boulder
- BS, Computer Science, Stanford University

To learn more about Dr. Starbird, [please visit her profile](#) on the University of Washington website.

Dr. Megan Moreno, MD, MEd, MPH, Speaker

Adolescent Health and Social Media: Risks and Opportunities



Adolescents are avid social media users; these activities have an impact on adolescents’ health and well-being. This talk will explore three issues at the intersection of adolescent health and social media: cyberbullying, problematic Internet use and enhancing support during chronic illness.

Dr. Moreno’s research is housed at the Center for Child Health Behavior and Development and

she is the PI of the Social Media and Adolescent Health Research Team (SMAHRT). She is the author of a parenting handbook for Internet safety. Dr. Moreno is a member of the Executive Committee on the American Academy of Pediatrics Council on Communication and Media and a committee member on the Institute of Medicine's study on peer victimization. An important aspect of her research is translating research findings into practices and tools for use in communities by parents, educators, and providers. You can learn more about SMAHRT's work at www.smahrtresearch.com.

"My passion is developing innovative approaches to promote adolescent health. Today's adolescents live in a highly technological society; each day they are faced with decisions on how to balance relationships, influences and experiences in both online and offline worlds." -**Dr.**

Megan Moreno

Appointments

- Associate Professor of Pediatrics, School of Medicine, University of Washington
- Adjunct Associate Professor of Health Services, School of Medicine, University of Washington
- Principle Investigator, Social Media and Adolescent Health Research Team (SMAHRT), Seattle Children's Research Institute

Education

- M.D., George Washington University
- Master's in Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Master's in Public Health, University of Washington

To learn more about Dr. Moreno, [please visit her profile](#) on the Seattle Children's website.

Event Details

[The event is open to the public and free of charge](#). For updates, photos, and event info, find us at #BlinkThink

Please RSVP at our Eventbrite page. Guests are welcome, please list each name on the RSVP page.

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