MEDIA STUDIES (GRADUATE MINOR FIELD)

Graduate School

Program Website (https://mediastudies.as.cornell.edu/graduate-minor)

Program Description

Media Studies at Cornell is a broadly interdisciplinary field, and comprises faculty working in fields including but not limited to Africana Studies, Anthropology, Asian Studies, Classics, Communication, Comparative Literature, German Studies, History, History of Art & Visual Studies, Information Science, Literatures in English, Medieval Studies, Music, Near Eastern Studies, Performing and Media Arts, Romance Studies, and Science & Technology Studies.

Students pursuing the Graduate Minor in Media Studies will be seeking to make connections across these fields and will draw upon the Graduate School's long tradition of encouraging self-directed, interdisciplinary study. Students working with contemporary issues may gain historical grounding relevant to their concerns; students working historically may be inspired to think more directly about the relevance of their work to the present day; students working on theoretical issues may gain exposure to critical media practice and vice versa. Students are encouraged to apply for the annual Media Studies Graduate Working Group (https://mediastudies.as.cornell.edu/grants) grants in order to explore interdisciplinary approaches collectively.

This is a minor field. Application for admission is made only to the major fields. After matriculation, a student may select minor subjects from the major or minor fields.

Graduate Minor Requirements

A required introductory course, PMA 6400 , will introduce a range of approaches to media studies and intends to facilitate connections among the discrete disciplinary fields.

Students will complete the required course and designate a member of faculty working in the Media Studies field (https://mediastudies.as.cornell.edu/media-studies-faculty), to guide research in the minor area of Media Studies, recommend classes, and attest to competency in Media Studies at the time of the A-Exam and dissertation defense. That committee member will inform the Media Studies DGS of their student's progress in fulfilling minor requirements. Fill out the Media Studies Graduate Minor application form (https://mediastudies.as.cornell.edu/graduate-minor).

Faculty

Michael Ashkin (http://aap.cornell.edu/people/michael-ashkin)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** painting; photography; printmaking; sculpture

Andrea Bachner (http://complit.cornell.edu/andrea-bachner)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** Literary and cultural theory; Sinophone cultures: Mainland China and its regional and ethnic differences, Taiwan, Chinese Malaysia, Hong Kong, diasporic Sinophone writing in Europe and the Americas; Latin American cultures (in Spanish and Portuguese); Major European cultures and their (post)colonial legacies (England, France, Germany, Spain and Portugal) and minor European cultures (Catalonia)

Christine Bacareza Balance (http://pma.cornell.edu/christine-bacareza-balance)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** performance studies, popular music studies, transnational Asian American studies, critical Filipino/Filipino American studies, sound studies

Anindita Banerjee (http://complit.cornell.edu/anindita-banerjee)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** Russian and Indian Cinema; relation of film to older and newer media

Solon Barocas (http://infosci.cornell.edu/content/barocas)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** information technology policy, fairness, accountability and transparency in machine learning, privacy

Erik Christopher Born (http://medievalstudies.cornell.edu/)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** German cinema (esp. silent film); media history and theory

Jeremy H. Braddock (http://english.cornell.edu/jeremy-braddock)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** documentary film; institutional structures of the film industry; authorship and auteurism; modernism

Andrew Campana (http://asianstudies.cornell.edu/andrew-campana)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** Japanese literature, film and media, digital media and game studies, disability

Timothy Colin Campbell (http://romancestudies.cornell.edu/timothy-c-campbell)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** political philosophy and cinema; Italian neo-realism; the American and Italian western; digital media

Christopher Paul Csikszentmihalyi (http://infosci.cornell.edu/content/csikszentmihalyi)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies

- **Research Interests:** Information for Accountability, Social and Environmental Justice, and activism, Information and Art and Design Practice

Muhammad Iftikhar Dadi (http://arthistory.cornell.edu/iftikhar-dadi)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** modern art; theory and criticism; history of photography; globalization; comparative modernities; critical and post-colonial theory; modernism; South Asian and Islamic art

Naminata Diabate (http://complit.cornell.edu/naminata-diabate)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** postcolonial theories, feminist and queer theories, film studies, body and performance theory, African, African-American and Afro-Hispanic literatures

Brooke Erin Duffy (http://cals.cornell.edu/brooke-erin-duffy)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** new media and society; media and creative industries; gender and feminist media studies; digital labor; qualitative research methods

Kevin M. Ernste (http://music.cornell.edu/kevin-ernste)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** composition; electronic music

Ziad A. Fahmy (http://neareasternstudies.cornell.edu/ziad-fahmy)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** nationalism and state formation in the 19th- and 20th-century Middle East

Maria Fernandez (http://arthistory.cornell.edu/maria-fernandez)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** new media art; cybernetics; feminist art; critical theory; historiography; colonial, modern and contemporary Latin American art and architecture

Chelsea Mikael Frazier (http://english.cornell.edu/graduate)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** African American and African Diaspora studies, gender and sexuality, environmental humanities

Arnika Fuhrmann (http://asianstudies.cornell.edu/arnika-fuhrmann)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** performing arts in Asia; performance theory; and transmedia art in Asia

Andrew Scott Galloway (http://english.cornell.edu/andrew-galloway)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** Medieval English poetry (esp. Layamon, Chaucer, Langland, Gower); medieval drama; medieval history writing; history of the book; literature and the prospect of cultural history

Sabine Haenni (http://pma.cornell.edu/sabine-haenni)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** American, European, Transnational cinemas, film history, silent film, migration, urbanism/geography/architecture, cinema, media and the public sphere, film festivals

Lee Humphreys (http://infosci.cornell.edu/content/humphreys)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** human-computer interaction; media communication and society; social uses and effects of communication technology; new media and society; mobile communication; urban communication

Steven Jackson (http://infosci.cornell.edu/content/jackson)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** governance and information technology; information infrastructure in the sciences; politics and policy

Rayna M Kalas (http://english.cornell.edu/rayna-kalas)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** 16th- and 17th-century poetry and prose; poetics and technology; visual studies; the labor and craft of writing in the early modern period

Patricia M. Keller (http://romancestudies.cornell.edu/patricia-keller)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** Spanish cinema; film theory and criticism

Athena E. Kirk (http://classics.cornell.edu/athena-kirk)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** Greek Literature

D Medina Lasansky (http://aap.cornell.edu/people/d-medina-lasansky?department=8)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** Northern Mediterranean architecture and urbanism; nineteenth- and twentieth-century architecture; relationship between popular culture and architecture

Karen Levy (http://sociology.cornell.edu/karen-levy)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** surveillance

Farzin Lotfi-Jam (http://aap.cornell.edu/people/farzin-lotfi-jam)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** Cities, Urbanism, and Digital Media; Urban Technologies; Technology and Art; Simulation; Exhibition Practice

Shaoling Ma (http://asianstudies.cornell.edu/shaoling-ma)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** Sinophone and trans-Asian media

Patrizia C. McBride (http://german.cornell.edu/patrizia-c-mcbride)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** 18th to 20th century German literature and culture; visual studies; media studies; literary theory

David Mimno (http://bowers.cornell.edu/people/david-mimno)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** Machine learning, text mining, digital humanities

Jennifer S. Minner (http://labs.aap.cornell.edu/just-places-lab/Jennifer-Minner)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** Land Use Planning, Participatory and Analytical Geographic Information Systems, Conservation and Sustainability Adaption of the Built Environment, Historic Preservation

Wunpini Mohammed (http://www.wunpini.com/)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** feminisms, decolonization, and social movements; interrogating power in media and communications while working together with disenfranchised communities to use media to bring about transformative change in communities; the importance of indigenous epistemologies in dismantling oppressive systems

Andrew Moisey (http://americanstudies.cornell.edu/andrew-moisey)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** photography, documentary media, scientific illustration, film aesthetics

Roger S. Moseley (http://music.cornell.edu/roger-moseley)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** 19th Century music; Ludomusicology

Keith Obadike (http://aap.cornell.edu/people/keith-obadike)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** Collaborative practice; Digital media; Film/video/sound; Installation art; Interdisciplinary art; Performance art; Public art; Technology and art; Sound art; Video Art; Performance; Public Art

Mendi Lewis Obadike (http://pma.cornell.edu/mendi-obadike)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** Sound Art, Sound Studies, Media Art, Performance, Poetry, and African American Studies

Jeffrey P. Palmer (http://pma.cornell.edu/jeffrey-palmer)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** film production, documentary, media studies, American Indian & Indigenous Studies

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- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** composition

Judith Ann Peraino (http://music.cornell.edu/judith-peraino)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** music and performance

Benjamin Piekut (http://music.cornell.edu/benjamin-d-piekut)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** musicology

Verity J. Platt (http://classics.cornell.edu/verity-platt)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** Greek and Roman art

Natasha Raheja (http://anthropology.cornell.edu/natasha-raheja)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** Visual Anthropology, Legal Anthropology

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- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** ancient science and technology

Jenny Sabin (http://aap.cornell.edu/people/jenny-sabin?department=8)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies

- **Research Interests:** architectural design and emerging technologies; architecture and science; advanced materials and fabrication; design computation; ecological design and architectural science; visualization

Nicholas G. Salvato (http://pma.cornell.edu/nick-salvato)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** 20th-century theater and culture; American drama; modernism; feminist and queer performance theory and practice

Katherine Sender (http://cals.cornell.edu/katherine-sender)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** media and gender, sexuality, LGBTQ studies, critical race studies, media and globalization, audiences, media production, documentary production

Phoebe J Sengers (http://infosci.cornell.edu/content/sengers)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** critical technical practices; technology and consumer culture; human-computer interaction; sustainability and technology design; subsistence communities in Newfoundland

Anna Shechtman (http://english.cornell.edu/anna-shechtman)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** 20th and 21st Century American; 20th and 21st Century British; Cultural Studies; Literary Theory; Media Studies; Film Theory; 20th and 21st Century African American Literature

Samantha Noelle Sheppard (http://pma.cornell.edu/samantha-noelle-sheppard)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** cinema and media studies

Deborah Ann Starr (http://neareasternstudies.cornell.edu/deborah-starr)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** Modern Arabic and Hebrew Literature; Cinema and Media Studies; Jewish Studies

Daniel Susser (http://infosci.cornell.edu/people/faculty?combine=susser)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** Critical Data Studies; Ethics, Law and Policy; Technology and Equity

Lindsay C Thomas (http://english.cornell.edu/lindsay-thomas)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** 20th and 21st Century American; Cultural Studies; Media Studies; Contemporary literature and culture; Data collection and curation in the humanities; Computational text analysis; Digital media; Sociology of literature

Irina Raquel Troconis Gonzalez (http://romancestudies.cornell.edu/irina-troconis)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** Latin American literature and culture, digital humanities, new media, performance studies, memory studies, border studies, queer studies, Latino studies, literature and exile, virtual realities

Parisa Vaziri (http://complit.cornell.edu/parisa-vaziri)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** Cinema and Media Studies, Iranian Studies, Black Studies, Postcolonial theory

Gili Vidan (http://infosci.cornell.edu/content/vidan)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** digital information technologies, changing notions of public trust and democratic governance, and narratives of crisis and future-making in the U.S., authentication and the politics of cryptography, the specter of the digital fake, and AI and emerging technology regulation

Geoffrey Carter W Waite (http://german.cornell.edu/geoffrey-carter-w-waite)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** German cinema; visual culture; Marxist theory

Yu Wang (http://sts.cornell.edu/yu-wang-0)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** techniques of listening and its interaction with society and politics; history of technology

Kristen J Warner (http://pma.cornell.edu/kristen-warner)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** Cinema and Media Studies; Media Industries; Racial Representation; Film Festivals Research

Victoria Netanus Xaka (http://music.cornell.edu/victoria-netanus-xaka)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** music and sound studies

Malte Ziewitz (http://sts.cornell.edu/malte-ziewitz)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** Information Technology

Sasa Zivkovic (http://aap.cornell.edu/people/sasa-zivkovic?department=8)

- **Campus:** Ithaca - (Minor Member)
- **Concentrations:** *Media Studies:* Media Studies
- **Research Interests:** robotic building construction; digital fabrication and material design; design computation; architecture and form; visual representation