



FACT SHEET

Overview

The Digital Media and Learning Research Hub's mission is to advance research in the service of a more equitable, participatory, and effective ecosystem of learning keyed to the digital and networked era. Located at the systemwide **University of California Humanities Research Institute** and hosted at UC Irvine, all of the research hub's activities -- which include original research, blogs, websites, publications, and an annual conference -- are supported by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Digital Media and Learning Initiative.

What we do

We investigate the ways in which digital technology is changing learning environments, social and civic institutions, and youth culture.

We work to support the growth of the emerging digital media and learning field.

We spread thought leadership and best practices for next generation learning and civics.

How we do it

- Conduct original research
- Produce blogs, a webinar series, websites, a report series, other publications
- Hold an annual conference
- Support emerging scholars
- Partner with other research organizations and individuals



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Research Networks

Connected Learning Research Network

Principal Investigator: Mimi Ito, UC Irvine

This research network addresses the historical moment of the rise of social media, the Internet, and a growing disjuncture between formal and informal learning. CLRN suggests a new paradigm for considering the promise of sociality and media and learning, centering on hybrid learning networks which support interest-driven learning, cutting across school, home, after-school, and peer cultures.

Youth and Participatory Politics

Principal Investigator: Joseph Kahne, Mills College

The MacArthur Network on Youth and Participatory Politics (YPP) is an interdisciplinary network of scholars working together to understand the ways youth participation in online networks is shaping and reshaping youth civic and political engagement in the public sphere.