Pitzer College Professor to Talk on Repurposing Social Media May 29 at Cal Poly

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Alexandra Juhasz, media studies professor at Pitzer College in Claremont, Calif., will present “The Internet We Want and Deserve: Repurposing Social Media Spaces” at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 29, in Room 249 in the Computer Science Building (No. 14) at Cal Poly.

Juhasz will discuss her efforts — along with those of her students and other “everyday” Internet users — to model and make the Internet “a place where conversation and knowledge can be built collaboratively and complexly; a place that attends to human interaction, dignity and diversity; and a place with transparent rules of engagement and the identification of shared social and political commitments.”

She will conclude with an invitation to join her current effort: FemTechNet, the first feminist rethinking of the MOOC (massive open online course).

At Pitzer, Juhasz teaches the history and theory of media production. Her video-book, “Learning from YouTube” (MIT Press, 2011) explores “these often wacky, sometimes viral, and always self-reflexive experiences and what they tell us about YouTube, pedagogy, making media, writing and publishing in the digital age.”

The talk is co-sponsored by Cal Poly’s College of Liberal Arts’ Lottery Fund, the Ethnic Studies and Women’s and Gender Studies departments, and the College of Liberal Arts’ Expressive Technology Initiative.

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