

COURTNEY BLAMEY

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AWARDS

- Doctoral Fellowship (\$56k)
- Behaviour Interactive Design Scholarship (\$15k)
- Tuition Award of Excellence (\$38k)

CONFERENCES & TALKS

- MIGS 2024 Keynote Queer Screens - Redefining and Advocating for Queer and Trans Voices in Video Games
- CGSA 2024 Right in the Feels: A Series of Emotional Game Design Analyses

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

- Blamey, C. (2022). One Tricks, Hero Picks, and Player Politics: Highlighting the Casual-Competitive Divide in the Overwatch Forums. In M. Ruotsalainen, M. Törhönen, & V.-M. Karhulahti (Eds.), Modes of Esports Engagement in Overwatch (pp. 31–47). Springer International Publishing. One Tricks, Hero Picks, and Player Politics: Highlighting the Casual-Competitive Divide in the Overwatch Forums
- Iantorno, M., Blamey, C., Dwyer, L., & Consalvo, M. (2021). All in a day's work: Working-class heroes as videogame protagonists. Nordicom Review, 42(s3), 88–110. <https://doi.org/10.2478/nor-2021-0028>

SKILLS

- Game analysis
- Textual analysis
- Interviews (group and solo)
- Postmortems
- Jira and Notion
- NVivo
- Microsoft Office

HEADLINE

A detail-oriented and analytical games scholar and designer invested in helping developers reach their gameplay goals.

WORK EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH ASSISTANT | 2018 - NOW

Concordia University - Multiple contracts

- Games as Research:** Did qualitative analysis on developer repositories to trace design trajectories of game projects from start to publication.
- Disinformation in Games:** Conducted research on Discord servers to discover any presence of disinformation connected to gaming community spaces.
- Measure Up!:** Created a dress-up game around the double standard of women's outfits.
- Social Class and Games:** Analysed dozens of games for representations of socioeconomic class and created the game *It Comes in Waves* about frontline workers during the pandemic.

CO-DIRECTOR AND ORGANISER | 2020 - NOW

GAMERella

- Organised annual diversity-focused game jam for early career game-makers.
- Pitched to and co-ordinated with industry sponsors for funding and mentors.
- Managed annual budget and write additional grants to bolster company revenue and initiatives.

COURSE INSTRUCTOR | JAN 2023 - DEC 2023

Mass Media and Games, Media, and Culture.

- Taught cross-listed course on Mass Media, with emphasis on models of communication and methods of analysis for social media and media consumption.
- Instructed only games-focused course in the department which introduced students to the history of games, playfulness, game analysis, and player studies.

EDUCATION

2019 - Aug 2025

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY | COMMUNICATION PHD

"Once More with Feeling": Bridging the Gap Between Player Developer Understandings of Value-Driven Design in Emotional Games

2017 - 2019

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY | MEDIA STUDIES MA

"Bringing Down the Banhammer": Understanding the Impact of Competitive Players on Moderation Tactics in Overwatch

2014 - 2017

BRUNEL UNIVERSITY LONDON | GAME DESIGN AND CREATIVE WRITING BA (HONS)