

## **Electronic Waste and Media Studies**

### **Session 1**

**Thursday, October 9**

**12:45-2:45**

**Texas Governors' Room (Level 3)**

As technology production and consumption increase dramatically on a global scale, are there potential environmental impacts? The electronic waste of this consumption – particularly in terms of discarded televisions and computers – disproportionately impacts the developing world. However, these wider environmental effects tend to be overlooked by media scholars. Similarly, as scholars we seem reluctant to consider our own roles as consumers who contribute to this problem. How do we address the wider socio-cultural impact of electronic waste as citizens, consumers, and media scholars?