DIGITAL FUTURES: Wearable Atelier Speaker Series

Joanna Berzowska + Suzi Webster

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12.00 – 1.20pm

Room 301
205 Richmond St
Toronto, ON
All Welcome

Suzi Webster: Electric Heart
OMsignal: app + biometric shirt

Joanna Berzowska is Associate Professor of Design and Computation Arts at Concordia University as well as the founder and research director of XS Labs. She is also the Head of Electronic Textiles at OMsignal, a wearable and smart textile platform that enables leading fashion brands to design smart apparel. Joanna’s art and design work has been shown in the V&A in London, the Cooper-Hewitt Design Museum in NYC, the Millennium Museum in Beijing, the Art Directors Club in NYC, the Australian Museum in Sydney, NTT ICC in Tokyo, SIGGRAPH, ISEA, SIGCHI, and Ars Electronica Center in Linz among others. She holds a graduate degree from the MIT Media Lab. She lectures internationally about the field of electronic textiles and related social, cultural, aesthetic, and political issues. www.omsignal.com

Suzi Webster is a contemporary artist whose work explores technology, being and the body. Interdisciplinary in nature, Webster’s sculptural pieces investigate intersections between object and performance, fashion and computing, the body and its context, public and private, in a critical way. Webster’s work has been exhibited and published internationally in Europe, the United Kingdom, South Africa and North America. Recent exhibitions have included Technothreads, Dublin, Codelive 2010, Vancouver and The Future that Never Was and Altenatuur, Belgium. Webster completed an MFA Media at the Slade in London, UK. www.suziwebster.org