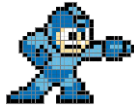


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Who: **PROF. ASHLEY SHEW, Virginia Tech**
When: **FRIDAY, JAN 22, 2016 @ 11:00a-12:30p**
Where: **Building 06-124 (Phillips Hall/PAC)**

We Can **Rebuild** You: Disabled Bodies and Technological Imagination

ABSTRACT: Disabled people are often test-cases for new tech that become widely used by nondisabled people. Social media might give you the impression that bionic technologies—from wearables to implantables—are set to radically alter life in the very near future. The media pitches these technologies as "game-changers."

...But the reality is much different than advertised. This talk will focus on the stark contrast between pop discussions and actual, lived experiences of the disabled, focusing on (a) prosthetic technologies for limb amputees and exoskeletons for people with spinal cord injuries, (b) the social pressure to walk, and (c) pop culture and media coverage of paralympians, "Dancing with the Stars" contestants, and more. We will examine tensions between authenticity and enhancement, disability and superability, and being fixed and being okay with oneself.

BIOSKETCH: Ashley Shew, PhD, is an asst. professor in Science & Technology in Society at Virginia Tech. An interdisciplinary scholar, Dr. Shew works to extend philosophies of technology into conversation with animal studies and disability studies, with a focus on emerging technologies.

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