

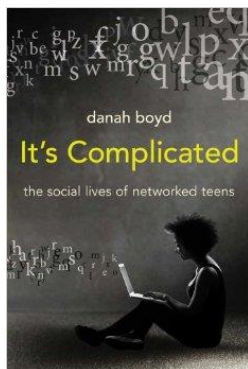


Teens and social media: danah boyd to visit UW Comm

SEATTLE, WA – January 29, 2013 – Beyond her eclectic style and one-of-a-kind personality, [danah boyd](#) is known as an expert on youth culture and technology, debunking many people's beliefs that the Internet is a villain in teens' lives. In her new book, "[It's Complicated: the social lives of networked teens](#)," boyd discusses how teenagers communicate through services such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram and how social media impacts their lives.



"danah boyd is one of the smartest people thinking about how teenagers use the Internet – a topic of enormous importance to parents, me included," said journalist Emily Bazelon in a book review. "Her book is smart, sophisticated, and imbued throughout with a rare and wonderful sensitivity to the real, lived experiences of teenagers."



boyd is a Principal Researcher at [Microsoft Research](#), a Research Assistant Professor in Media, Culture, and Communication at New York University, and a Fellow at Harvard's Berkman Center. Her research examines social media, youth practices, tensions between public and private, social network sites, and other intersections between technology and society. She holds a Ph.D. from the School of Information at the University of California-Berkeley, a Master's Degree from MIT, and a B.S. in computer science from Brown University.

Featured by many top publications, [including the New York Times](#), boyd has [over 93,000 Twitter followers](#) and has spoken at many [conferences around the nation](#). Join us as we welcome her for a visit to the University of Washington on **March 5 at 3:30 p.m. in the HUB Lyceum**. [RSVP here](#).

If you aren't able to make it, visit [this page](#) for a Livestream of the event, or the video will be available afterward. Tweet your questions for boyd using #dboydUW.

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