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Sumandro Chattapadhyay
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Dear Sumandro Chattapadhyay:

Thank you so much for your application to the "Datafication and Community Activism: Redrawing the Boundaries of Research" workshop. My co-sponsor and I would be thrilled for you to join us in the Department of Informatics at UC Irvine March 8 – 9th, 2019. Your R.S.V.P. is requested via email.

We hope you will plan to attend the entire workshop: the program begins with a talk from workshop co-sponsor, Yeshimabeit Milner, Executive Director of Data 4 Black Lives, on Friday morning. We will finish in the afternoon the following day, Saturday, March 9. Meals will be provided.

Invited scholars are responsible for their own travel and accommodations. We have arranged a discounted rate at Hotel Irvine, a boutique hotel close to campus. We will be hosting a pre-workshop social at Hotel Irvine on Thursday night for those who wish to get to know other attendees in a less formal setting. Please refer to the booking information below.

General resources about visiting Irvine follow; I would be happy to provide more specific information about the workshop, the Department of Informatics, or any other logistical matter. We are committed to making the event as accessible and inclusive as possible: all events will be held in ADA-compliant buildings and we request that attendees come fragrance-free out of respect for those with chemical sensitivities.

Please R.S.V.P. by responding to the emailed invitation to confirm that you plan to attend the workshop. I will be in touch with confirmed attendees in the coming weeks to circulate a few readings and a detailed schedule. Thank you again for your interest in the workshop and I look forward to meeting you in person

Warmly,

Roderic Crooks

For information about travel to Irvine, CA:
https://www.destinationirvine.com/plan/transportation/

Hotel Irvine (A Lifestyle Hotel)
17900 Jamboree Road, Irvine, CA 92614
The hotel offers a discounted rate for attendees of UC Irvine events.
Book your stay directly on http://www.hotelirvine.com/uci or by calling 949-225-6750

Critical Data Studies and Community Activism: Redrawing the Boundaries of Research
A Workshop to be held in the Department of Informatics, University of California, Irvine
Irvine, California

March 8 – 9, 2019

Organized by
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Yeshimabeit Milner, Executive Director, Data 4 Black Lives.

This workshop and working group will meet to map out new research agendas that draw on, support, and advance activist responses to datafication in minoritized communities. We invite scholars, journalists, graduate students, artists, adjunct lecturers, para-academics, public scholars, community activists, and data/information professionals interested in thinking through the relationship between activism and research to join this forum. The goal of the two-day workshop will be to identify an actionable research agenda that will support the interests of minoritized communities and to build an intellectual network to support this work.

The workshop will feature a talk by Yeshimabet Milner, Executive Director of Data for Black Lives, "a group of activists, organizers, and mathematicians committed to the mission of using data science to create concrete and measurable change in the lives of Black people."

Topics for discussion might include:

• Intersectional feminist, critical race, indigenous, and/or postcolonial approaches to data studies;
• Publications and grey literature to support community self-defense and activism;
• Interventionist science and technology studies;
• Working in and with minoritzed and precaratized communities;
• Pedagogy and teaching strategies for community liberation;
• Immaterial, emotional and affective labor in activism and social movements;
• Resistance, non-participation, and speculative engagements with politics.