

Rap On Trial

Informatics 132 - Group 3B

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Overview

- A website that will provide resources for attorneys, media, and academics in regards to Charis Kubrin's research with Rap on Trial.

Overview

- Findings
- Mock Ups
- Redesign
- Usability testing
 - Survey Closed-ended & Opened-ended Questions
- Redesign (again)
- Deliver product

Progress

- Website
 - Near complete, shown to our client on Tuesday, worked on updates and changes based off feedback
- Users obtained [or in the process of]
 - General public: 5 users
 - Media: 3 users
 - Attorneys: 2 users
 - Academia: 2 users

Progress

- Usability Tests/Surveys
 - General public: in person, screen capture, record
 - Media: remote, screen capture, record
 - Attorneys: remote, written results
 - Academia: remote, written results

Insights

- **Include the Users (early)**
 - more opportunities to implement changes and feedback
- **Meetings & Logistics**
 - having a brief recap after meetings instead of having to have everyone present can be time savers
- **Collaboration**
 - results happen faster in person than they do online

Difficulties Encountered

- Scheduling
 - Scheduling conflicts between the group and client
- Setting up the website
 - Finding a centralized place to host the website
- Finding users
 - Minimum of 3 users per group

Decisions

- Based on results of the usability testing
 - Will decide on any changes suggested
- In depth usability testing with general public and media; lawyers and academia will be given the usability test.

Updated/Detailed Timeline

- Week 9 - Pre-final presentations
 - Website - 5/27; Derick, Steven, and Hugo
 - Usability Test (lawyers, academia) - 5/29, Mary and Patrick

Updated/Detailed Timeline

- Week 10 - Project reports (All) - 6/7
 - Website - 6/2; Derrick, Steven, Hugo
- Finals Week - Project Materials Due

Screenshots

The screenshot shows the homepage of the 'Rap On Trial' website. The navigation bar at the top includes 'Home' (highlighted in blue), 'About Us', 'Cases', 'Research', 'Legal Resources', 'Media Coverage', 'Public Outreach', and 'Rappers Speak Out'. The main banner features a 'TED Talk' by Charis Kubrin on rap lyrics in the courtroom, with a 'TED Talk OC' button. To the right is a 'TEDx OrangeCoast' logo with the tagline 'x = independently organized TED event'. Below the banner are four columns of content: 'Cases', 'Legal Resources', 'Hear from Rappers', and 'Learn More', each with a brief description of the resources provided.

Rap On Trial

Home About Us Cases Research Legal Resources Media Coverage Public Outreach Rappers Speak Out

TED Talk
Charis Kubrin gives a TED Talk on rap lyrics in the courtroom
[TED Talk OC](#)

TEDx OrangeCoast
x = independently organized TED event

[Cases](#)
Present and past legal cases are provided for reference and research.

[Legal Resources](#)
Find courtroom resources such as appellate briefs, past court opinions and a list of experts.

[Hear from Rappers](#)
Rappers speak out about their experiences with rap lyrics in the courtroom.

[Learn More](#)
Find resources such as op-eds, videos and articles for further education on the topic.

Screenshots

Expert Witnesses



[Erik Nielson](#)

[Short description of expert]



[Charis Kubrin](#)

[Short description of expert]



[Bakari Kitwana](#)

[Short description of expert]



[Eithne Quinn](#)

[Short description of expert]

Legal Advisors



Screenshots

Talks



Charis Kubrin and Erik Nielson:
RAP LYRICS ON TRIAL

The politicization of rap music has intensified dramatically in recent months as rap artists have lost their voices and influence to support the "Black Lives Matter" movement. Professors Erik Nielson and Charis Kubrin, an expert on the use of rap lyrics as evidence in criminal activity, they will discuss the important issue within the context of the 13th Amendment, as well as the James Knox White case, involving a Pittsburgh rapper who is in prison for his song that promoted the shooting of his friend by a Pittsburgh police officer.

This event is part of the Pittsburgh Humanities Festival. Learn more about the festival at pittsburghhumanitiesfestival.org

March 28, 2015, 5:30pm
at the U.S. Courthouse
in the Cultural District
100 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

U.S. Courthouse Free with Purchase of Festival Pass
Festival Pass
Visit pittsburghhumanitiesfestival.org for general admission, \$15 for students.

Professors Erik Nielson and Charis Kubrin
will be joined by
Pittsburgh rapper
James Knox White

THE EVENT IS ALSO BY GIVE \$20
to support the
Pittsburgh Humanities Festival

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Pittsburgh Humanities Festival:
Rap Lyrics on Trial



Appellate Judicial Attorneys Institute, "Rap Lyrics on Trial." April 2015.

Pittsburgh Humanities Festival, "Rap Lyrics on Trial." March 2015.

New York University, School of Law, "Drawing the Line: Elonis, Rap Lyrics, and Free Speech." March 2015.

Virginia Juvenile Justice Institute, "Prosecuting Rap." November 2014.

Criminal Justice Research Center, Ohio State University, "Art or Confession? Using Rap Lyrics as Evidence in Criminal Trials." September 2014.

Questions?

Thank you