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Dr. Phillip Vannini is an accomplished ethnographic, filmmaker and author who has conducted research on BC Ferns, off-grid living, small island cultures and communities, wilderness and wilderness, everyday life, the cultural aspects of the human senses, food and culture, and sense of place. Currently he is researching the cultural dimensions of UNESCO World Heritage natural sites, across both Canada and the world. Recently Vannini published *Off the Grid: An Astonishing Domestic Life*, the culmination of three years of research into the lives of people across Canada who live off the grid, a project that led to the production of the film *Life off grid*.

Vannini joined Royal Roads University in 2005 and became professor in 2011. He presently teaches courses on research methodology, fieldwork and cultural studies. He particularly enjoys exploring themes that make use of visual media and push the boundaries of ethnographic creativity. He has authored/edited nine books and dozens of journal articles and book chapters. He is editor of the world's first hypermedia ethnography book series.

Vannini earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Florence and completed it at City University of Seattle. He earned his BA in communication and his PhD in Sociology from Washington State University. In 2007 and 2009, he was nominated for Royal Roads' King Outstanding Teaching Award. In 2010, he was appointed Canada Research Chair in Innovative Learning and Public Ethnography by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

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