

Profile

Jean Russell is a culture hacker, author, and speaker. As a guide to a thriving world, Jean takes social innovators and business builders on tours of network culture and the new economy. She navigates clients through crucial questions for fostering innovative collaborations and productive networks. In 2013 Triarchy Press published [Thrivability: Breaking Through to a World that Works](#). In 2010, Jean curated 65 breakthrough people and ideas to produce [Thrivability: A Collaborative Sketch](#) ebook. Her work on thriving, innovation, philanthropy, and cultural shifts has been highlighted in the [Economist](#), Harvard Business Review, Stanford Social Innovation Review, and Worldchanging. She received an [honorable mention on the enrichlist](#), as one of the top 200 people of all time “whose contributions enrich paths to sustainable futures.”

Skills

- Motivation. Persuasion. Influence. (Trained in neuro-linguistic modeling & coaching)
- Risk analysis. (Portfolio manager & risk analyst in international finance)
- Impact. (Donor educator, social entrepreneurship coach and advisor)
- Network Dynamics. (Social network analysis and organizational development)
- Collaboration infrastructure. Flows and Incentive systems. (Game dynamics, complex adaptive systems)

Experience

Founder and President, Thrivable Inc

2009-present

- Ignited and facilitated organizations working with social systems - as clients and collaborators.
- Developed [Action Spectrum](#) and Multi-Membrane Organization models.
- Spoke internationally on collaboration, social systems, and innovation culture.
- Mapped and designed flows and dynamics in social ecosystems.
- Built network of thriving agents, evangelists, and thought leaders across industries and sectors.
- Evangelized meme, design workshop programs, develop related content.

Knowledge and Engagement Consultant

2000-2009

- Designed, facilitated, and produced events for clients such as: Inspired Legacies, Bolder Giving, Community Media Workshop, Open Sustainability Network, and Open Money.
- Catalyzed online community development and engagement for clients including: Peoplebrowsr, OsoEco, Grass Commons, Meyer Memorial Trust, Pepsi's pilot project with Zyozy Foundation.
- Wrote, edited, designed, and produced knowledge tools.

Operational Risk Analyst and Portfolio Coordinator, Heller Financial

1999-2000

- Analyzed and modified processes for risk assessments of Capital Finance, funded and managed \$1M to \$100M loans and leases for aircraft, entertainment, media, and technology industries.
- Created process flows for post-acquisition merger and change management.
- Committees: Relationship Management Software Development, Operations.
- Awards: Vendor Ace, superior strategic plan.

Assistant to the Director, University Galleries, Illinois State University, Normal, IL

1996-1999

- Curated exhibition: selected art; wrote and produced brochure; engaged artists, media, and public.
- Wrote, edited, and designed published articles, essays, grants, brochures, and press releases.
- Improved organizational operational efficiency. Supervised seven assistants.
- Committees: alumni magazine committee, college council, conference committee, and gallery advisory board.

Recognition

[Honorable Mention, The Enrich List](#), [Post Growth Insititue](#)

Interviews

[Thriving as a Way of Life](#), Marti Spiegelman: Voice America, August 2011.

[Gathering11 podcast #8 with Jean Russell](#), August 2011.

[A Thrivable You](#): Leilani Henry, KGNU, Denver Independent Community Radio, January 2011.

[Thrivability: Flash Collaboration, Oresund Centrum för Publikt Entreprenörskap](#), Malmo, Sweden, June 2010.

[Interview with Hans Peter Meyer](#), Conscious Capital Series, July 2010.

[Are You Thrivable?](#) by Kerry and Peggy Duvette, *Wiser Earth Blog*, March 2010.

[Worldchanging Interview with Jean Russell](#) by Jon Lebkowsky, *Worldchanging*, September 2009.

[What is Thrivability](#), #Yitan weekly calls on navigating change in technology and society, August 2009.

Public Speaking

[Thrivable Cities Keynote, Sustainable Communities Leadership Summit](#), Little Rock, Arkansas, October 2013.

What Could a Transformed World Look Like, and What Would It Take To Get There? [Transformation in a Changing Climate](#), Oslo, Norway, June 2013.

[Co-Created Solution Design](#), a workshop for social innovators, Chicago Bioneers, Chicago, November 2012.

[Thrivable](#), community gatherings in New York City, San Francisco, and London, 2010-2011.

[Designing for a Thrivable Society](#), Hub Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia, June 2011.

[A Thrivable World Emerges](#), *Gathering11*, Melbourne, Australia, June 2011.

[ROI of Network Organisms](#), HUB SoMa, San Francisco, CA, April 2011.

[Inside Out: Social Dreams and Realities of Business in a Social Media Age](#), *CEO Club*, Normal, IL, March 2011.

[People Power](#), SXSWi, Austin, TX, March 2011.

[Thrivable Chicago Workshop](#), Chicago, IL, December 2010.

[Connecting Social Innovators](#), simultaneous global gathering, November 5-7, 2010.

[Thrivable San Francisco Workshop](#), San Francisco, CA, October 2010.

[Thrivability](#), *Chicago Business Innovations Lab*, EDF, Chicago, IL, August 2010.

[Thrivability and Flash Collaboration](#), Malmo, London, Brussels, San Francisco, and Berkeley, April-June 2010

[Chicago NetTuesdays](#), nonprofit technology monthly meetings, Chicago, IL, March 08-February 2010.

[Networked Love, Bonding, Intimacy: Our Interactive Culture Clouds](#), SXSWi, Austin, TX, March 2010.

[Thrivable Networks and Network Weaving](#) workshop, *Tutor/Mentor Conference*, Evanston, IL, November 2009.

[Be an Attractor: NurtureGirl's Guide to Online Etiquette and Inviting Participation](#), *Community Media Workshop*, Chicago, IL, May 2009.

[Online Learning and Collaboration Panel](#), *Public Engagement Symposium and Tech Showcase*, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL, March 2009.

Publications

[Thrivability: Breakthroughs for a World that Works](#), Triarchy Press, 2013.

[Interview with John Hagel](#), *Gathering 11*, May 2011.

[Thrivability: A Collaborative Sketch](#), ebook (over 14,000 views), curator/producer, March 2010.

[Inspired Philanthropy](#), contributor, 2007.

Donor education materials and websites, 2003-2009.

Child survival materials and websites, 2003-2005.

[Text and Territory](#), *Mediations Journal*, Volume 22, Spring 1999.

Education

Neuro-Linguistic Programming Certified Coach, 2005.

Graduate coursework, Critical Theory and Art History, Illinois State University, Normal, IL, 1998-1999.

Double Bachelors of Arts, English and Philosophy, Illinois State University, Normal, IL, 1989-1997.

- *Performance Margins: Sites of Resistance*, conference, Head of Organizing Committee, 1997.