### Information Landscapes: Mapping the (In)Visible

The Evergreen State College Library, Sponsored Group Contract, 2005-2006



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#### Spring Syllabus

This Spring we are launching our Winter wiki and returning to our independent web projects from Fall.

We are working with library faculty and staff to design IT work stations for the library remodel.



#### Readings

- Wks 2 -9 etext library Selections.
- Wk 1 Peter Berger and Thomas Luckmann, Social Construction of Reality (Anchor, 1967).
- Wk 2 Paul Privateer, Inventing Intelligence: A Social History of Smart (Blackwell, 2006).
- Wk 3 Nancy Mairs, Waist High in the World (Beacon Press, 1996).
- Wk 4 Selected psychology articles on identity, attachment, and resistance in human-computer interactions.
- Wk 5 Synthesis papers mini-conference.
- Wk 6 Karen Mossberger, Virtual Inequality (Georgetown University Press, 2003).
- Wk 7 Mia Consalvo and Susanna Paasonen, Women and Everyday Uses of the Internet (Peter Lang Publishing, 2002).
- Wk 8 Michael Warschauer, Technology and Social Inclusion (MIT Press, 2003).
- Wk 9 Siva Vaidhyanathan, Anarchist in the Library (Basic Books, 2005).
- Wk 10 Philip K. Dick, A Scanner Darkly (Vintage, 1991).

#### Weekly Class Schedule

Tuesdays 10-12, Book Seminar - A2109 Sem 2.

Tuesdays 1-3, Web Writing Class - General Computing Classroom,



#### GCC.

Fridays 1-3, Web Practicum, GCC.

Fridays 3-6, Film Sreening, Sem 2 A1105.



## Assignment Catalog

#### **Individual Assignments**

Seminar Papers - Students will react to seminar books with papers of 1-2 pages each week. Student goals are to review reading content, focus thoughts for discussion, and practice formal writing skills. Print conventions required.

Synthesis Paper - 8 page integration of the year's materials and themes, entitled, "It Made Me Think of Foucault When...." Due in Wk 5.

Blogs - Students will use their blogs for online file management in their research and web development projects. Students will continue to post seminar papers on their blogs.

etext Website - Each student will choose a text from the etext website, research the text elsewhere on the web, and lead a 30 minute discussion of the text in the web practicum..

Library IT -

Students will schedule 6 of their 10 work exchange hours per week for IT support in chosen areas of the library.

#### **Team Assignments**

Technology Survival Guide - Students will launch and moderate the team wiki project - Technology Survival Guide for Greeners. The Guide provides easy-to-read facts and advice for students on how to find and use IT at the college. The Guide covers academics, college communications, and the media arts.

Students will support faculty and staff with special projects and planning for remodelled library public services and spaces, as needed. Some flexibility of schedules may be required.

Mid-term and Final Presentations - Students will present individual and team web projects in Weeks 5 and 10.

#### Reading Syllabus

# Week 1 / Apr 3-7 - Sociology of Knowledge

Tues 10-12, Sem 2 B3109 / Book seminar - READING: Berger and Luckmann, Social Construction of Reality (1967).



Tues 1-3, GCC / Web Writing Class.

Fri 1-3, GCC / Web Practicum. extext - Nadia, Definition of A Geek.

Fri 3-6, Sem 2 C1105 / Film Screening, **Desk Set** (1957).

#### Week 2 / Apr 10-14 - The Notion of Able-Mindedness

Tues 10-12, Sem 2 B3109 / Book seminar - READING: Privateer, Inventing Intelligence (2006).

Tues 1-3, GCC / Web Writing Class.

Fri 1-3, GCC / Web Practicum. extext - Kerry, Old School Hippies and the Internet.

Fri 3-6, Sem 2 C1105 / Film Screening, 2001: A Space Odyssey (1968).

#### Week 3 / Apr 17-21 - Dissing Ability

Tues 10-12, Sem 2 B3109 / Book Seminar - READING: Mairs, Waist High in the World (1996).

Tues 1-3, GCC / Web Writing Class.

Fri 1-3, GCC / Web Practicum. extext - Jenny, How to Build a Universe that Doesn't Fall Apart Two Days Later.

Fri 3-6, Sem 2 C1105 / Film Screening, Tron (1982)...

#### Week 4 / Apr 24-28 Psychology of Computer Users

Tues 10-12, Sem 2 B3109 / Book seminar - READING: Selected articles.

John McCarthy, Peter Wright, "Putting 'Felt-Life' at the Center of Human Computer



Interactions (HCI)," Cognition, Technology, and Work 7:4 (Nov 205), 262-271

Helen Kennedy, "Subjective Intersections in the Face of the Machine," *European Journal of Women's Studies* 12:4 (2005), 471-487

C.D. Raab, "Perspectives on Personal Identity," *BT Technology Journal* 24:4 (Oct 2005), 15-24.

Tues 1-3, GCC / Mid-term presentations.

Fri 1-3, GCC / Web Practicum. extext - Austin, The Feeling of Power.

Fri 3-6, Sem 2 C1105 / Film Screening, Brazil (1985).

#### Week 5 / May 1-5 - Digital Diversity in the US

Tues 10-12, Sem 2 B3109 / Book seminar - READING: Mossberger, Virtual Inequality (2003).

Tues 1-3, GCC / Web Writing Class.

Fri 1-3, GCC / Web Practicum. extext - Evan, Library of Babel.

Fri 3-6, Sem 2 C1105 / Film Screening, Cherry 2000 (1987).

#### Week 6 / May 8-12 - Midterm Mini Conference

Tues 10-12, Sem 2 B3109, READING: Peer Synthesis Papers

Tues 1-3, GCC / Web Writing Class.

Fri 1-3, GCC / Web Practicum. extext - Janet, Eurydice.

Fri 3-6, Sem 2 C1105 / Film Screening, **Robocop** (1987).

#### Week 7 / May15-19 - Gender

Tues 10-12, Sem 2 B3109 / Book seminar - READING: Consalvo and Paasonen, **Women and Everyday Uses of the Internet** (2002).

Tues 1-3, GCC / Web Writing Class.

Fri 1-3, GCC / Web Practicum. extext - Alicia, TBA.

Fri 3-6, Sem 2 C1105 / Terminator 2 (1991).

#### Week 8 / May 22-26 - International Digital Divide

Tues 10-12, Sem 2 B3109 / Book seminar - READING: Warschauer, **Technology and Social Inclusion** (2003).

Tues 1-3, GCC / Web Writing Class.

Fri 1-3, GCC / Web Practicum. extext - Kelsie, Overcoming Tourism .

Fri 3-6, Sem 2 C1105 / Film Screening, Matrix (1999).

#### Week 9 / May 29-Jun 2 - We're All Librarians, Yod

Tues 10-12, Sem 2 B3109 / Book seminar - READING: Vaidhyanathan, **Anarchist** in the Library (2005).

Tues 1-3, GCC / Web Writing Class.



Fri 1-3, LC / Web Practicum. extext - Ann, TBA.

Fri 3-6, Sem 2 C1105 / Film Screening, Party Girl (1995).

#### Week 10 / Jun 5-9 - Event Horizon

Tues 10-12, Sem 2 B3109 / Book seminar - READING: Dick, A Scanner Darkly (1991).

Tues 1-3, GCC / Independent work.

Fri 1-3, LC / Final presentations – Potluck.

Fri 3-6, Sem 2 C1105 / Film Screening, Librarian: Quest for the Spear (2004).

Evaluation Week / Jun 12-16.

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