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Thursdays, 10:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Winston 213

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There will be weekly readings. This is a reading-intensive course in which you will be asked to deal with material that is often quite challenging in its language and theoretical positions. You should expect to read about 60-80 pages a week, and write a commentary about the texts every week (blog posts). You are excused from writing your post if you are presenting to the class. You are responsible for not only reading all the material assigned to you, but engaging with it before class in a way that prepares you to participate in class discussion. In order to do this, you will need to take careful reading notes and review your notes before each class. The readings shall be used not only for class discussion, but also to support your arguments in the class discussions, presentations, and the final paper.


All texts are available online at the NCSU library online reserves.

Note: All students must regularly check e-mails, as well as the class website, for messages and updates from this course.

Textbooks:

- Abbate, J. (1999). *Inventing the Internet*. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press.
- Hafner, K., & Lyon, M. (1996). *Where wizards stay up late: The origins of the Internet*. New York: Simon & Schuster.

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Days	Readings Due	Classroom Activities	Assignments
08/20		Course introduction	Choose presentations

Week 1: Before the Internet

Days	Readings Due	Classroom Activities	Assignments
08/27	<p>Bush, V. (1945). "As we may think" (pp. 101-108).</p> <p>Hafner & Lyon (1996). "The fastest million dollars" (pp. 11-42).</p> <p>Hafner & Lyon (1996). "A block here, some stones there" (pp. 42-81).</p> <p>Hafner & Lyon (1996). "Do it to it truet" (pp. 137-159).</p>	<p>Presentation 1: <u>Corey Patton</u></p> <p><u>Memex's demo.</u></p> <p><u>Where good ideas come from</u></p> <p><u>Johnson's talk</u></p> <p><u>Sutherland's demo</u></p> <p><u>Engelbart's demo (mouse).</u></p>	Blog 1 / Wiki 1

Week 2: ARPANET (1970s)

Days	Readings Due	Classroom Activities	Assignments
09/03	<p>Hafner & Lyon (1996). "Hacking away and hollering" (pp. 160-186).</p> <p>Abbate, J. (1999). "Building the ARPANET" (pp. 43-81).</p> <p>Abbate, J. (1999). "From ARPANET to Internet" (pp. 113-145).</p> <p>Leiner et. al. (2009). "A brief history of the Internet" (pp. 22-31).</p>	<p>Presentation 2: <u>Sheena Young</u></p> <p>Video: Warriors of the Net</p> <p><u>History of the Internet timeline</u></p>	Blog 2 / Wiki 2


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Week 3: GUI (1980s)

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09/10	<p>Streeter, T. (2011). "Missing the net" (pp. 69-92)</p> <p>Hafner & Lyon (1996). "A rocket on our hands" (pp. 246-256).</p> <p>Turkle, S. (1995). "A tale of two aesthetics" (pp. 29-49).</p> <p>Abbate, J. (1999). "Popularizing the Internet" (pp. 181-195).</p>	<p>Presentation 3: Grant Harned</p> <p><u>Apple commercial</u></p> <p>XEROX Parc movie</p> <p><u>Pirates of the Silicon Valley</u></p>	Blog 3 / Wiki 3
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Week 4: WWW (1990s)


Days	Readings Due	Classroom Activities	Assignments
09/17	<p>Baehr & Lang (2012). "Hypertext Theory" (pp. 39-56).</p> <p>Hameri, A., & Nordberg, M. (1998). "From experience: Linking available resources and technologies to create a solution for document sharing" (pp. 322-334).</p> <p>Abbate, J. (1999). "Popularizing the Internet" (pp. 195-220).</p> <p>Berners-Lee, et. al. (1994). "The World Wide Web" (pp. 791-798).</p>	<p>Presentation 4: Megan Campbell</p> <p>TED talks: Tim Berners_lee</p>	Blog 4 / Wiki 4

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Week 5: Web 2.0 (2000s)

Days	Readings Due	Classroom Activities	Assignments
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<p>09/24</p>	<p>Allen, M. (2012). "What was Web 2.0? Versions as the dominant mode of internet history (pp. 260-275).</p> <p>Barassi, V., & Treré, E. (2012). "Does Web 3.0 come after Web 2.0? Deconstructing theoretical assumptions through practice" (p. 1269-1285).</p> <p>Blank, G., & Reisdorf, B. (2012). "The participatory web: A user perspective on Web 2.0" (pp. 537-554).</p> <p>Postigo, (2011). "Questioning the Web 2.0 discourse: Social roles, production, values, and the case of the human rights portal" (pp. 181-193).</p>	<p>Presentation 5: Bandon Osgood</p>	<p>Blog 5 / Wiki 5</p> <p>One paragraph proposal for final paper due.</p>
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Week 6: Synchronous and Asynchronous communication

Days	Readings Due	Classroom Activities	Assignments
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10/01	<p>*A: Smith, M. (1999). "Invisible crowds in cyberspace: Mapping the social structure of the Usenet" (pp. 195-218).</p> <p>A: Papacharissi, Z., & Meraz, S. (2013). "Blogging Culture: Content and representation in blogs" (pp. 367-385).</p> <p>A: Marwick, A., & boyd, d. (2010). "I tweet honestly, I tweet passionately: Twitter users, context collapse, and the imagined audience" (pp. 114-133).</p> <p>*A: Barlow, A. (2007). "The growth of the discussion boards and the birth of the blogs" (pp. 143-152).</p> <p>S: Dibbell, J. (1998). "The scarlet balloon: Or tinygeography, a long view and an overview" (pp. 39-69).</p> <p>*S: Turkle, S. (1995). "Aspects of the self" (pp. 177-209)</p> <p>*S: Reid, E. (1999). "Hierarchy and power: Social control in cyberspace" (pp. 107-134).</p> <p>S: Merikivi, J., Vernhagen, T., & Feldberg, F. (2012). "Having belief(s) in social virtual worlds: A decomposed approach" (pp. 1169-1188).</p>	<p>Presentation 6: MK Hedrick</p> <p>Presentation 7: Katreena Alder</p> <p>Demo Wikipedia</p> <p>TED Talk on Wikipedia</p>	Blog 6 / Wiki 6
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Week 7: Fall Break

Days	Readings Due	Classroom Activities	Assignments
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10/08		no class	
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Week 8: SNS / LBSN

Days	Readings Due	Classroom Activities	Assignments
10/15	<p>Steinfeld, C., Ellison, N., & Vitak, J. (2013). "Online social network sites and the concept of social capital" (pp. 115-131).</p> <p>Baym, N., & boyd, d. (2012). "Socially mediated publicnss: An introduction" (pp. 320-329).</p> <p>de Souza e Silva, A., & Frith, J. (2010). "Locative mobile social networks: Mapping communication and location in urban spaces" (pp. 485-505).</p> <p>Humphreys, L. (2010). "Mobile social networks and urban public space" (pp. 763-778).</p>	Presentation 8: Danielle Green	<p>Blog 7 / Wiki 7</p> <p>Paper outline due</p>

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Week 9: AOIR

Days	Readings Due	Classroom Activities	Assignments
10/22	<p>Skype Lectures: Lee Humphreys and Gerard Goggin.</p>	no class	Blog 8

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Week 10: Digital Divide

Days	Readings Due	Classroom Activities	Assignments
10/29	<p>Epstein, D. (2011). "The analog history of the 'digital divide'" (pp. 127-144).</p> <p>Harambam, Aupers, & Houtman, (2013). "The contentious gap: From digital divide to cultural beliefs about online interactions" (pp. 1093-114).</p> <p>Pearce, K., & Rice, R. (2013). "Digital divides from access to activities: Comparing mobile and personal computer Internet users" (pp. 721-744).</p> <p>Sassi, S. (2005). "Cultural differentiation or social segregation? Four approaches to the digital divide" (pp. 684-700).</p>	<p>Presentation 9: Cheryl Dong</p> <p>TED talk on income inequality</p>	Blog 9 / Wiki 8

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Week 11: Digital Privacy


Days	Readings Due	Classroom Activities	Assignments
11/05	<p>Andrejevic, M. (2015). Theorizing drones and droning theory.</p> <p>Solove, D. (2004). "Kafka and Orwell" (pp. 27-55).</p> <p>Dourish, & Bell (2011). "Rethinking privacy" (pp. 137-160).</p> <p>de Souza e Silva & Frith (2012). "Locational Privacy" (111-135).</p>	<p>Presentation 10: Kayla Sheenah</p> <p>Skype Lecture: Mark Andrejevic</p>	Blog 10 / Wiki 9

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Week 12: Mobile Internet

Days	Readings Due	Classroom Activities	Assignments
11/12	<p>Jensen, O. (2014). "Designing Mobilities: Introduction" (pp. 13-21).</p> <p>Jensen, O. (2014). "Materialities of mobilities" (pp. 39-53).</p> <p>De Souza e Silva & Gordon, E. (2013). "Net Locality" (pp. 134-142).</p> <p>Humphreys, L., Von Pape, T., & Karnowski, V. (2013). "Evolving mobile media: Uses and conceptualizations of the mobile Internet" (pp. 491-507).</p>	<p>Presentation 11: Michelle Hunzaker</p> <p>Skype lecture: Ole Jensen</p>	Blog 11 / Wiki 10

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Week 13: NCA

Days	Readings Due	Classroom Activities	Assignments
11/19		no class	Work on Final Paper and presentation

Week 14: Thanksgiving

Days	Readings Due	Classroom Activities	Assignments
11/26		no class	

Week 15: Final Presentations

Days	Readings Due	Classroom Activities	Assignments

12/03

Final Presentations (8 minutes each + 5 minutes Q&A)


Part I:


- Brandon (10:15)
- Kayla (10:28)
- Megan (10:41)
- Katreena (10:54)
- Corey (11:07)
- Cheryl (11:20)


BREAK: 11:33-11:40)


Part II:


- Sheena (11:50)
- Michelle (12:03)
- Grant (12:16)
- Danielle (12:29)
- MK (12:42)


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Week 16: Finals

Days	Readings Due	Classroom Activities	Assignments
12/10		no class	Final paper due @ 1:00 p.m via email. (please send me a word doc).


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December 23 - December 29


December 30 - January 5


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