Engaging a world of linked and lived experiences

SOCIAL LIFE OF THE DIGITAL HUMANITIES

What did you learn?
What are your research questions?
What is your data set?
Is your project feasible?
What are your next steps?

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ANOTHER SPLIT IN THE HUMANITIES?

Analytical Humanities
• Criticism
• Analysis
• Interpretation
• Theory
• Single Medium

Applied Humanities
• Design
• Collaboration
• Performance
• Multimedia

WHAT?

How?

Or maybe better, bridges the split?

When I write a book, I am generally only concerned with the WHAT - the content of the book.

But it is naive to assume the HOW - design, format, dissemination, audience - does not affect the WHAT.

So what happens when books are not the primary medium of knowledge production?

Apply those thoughts to your project.

DH REPAIRS THE SPLIT

Industrial Revolution
Scarcity
Centralized Control
Hierarchy
Division of Labor
Property and Proprietary Systems

Globalized Information Age
Abundance
Decentralization
Peer Creation
Creative Commons
Open-Source models

KNOWLEDGE ECONOMIES

And why is this relevant to DH - networked human

DIALECTIC OF THE INFORMATION NETWORK

Information Good
Information Bad

See
AUTHORSHIP

Shift from the individual author of the “great book” era of scholarship to the collaborative authoring possibilities of the “great project.”

Books vs Projects as techno-social apparatuses?

Which foregrounds the apparatus? Which backgrounds it?

What are the challenges of this approach?

COLLABORATION AS CREATION


Why wasn’t this developed at a university?

TO PUBLISH

To make something public; to place it within a sphere for broad scrutiny, critical engagement, and community debate

Wherein lies the authority of book?

So what does happen when anyone can publish? What happens when knowledge credentialing is no longer controlled by academia?

Who was/is the public?

DO YOU WANNA BE A HEDGEFOX?

How can DH keep the ways of the hedgehog alive in the era of the fox’s ascendancy? How do we inject deep digs into the free-ranging ways of networked scholarship?