

Academia 2.0 &, you know, Agency.

Between Kristi Dunks, Ronda L Wery, You and Chris Andrews

Chris Andrews

July 23 at 7:00pm

So, Kristi and I got to talking about it, and... well, how about I just post the text (chopped a bit) and let it speak for itself:

Chris:

"Also--how "inclusive" do we want to be? I mean, i've been tagging a lot of education and 2.0 stuff, but haven't focused (probably nearly enough) on the "agency" end of things. At least, not specifically. It might be helpful for us as an entire group to sit down and talk about the issue of personal/academic agency--maybe come to some tentative conclusions. It depends, I suppose, on how folks are going with their analysis. Maybe we could set up a recorded skype session or something like that at some point. "

Kristi:

"Yes, I think we need to talk about that. Once we get more definition from the group we can keep building up what we have. I will send out a query on availability. Do you want to do this via Skype or the MOO?"

Chris:

"We might do a planned discussion of some kind, you know, come up with two or three topics or questions that we want to discuss (to keep ourselves in line a bit). I'm open to either--certainly the MOO would be easy to text--archive; voice could be good, too, but only if people are up for it. Might be different, but it might be too long..."

So, what do you all think? Would a planned discussion be a good idea? Do we want to MOO it or go Audio? When do we want to have a "planning" session and a "discussion" session? Or do we want to do something else? A collaborative video mashup? Email transcripts? Pictures of donkeys with angel wings?

Ideas?

Kristi Dunks

July 23 at 7:16pm

I like donkeys!

Kristi Dunks

July 23 at 7:20pm

Chris, along with the donkeys, I think that a recorded discussion is a good idea. I have not recorded through Skype but I have used FreeConference.com which works like a champ and emails you the audio file at the end of the call. I think we should do this once we have completed our analysis (or nearing completion) and just sit down with some beers to discuss where we are, what we found, and where we see it going.

In the meantime, it might be worthwhile to meet in the MOO just to get some thoughts down on where we think we should be going and make sure we have all of our topics, including agency, covered.

But I still want a donkey involved somewhere. :)

Ronda L Wery

July 23 at 10:00pm

Definitely, a donkey--with angel wings.

I'm going to have to spend tomorrow teaching myself Diigo and Zotero and loading up all my good schizzle.

For some reason, the obviousness of how they work isn't clicking this second, which probably means I'm tired. Not a problem. I will start fresh in the morning and devote as much of the day to it as necessary to master the cool tools and contribute my good finds.

When, then, shall we meet to discuss analyses, where we are headed, etc.? I like the idea of voice over pure text; if only because it is another level of remediation. Our due date to give Monica the analyses is one week from tomorrow. . . .

I suppose we should at least have good notes down re: our analyses before we chat, though our final products probably don't need to be ready. I think it would be good if our discussion were allowed to influence our analyses, anyway--a kind of triangulation, no? Am I on track?

Say when and where, and i'll be there to meetcha.

Chris Andrews

July 24 at 6:33am

Ronda, the key to Diigo is downloading the toolbar (if you haven't already). The rest is E-Z. (And I'll be in my office this morning if you want to Skype me with some questions about it or zotero).

Ronda L Wery

July 24 at 8:45am

Thanks, Chris. Diigo toolbar discovered and deployed. Seems like the key with Diigo (and so many of these tools) will be deciding just how much of it's massive power we want to use!

Must do a few chores. Then I'll tackle Zotero. I may have questions there.

Monica Wesley

July 24 at 9:23am

I like the idea of a recorded audio conversation with scripted questions about how our analysis relates to a rhetoric of personal agency. I like the idea of audio over text, because it adds a multimedia dimension to our materials.

In terms of meeting to talk about our analysis, I haven't started analyzing yet so planning a meeting to talk about our results right now just makes me feel pressured (sorry). I've been slammed at work (seems that want to bleed me dry before my last day in the position - which is Monday, BTW and then I will have no formal job description for a month).

So I will support it if you want to meet in the MOO and talk about our results. Early next week would be best for me since this weekend will be me doing my analysis finally and working on the site. Would love to do the audio sometime next week. I'm also not opposed to a more passive sharing of our analyses via the Google doc with comments. But whatever you want to do, I'll support.

Thanks, Chris and Kristi for setting up the diigo and zotero groups.

Ronda L Wery

July 24 at 9:45am

Next week sounds fine to me, Monica. I need to analyze this weekend as well, and of course we all have the Tier 2 (aka, two-week final exam) to attend to.

Chris Andrews

July 24 at 9:53am

Two-week final exam. Hehe. Now THAT puts a whole new spin on it, doesn't it? :)

Kristi Dunks

July 24 at 2:01pm

Just got the email from Dr. K. Do you know where we are supposed to go? It looks like it is from the spring class?

Kristi Dunks

July 24 at 2:04pm

Never mind...it looks like it is a work in progress.

Chris Andrews

July 24 at 6:50pm

And look who jumps right in on the first night!! :)

Kristi Dunks

July 24 at 10:30pm

The fun begins. I am thinking the next couple of weeks are going to be very interesting.

Ronda L Wery

July 24 at 10:49pm

Yep, it's going to be a wild, good ride.

Chris Andrews

July 25 at 7:57am

It'll be interesting & fun; I'm planning to kick in this afternoon, if all goes well.

Kristi Dunks

July 25 at 8:40am

I am not sure what we could do with it, but Diigo also has a forum area where we could post topics and discussions. It might come in handy somewhere.

Chris Andrews

July 25 at 9:09am

Yes, I think that'll be great for community stuff; and we won't have to worry super-super much about having forums on the website that way.

Monica Wesley

July 25 at 9:40am

Ok, so I know I've been slack the last few days in jumping in on Zotero and Diigo – I will catch up this weekend and become, once again, a fully contributing member of this group.

Chris Andrews

July 25 at 2:05pm

Please let me know if my Tier-2 podcast is too long/too fast, for future reference.

Thanks

Ronda L Wery

July 25 at 3:13pm

Way to go, Chris, doing a podcast!! I can't wait to hear it.

Kristi Dunks

July 26 at 9:15pm

I think I will be near a computer around 7 CST so if we need to meet I should be available.

Chris Andrews

July 27 at 2:44pm

When are we thinking would be a good time to get together and talk about our analyses or plan our discussion? Or do we have ideas already and want to just throw them around here?

Ronda L Wery

July 27 at 2:44pm

I don't have a sash for my merit badge, though. Do they have 'em on E-Bay?

Monica Wesley

July 27 at 3:07pm

I don't know, Chris. I'm plugging away right now on the web mockup. I'm free any night this week if we want to get together and chat. I do really like the idea of an audio component that summarizes our ideas about our analysis and a rhetoric of personal agency.

And before I forget, I need a photo of all of you that you are willing to have posted on the front page of the site, along with a small bio write up. I'd suggest where and in what you got your masters degree, where you currently work and what you do, research interests and anything else you want to share.

Kristi Dunks

July 27 at 3:12pm

I am free anytime today and tomorrow night I should be to my hotel by 0730 PM CST. I really like the audio component idea too, a nice conclusion to what we have done.

Chris Andrews

July 27 at 3:20pm

Well, let's talk about this after class tomorrow, then, as it sounds like Kristi'll be in hotel by that time. An audio component may be tough, and if it doesn't happen, that's okay, but a "formal" discussion (even a short one) still needs to happen. We'll figure it out tomorrow. Bring your planners.

Monica Wesley

July 27 at 3:27pm

Sounds good. The other thing I thought was that, individually, we could record a short audio blurb about our general thoughts about the research and how it relates to personal agency. These could accompany our bios.

Kristi Dunks

July 27 at 3:28pm

I don't think an audio component would be too difficult. I could set up a conference call on freeconference and we could spend a while discussing as a group what we all found. Then, we could just link the file to the site. As someone mentioned before, we should do this later in the week when our analysis is complete.

I'll try to brainstorm some other ideas too! Have fun in class and I will see you tomorrow in the MOO.

Kristi Dunks

July 27 at 3:29pm

Monica- good idea. We could do audio or video for the blurb. That could be cool.

Ronda L Wery

July 27 at 3:31pm

Okay, so we are on for meeting after the Tuesday MOO.

Monica Wesley

July 27 at 3:34pm

I'll working feverishly to get some pdf files out to you tonight with a suggested web layout. Check

your TTU and gmail (Kristi) accounts later tonight.

Ronda L Wery

July 27 at 3:37pm

Sounds good, Monica!

Ronda L Wery

July 28 at 3:28pm

Monica, I never did receive any PDFs last night. Not trying to rush you--just hoping I'm not behind in giving feedback. See you soon in the MOO.

Monica Wesley

July 28 at 4:48pm

Do you have a gmail address? The TTU email seems to not like the PDFs

Chris Andrews

July 29 at 10:32am

Speaking of file types... Monica, did you have a preference for video format?

Monica Wesley

July 29 at 10:49am

I should be able to include Flash video or use Adobe CS3 to convert Quicktime, DV, MPEG, AVI, or Windows media files to the flash format. Will one of those work for you? I haven't really fiddled around with video on web enough to have a preference at this point.

Chris Andrews

July 29 at 10:55am

No, that's good. I can handle it.

By the way (general information to everyone), if you need a good, free video file converter, one that I like a lot is "Any Video Converter." Just FYI.