**20 November 2013, 12:00pm-1:30pm**

**Pugh Hall 210**

**Digital Humanities Working Group (DHWG)**

**Discussion:** **Diving Into Visualization: Tools for Research and Teaching**

**DHWG Conveners**

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**Discussion: Thinking Visually: Seeing Information and Ideologies**

In the first two DHWG meetings of the term, we showcased innovative visualization projects at UF and discussed information visualization practices and ideologies. In this last meeting of the term, we will focus on **visualization tools for research and teaching**. Everyone is encouraged to bring a laptop and a text to analyze. We will test different visualization tools and discuss how we might use these tools in our research and teaching. The DHWG conveners will highlight three tools: Voyant, for text analysis, Geocommons, for mapping, and TimeLiner, for creating timelines. We also ask participants to share with us visualization tools you have used in your own research and teaching.

Resources

* Voyant Tools: <http://voyant-tools.org/>
* Geocommons: <http://geocommons.com/>
* TimeLiner/TimeMapper): <http://timemapper.okfnlabs.org/>

Reading

1. Comparing Corpora in Voyant: <http://www.briancroxall.net/2012/07/18/comparing-corpora-in-voyant-tools/>

Discussion Questions

1. How would you like to be able to work with your texts and other forms of data in your research or teaching?
2. What tips or questions do you have about using visualization tools in your teaching?

**UF Resources/Websites for the Digital Humanities**

## Digital Humanities Working GroupThe UF Digital Humanities Working Group (DHWG) is a group of academic and library faculty, staff, and graduate students who meet monthly to discuss current projects and topics at the intersection of digital technologies and core research needs and questions in the humanities disciplines. The Fall 2013 working groups will focus on Looking at the Humanities; Information and Visualization. We will discuss the various ways in which forms of data and research in the humanities are visualized, the theories behind visualization, and tools for expanding our own visualization practices.

For more information on the Digital Humanities at UF, see [www.uflib.ufl.edu/digitalhumanities](http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/digitalhumanities)

For more information, contact humanities-center@ufl.edu.

**Ongoing DHWG Projects**

The DHWG is sharing related teaching resources and syllabi: <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/digitalhumanities>. To include your syllabus, email Laurie Taylor.

The DHWG is creating a document entitled “Supporting Teaching and Learning in a Digital Age: Needs and Recommendations from the DHWG”. Email skacord@ufl.edu for access to the Google document.

**Upcoming Events in the Digital Humanities**

**Digital Humanities Day, UF’s 2nd Annual with THATCamp-UF and Interface 2014**

**April 24 & 25, Thursday and Friday (reading days)**

**8:15am to 4:30pm**

**Smathers Library East (1A) and online**

\*breakfast, lunch, and coffee/snacks to be provided

**Other Upcoming Events**

Please see the Calendar from the Center for the Humanities & the Public Sphere for other upcoming events: <http://www.humanities.ufl.edu/calendar.html>

Also, please note that pre-planning will soon start for THATCamp-UF for Spring 2014.