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SI 615 Digital Libraries Seminar

Week 7 – Representation of Text and Image
in the Humanities

Themes of this week

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- What is “humanities?”
- Built by scholars versus build for scholars
- Access to content versus using content
- What do we mean by “reusable content”
- Representation of text and image

Guidelines on building collections

- NINCH (2002) –
(recently updated) <http://www.nyu.edu/its/humanities//ninchguide/>
- NARA (1998/2004)
<http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/digitizing-archival-materials.html>
- IMLS/NISO
(2004)
<http://www.niso.org/framework/Framework2.html>
- California Digital Library (1999/2001/2005)
<http://www.cdlib.org/inside/diglib/>

Remediation

- Bolter and Grusin
 - What is the concept?
 - Is it relevant?
 - Digital applications

“...we call the representation of one medium in another "remediation," and we will argue that remediation is a defining characteristic of the new digital media.”

Representing Content Digitally

Enhancement and Technical Rigor

- Original as is
- Original as was
- Original as intended
- Original scene
- Ageing preserved
- Enhancement
- Darkroom magic
- Media only a vehicle

Distinctions apply to digitization and text and a mix.

Frey & Reilly. (1999) *Digital Imaging for Photographic Collections: Foundations for Technical Standards*, 2nd edition

http://www.imagepermanenceinstitute.org/shtml_sub/cat_pubs.shtml

Questions

- What about text and image in the same object?
- What about metadata associations with text and image?
- What is the connection between source and representation?
- How consistent within a given collection of sources?
Across collections through aggregation?

Tools for Humanities Scholars

- ArtStor <http://www.artstor.org/info/>
- David Rumsey Maps
<http://www.davidrumsey.com/>

Tools by Scholars

- Nora Project
<http://www.noraproject.org/>
- Nora Demo
http://www.noraproject.org/nora_demo.php
- IATH. <http://www.iath.virginia.edu/>
- Valley of the Shadow
<http://valley.vcdh.virginia.edu/>
- Whitman Archive.
<http://www.whitmanarchive.org/>

Other Things (hypertext experiments)

- Vectors <http://www.vectorsjournal.org/>
- The Dickens Web
<http://www.eastgate.com/catalog/Dickens.html>
- Stuart Moulthrop: It's Not What You Think
<http://iat.ubalt.edu/moulthrop/hypertexts/inwyt/index.html>

Pleiades Project

<http://pleiades.stoa.org>

Thank you!

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