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Reading List

Week 2: September 12, 2008

Topic: Summer 2008 Community Informatics Internships
Readings:

• Frequently Asked Questions - Creative Commons
• "Wanna Work Together?" Video

Week 3: September 19, 2008

Topic: Pushing IT: $15,000 Phone Bill and Other Adventures With Technology in a Global(izing) Context

Week 4: September 26, 2008

Reading: Google challenge: Got an idea to help the world? Here is $10 million.

Week 5: October 3, 2008

Topic: Corporate Citizenship

Week 6: October 10, 2008

Topic: Social Entrepreneurship
Readings:

• Larry Brilliant talk on YouTube
Week 7: October 17, 2008

**Topic:** Rural Connectivity and the Transformation of Poverty  

Week 8: October 24, 2008

**Topic:** The OER Movement: Status and More Opportunities  
**Readings:** Toru Iiyoshi and M. S. Vijay Kumar, ed. Opening Up Education The Collective Advancement of Education through Open Technology, Open Content, and Open Knowledge. September 2008.

- Read Chapter 17 "Revolutionizing Education through Innovation: Can Openness Transform Teaching and Learning?" starting on page 261 and the concluding chapter on page 429.

Week 9: October 31, 2008

**Topic:** IT and International Development  
**Readings:**

  - This report is a quite thoughtful piece by someone with long involvement in the World Bank's information programs - it's a nice honest assessment, and also a useful summary of work in the field circa 2004.

  - The second reading is just out and more general, and is a better review not so much of IT & development, but new directions in development thinking, esp. social entrepreneurship-type stuff. It de-centers IT, i.e., reminds people that IT is a relatively small piece within a much wider development story. It's also easily readable and touches on some empirical projects. Although SOME of the claims of the social entrepreneurship / base of the pyramid crowd are vastly oversold, this particular piece is a bit more moderate in the way it balances large-scale government / aid endeavors with the importance of market forces. This would be good for us to talk through with the seminar as a whole.
Week 10: November 7, 2008

**Topic:** Panel on status and impact of Open Educational Resources movement at the University of Michigan

**Readings:**

- Open.Michigan Initiative
- OCWC - OER in Health
- Ted Hanss. Article on Health OER (on CTools)
- 2009 Health OER Design Phase Proposal to Hewlett Foundation Education Program – Open Educational Resources Priority (on CTools)
- dScribe Process
- Open.Michigan Wiki and associated resources

Week 11: November 14, 2008

**Topic:** Experience with analytic work with the Obama campaign

**Readings:**

- MyBarackObama
- Smearbusters website (no longer active as of January 2009)

Week 12: November 21, 2008

**Topic:** The W. K. Kellogg Foundation's International Activities