DOCC 2013: Gender & Sexuality in Media and Popular Culture: Dialogues in Feminism & Technology

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Friday, August 30 (no class on Labor Day)

Introduction to the Course

FAQs on FemTechNet: http://femtechnet.newschool.edu/the-network/femtechnet-faq/


Alexandra Juhasz and Anne Balsamo, "An Idea whose time is here: FemTechNet, a Distributed Online Collaborative Course (DOCC)," Ada: Journal of Gender, New Media and Technology 1:1 (November 2012).
http://ada.fembotcollective.org/2012/11/issue1-juhasz

Liz Losh, "Bodies in Classrooms: Feminist Dialogues on Technology"
http://dmicentral.net/blog/liz-losh/bodies-classrooms-feminist-dialogues-technology-part-1

Liz Losh, "Learning from Failure: Feminist Dialoguers on Technology"
http://dmicentral.net/blog/liz-losh/learning-from-failure-dialogues-technology-part-ii

Press Coverage of the DOCC so far:

http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2013.08.19/feminist-professors-create-alternative-moocs

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/08/16/femtechnet-online-courses-teach-feminist-technology_n_3763863.html

Monday, September 9

TechnoFeminism

Judy Wacjman: TechnoFeminism, Introduction
http://www.amazon.com/TechnoFeminism-Judy-Wacjman/dp/0745630448#reader_0745630448

Martin Heidegger: “The Question Concerning Technology
http://lmc.gatech.edu/~xinwei/classes/reading/Heidegger/Heidegger_techquestion2.pdf

Langdon Winner: “Do Artifacts Have Politics?”

Monday, September 16

WikiFeminism

Adrienne Wadewitz video

Readings:
Judy Wacjman: TechnoFeminism, Chapters 1-2

Anne Balsamo: Designing Culture: The Work of the Technological Imagination

“Gendering the Technological Imagination”


Adrianne Wadewitz: “How to Use Wikipedia and a Teaching Tool”
http://dmcicentral.net/blog/liz-losh-how-to-use-wikipedia-teaching-tool-adrianne-wadewitz

Monday, September 23

Labor

Video Dialogue with Judy Wacjman and Anne Balsamo

Readings:

Judy Wacjman: TechnoFeminism. Chapters 3-5, and


Lisa Nakamura: “Economics of Digital Production in East Asia: iPhone Girls and the Transnational Circuits of Cool”

Radhika Gajjala: “E-merging Online-Offline Practices and Identities in Global Labor and Marketing”

Monday, September 30

Sexualities

Video Dialogue with Faith Wilding and Julie Levin Russo

Links:
Faith Wilding: http://faithwilding.refugia.net/
subRosa: http://cyberfeminism.net/
Julie Levin Russo: http://i-i-r.org

Readings:
VNX Matrix project
"The Cyberfeminist Manifesto"
"Bitch Mutant Manifesto"

Donna Haraway, "A Cyborg Manifesto: Science, Technology, and Socialist-Feminism in the Late Twentieth Century" (1985) (HTML) (TEXT)

Monday, October 7

Race

Video Dialogue with Lisa Nakamura and Maria Fernandez

Readings:

http://refugia.net/domainerrors/DE1b_cyber.pdf
http://dhdebates.gc.cuny.edu/debates/text/29

Monday, October 14

Difference

Video Dialogue with Shu Lea Cheang and Kim Sawchuk
Link:

Readings:
Shu Lea Cheang: http://www.compostingthenet.net

http://babywork.biz

http://www.u-k-i.co/

Shu Lea Cheang Interview with Matthews Fuller, “Compost Your Orgasm Trash,” Mute (February 29, 2012)

http://www.metamute.org/editorial/articles/compost-your-orgasm-trash


http://ois.statbiblioteket.dk/index.php/mediakultur/article/view/7313


Monday, October 21

Body

Video Dialogue with Alondra Nelson and Jessie Daniels
Readings:


Jessie Daniels: "Rethinking Cyberfeminism(s): Race, Gender, and Embodiment," in Women’s Studies Quarterly 37: 1&2, Spring/Summer 2009


Monday, October 28

Machine

Video Dialogue with Wendy Chun and Kelly Dobson

Reading:

Wendy Chun: Programmed Visions (Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2011), Chapter 1

Kelly Dobson: http://web.media.mit.edu/~monster/

Monday, November 4

System

Video Dialogue with Janet Murray and Brenda Laurel
Readings:

In Focus: Fandom and Feminism

Lisa Nakamura, “It’s a Nigger in Here! Kill the Nigger!”: User-Generated Media Campaigns Against Racism, Sexism, and Homophobia in Digital Games.”


Monday, November 11

Place

Video Dialogue with Sharon Irish and Radhika Gajjala

Readings:


Sharon Irish: Suzanne Lacy: Spaces Between (University of Minnesota Press, 2010), 83-106
Mona Hatoum:
http://bombsite.com/issues/63/articles/2130
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0vzOBMHcOs
whitecube.com/exhibitions/mona_hatoum_bunker_masons_yard_2011/

GIS Mapping, Text Mining and Visualization demonstration with Peter Leonard

Monday, November 18

Transformation

Video presentation of Hackers: It's the Right Thing to Do, with guest filmmaker Rebecca Wexler

Readings:


Gabriella Coleman: Coding Freedom