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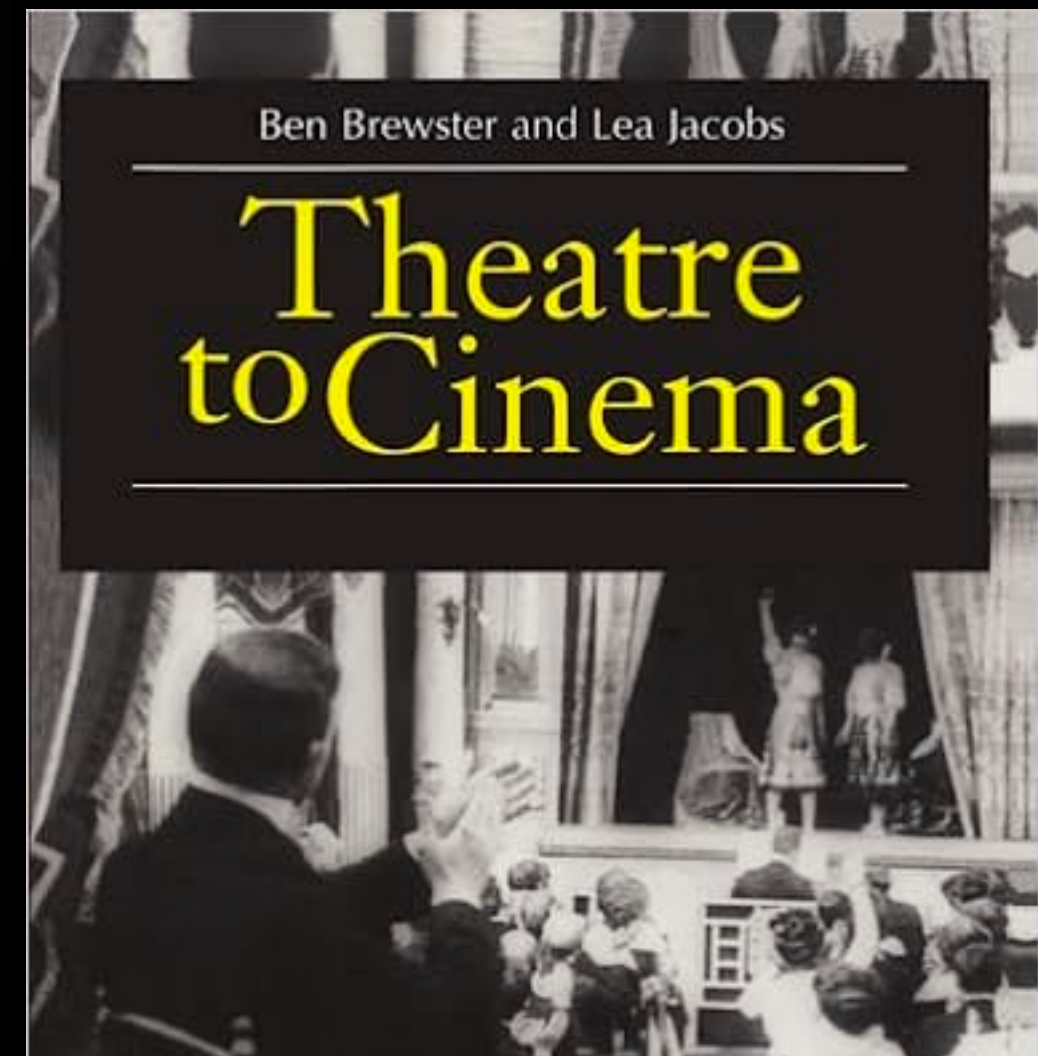
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*The Lonedale Operator* (Griffith, 1911)







*Drawn on Stone by John Rogers*

Ah Deggio Svenarli—  
E il core è commosso.

Act 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Scene 12.



*Printed by C. Hullmandel.*

Risolvi. O core,  
Più tempo—non vha.

# Silent Film & Melodramatic Conventions

Title	Year	Virtuous heroine	Cruel villain	Terrible evil	Heroine in peril	Broad gestures
The Lonedale Operator	1911	x	x	x	x	x
Birth of a Nation	1915	x	x	x	x	x
Get Rich Quick	1912	x				x





*The Lonedale Operator* (Griffith, 1911)



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## *Literature Is not Data: Against Digital Humanities* by Stephen Marche

**'Big data is coming for your books.'**

October 28th, 2012

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*Data banks are the Encyclopedia of tomorrow. They transcend the capacity of each of their users. They are "nature" for postmodern man.*

— Jean-François Lyotard, *The Postmodern Condition: A Report on Knowledge*

BIG DATA IS COMING for your books. It's already come for everything else. All human endeavor has by now generated its own monadic mass of data, and through these vast accumulations of ciphers the robots now endlessly scour for significance much the way cockroaches scour for nutrition in the enormous bat dung piles hiding in Bornean caves. The recent *Automate This*, a smart book with a stupid title, offers a fascinatingly general look at the new algorithmic culture: 60 percent of trades on the stock market today take place with virtually no human oversight. Artificial intelligence has already changed health care and pop music, baseball, electoral politics, and several aspects of the law. And now, as an afterthought to an afterthought, the algorithms have arrived at literature, like an army which, having conquered Italy, turns its attention to San Marino.



# When *Data* Is a Dirty Word: A Survey to Understand Data Management Needs Across Diverse Research Disciplines

by Alicia Hofelich Mohr, Josh Bishoff, Carolyn Bishoff, Steven Braun, Christine Storino and Lisa R. Johnston

In recent years, academic research libraries have been actively surveying faculty in order to understand their research data management needs in light of new requirements and expectations around data management planning from the federal funding agencies [1, 2, 3]. Evidence based on cross-disciplinary surveys of faculty suggests that needs vary by department [4, 5, 6, 7]. Additionally, a survey of researchers in the humanities, natural sciences and social sciences at the University of

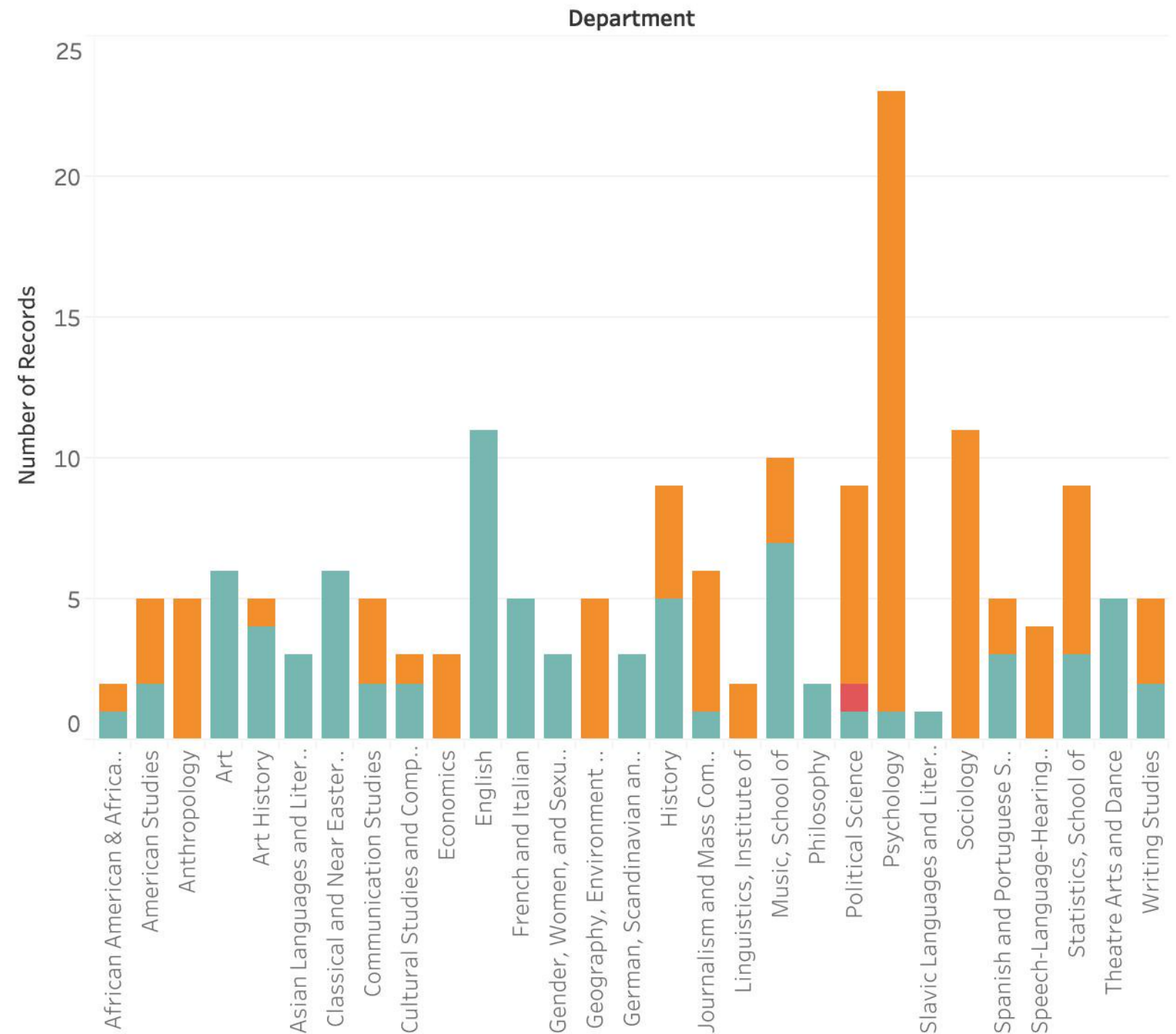
To better understand disciplinary differences in the data management needs of local researchers, we set out to create a survey that would be sensitive to the language researchers used to describe their own work practices. As data management services benefit a wide spectrum of digital scholarly activity, it is important to engage researchers who describe the products of their scholarly or creative work as something other than “data.” To engage these researchers, we first introduced data management as a broad

file types (for instance, [4]), not all researchers see the materials they work with as “data,” and, more importantly, not all agree with the notion that those materials even should be considered data [8].

Data

Research materials

## "Data" or "Research Materials"?



Data obtained from Alicia Hofelich Mohr, University of Minnesota, from faculty in UofM's College of Liberal Arts.



### **Box 1.1 Definitions of Key Terms Used in This Report**

*Data* are facts, numbers, letters, and symbols that describe an object, idea, condition, situation, or other factors. A data element is the smallest unit of information to which reference is made. This report is concerned primarily with digital data, although a large portion of raw data is recorded as analog data, which also can be digitized. For purposes of this report the terms *data* and *facts* are treated interchangeably, as is the case in legal contexts.

United States National Academy of Sciences, *A Question of Balance: Private Rights and the Public Interest in Scientific and Technical Databases* (1999)

## Humanities Approaches to Graphical Display

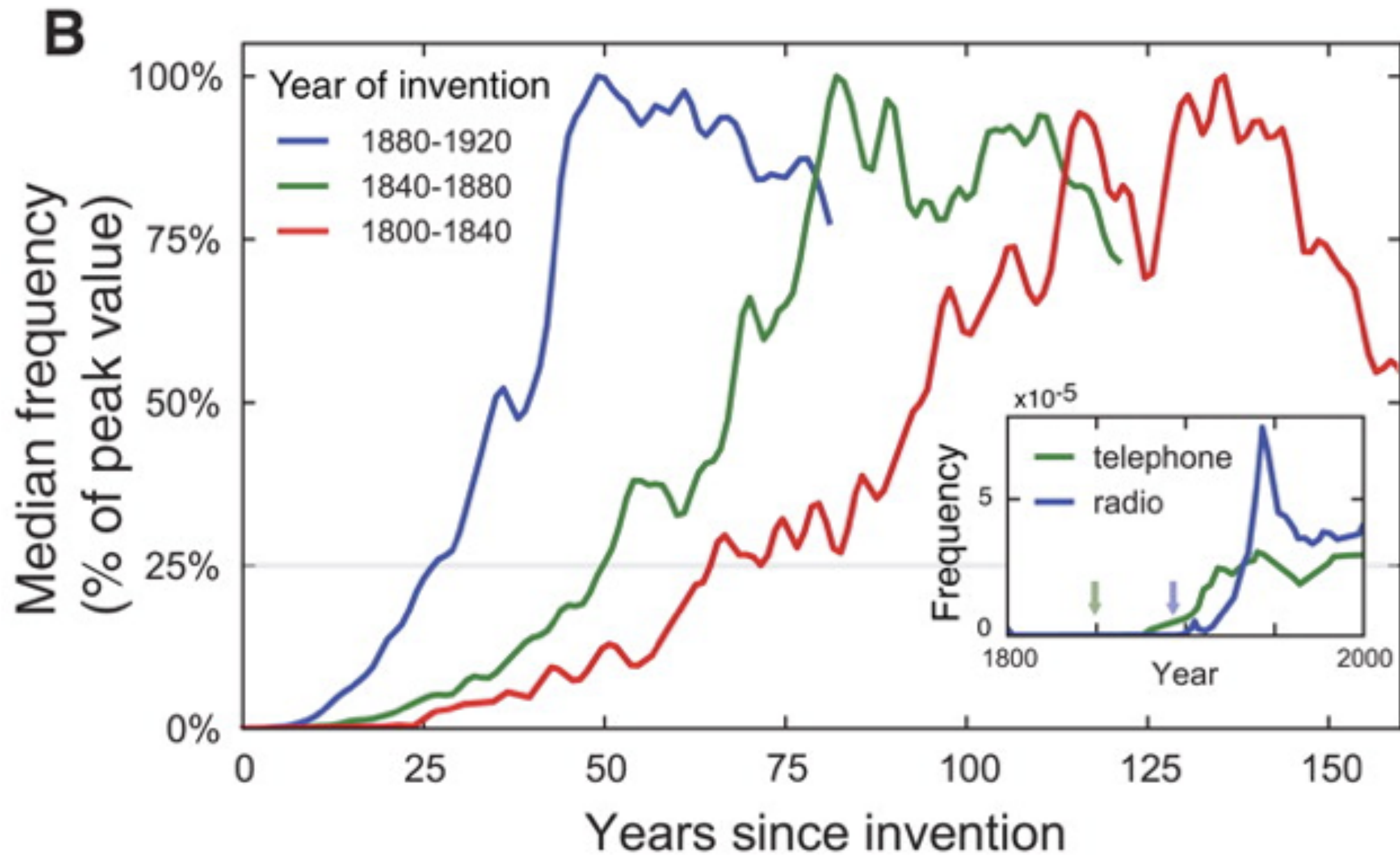
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### Abstract

As digital humanists have adopted visualization tools in their work, they have borrowed methods developed for the graphical display of information in the natural and social sciences. These tools carry with them assumptions of knowledge as observer-independent and certain, rather than observer co-dependent and interpretative. This paper argues that we need a humanities approach to the graphical expression of interpretation. To begin, the concept of *data* as a given has to be rethought through a humanistic lens and characterized as *capta*, taken and constructed. Next, the forms for graphical expression of *capta* need to be more nuanced to show ambiguity and complexity. Finally, the use of a humanistic approach, rooted in a co-dependent relation between observer and experience, needs to be expressed according to graphics built *from* interpretative models. In summary: all data have to be understood as *capta* and the conventions created to express observer-independent models of knowledge need to be radically reworked to express humanistic interpretation.



**Fig. 3 Cultural turnover is accelerating.**



From Michel et al., "Quantitative Analysis of Culture Using Millions of Digitized Books," *Science* 331:6014 (Jan. 2011)



# BIG DATA, LITTLE DATA, NO DATA

SCHOLARSHIP IN THE NETWORKED WORLD

Christine L. Borgman





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5	The Railroad Porter	Gradie Slaughter Brown			
6	Unknown (Jesus as a man of color)			Morris	
7	Jack Johnson vs. Jim Flynn	Flynn Johnson			
8	A Day at Tuskegee	Washington	Marshall		
9	Notable Negroes and Their Achievements				
10	John Henry at Hampton: A Kind of Stude...		Miner		Miner
11	Love Me Love My Dog			Haynes	
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parameterization

Currently presenting 1025 people, 4772 events, 4003 addresses and 4031 documentary sources related to Harlem, 1915-1930

# Digital Harlem

Everyday Life 1915-1930

HOME

ABOUT

THE MAP

SOURCES

HOW TO...

FEATURED

EVENTS PEOPLE PLACES

Type of Event

- ✓ Select ...
- Abduction
- Abortion
- Arrest
- Assault
- Assault (Domestic)
- Assault (on Police)
- Automobile crash
- Automobile theft
- Baby Farm
- Baseball Game
- Basketball Game (F)
- Basketball Game (M)
- Billiards Match
- Blackmail
- Bowling
- Boxing Bout
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- Church Service

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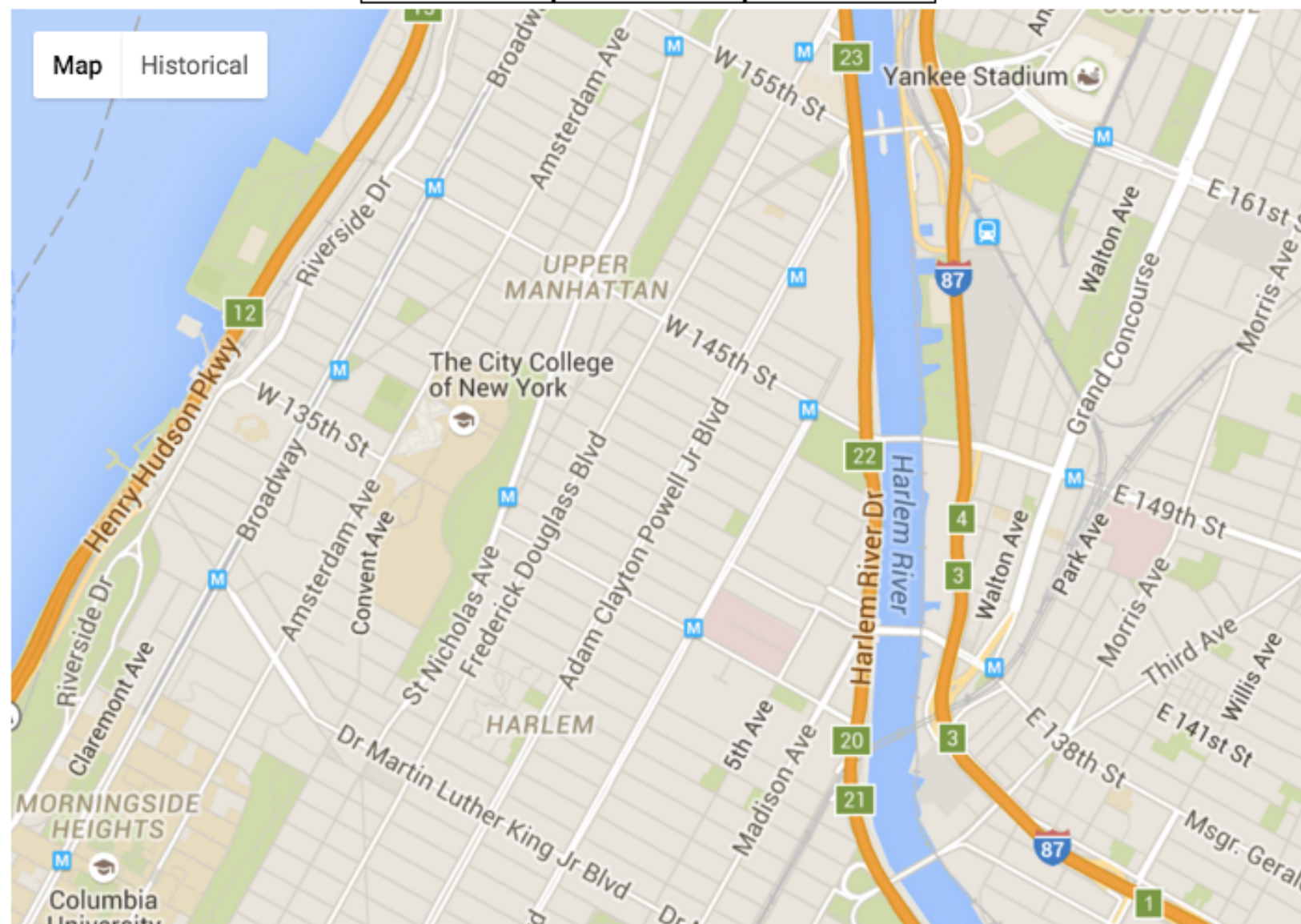
1920

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1930

Map

Historical



MAPS LAYERS LEGEND





ontological stability

# Don't Class Me in Antiquities!

## Giving Voice to Native American Materials

*Kelly Webster and Ann Doyle*

### Introduction

*Kelly Webster, Monographs Cataloger at the O'Neill Library at Boston College, and Ann Doyle, Branch Librarian for Xwi7xwa Library at the University of British Columbia's First Nations House of Learning, share a conversation about some of the issues related to the cataloging and classification of American Indian materials, and give an overview of some alternative practices.*

**KW: Have you ever noticed how American Indians are treated in Library of Congress cataloging? In both obvious and subtle ways, American Indians are treated as a remnant of the past.**

...made to work with tribes to establish the pronunciation of tribal names, there is still bias and problematic treatment of Native topics in the Library of Congress classification schedules and subject headings. The E schedules in LC classification are a dumping ground for all things Indian. Medicine, education, psychology? You won't find material on those topics in the R, L or BF schedules if it involves Native Americans, because historic practice segregated us into a historic people. We are still here, though, and people working in library services to Native peoples are finding established practice



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### **Brian Deer Classification Scheme**

- A REFERENCE MATERIALS
- AB ENCYCLOPEDIAS
- AD BIBLIOGRAPHIES
- AF ATLASES, MAPS, GAZETTEERS
- AH FUNDING GUIDES & SOURCES
- AJ STATISTICS
- AM LEGAL CASES
- AP STATUTES
- AS DICTIONARIES - English Only
  
- B HISTORY - BC
- BA HISTORY & CULTURE - BC FIRST NATIONS
- BB NATURAL HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY - BC
  
- BC HAIDA
- BD TSIMSHIAN
- BDA TSIMSHIAN - COASTAL
- BDC GITKSAN
- BDE NISGA'A
- BE KWAKWAKA'WAKW
- BF NUU-CHAH-NULTH
- BG NUXALK
- BH HEILTSUK



replicability

boundedness

"I have pressed at the limits of the case file and the document, speculated about what might have been, imagined the things whispered in dark bedrooms, and amplified moments of withholding, escape and possibility, moments when the vision and dreams of the wayward seemed possible."

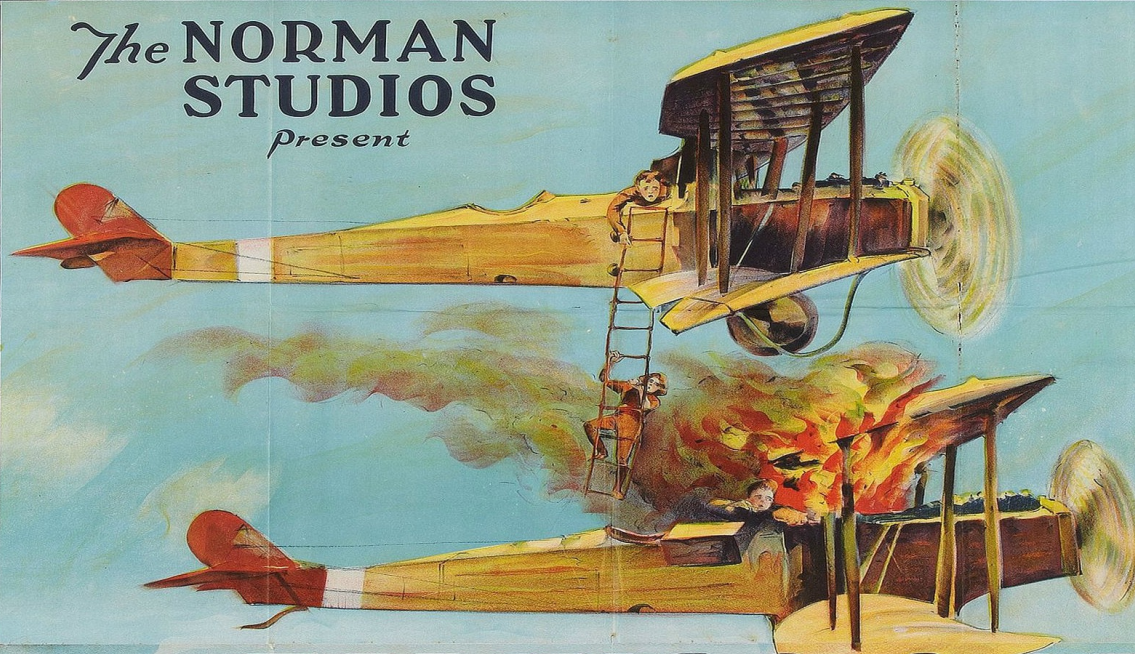
— Saidiya Hartman, *Wayward Lives, Beautiful Experiments* (2019)



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woman

womyn



Jeffrey Marsh, “What is Genderfluid?” (2015),  
YouTube.com

## About: [Male](#)



An Entity of Type : [Thing](#), from Named Graph : <http://dbpedia.org>, within Data Space : [dbpedia.org](http://dbpedia.org)

A male ( ♂ ) organism is the physiological sex that produces sperm. Each spermatozoon can fuse with a larger female gamete, or ovum, in the process of fertilization. A male cannot reproduce sexually without access to at least one ovum from a female, but some organisms can reproduce both sexually and asexually.

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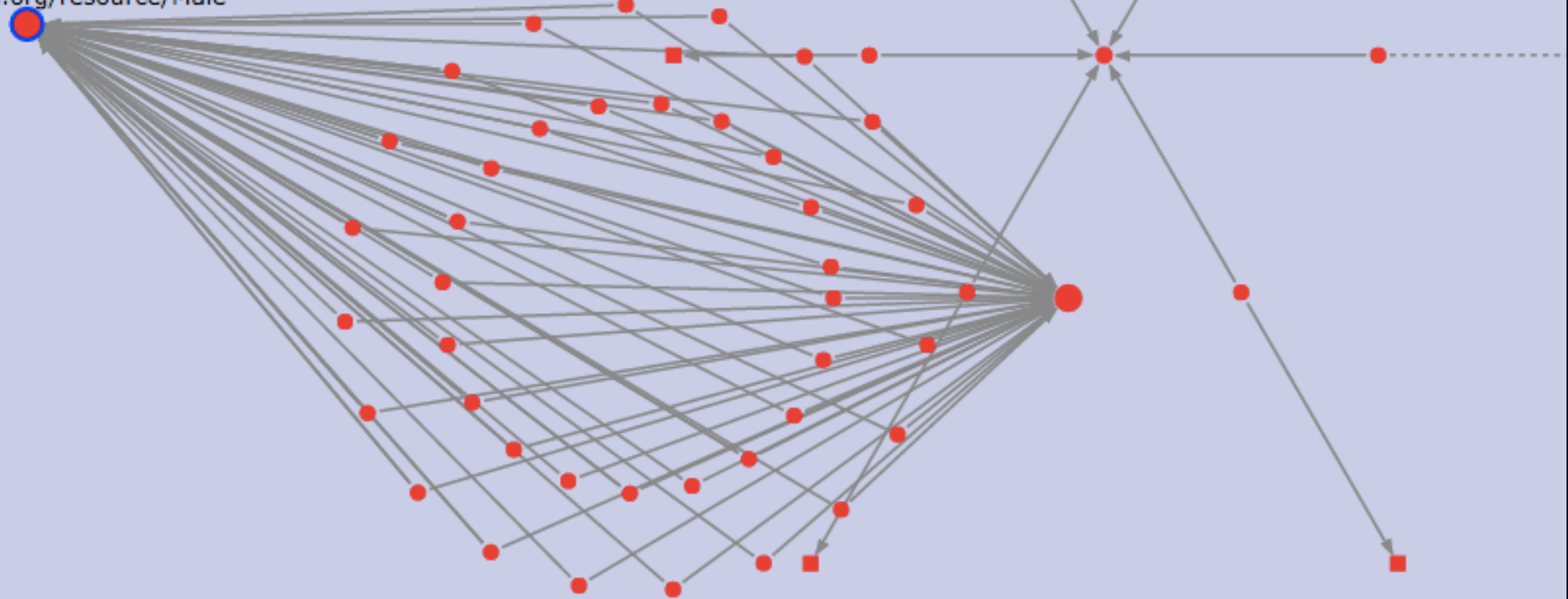
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<http://dbpedia.org/resource/Male>





# Femmes (https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0000440)

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## Preferred Label

Femmes

## Description

A feminine person of any gender, though it is common to use the term within lesbian communities

## Identifier

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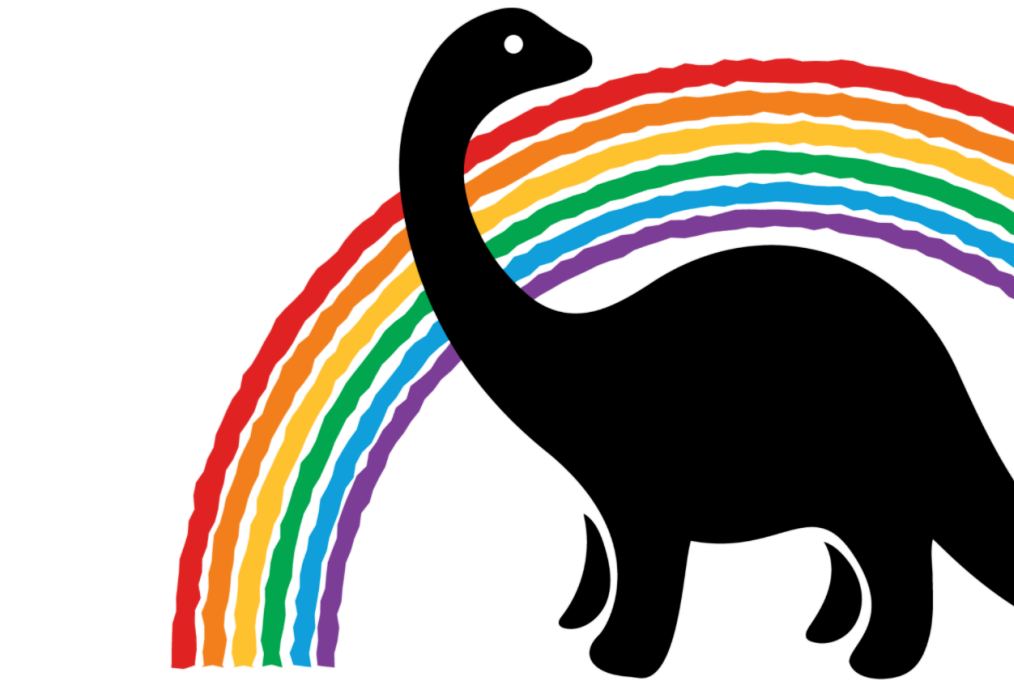
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## Broader Terms



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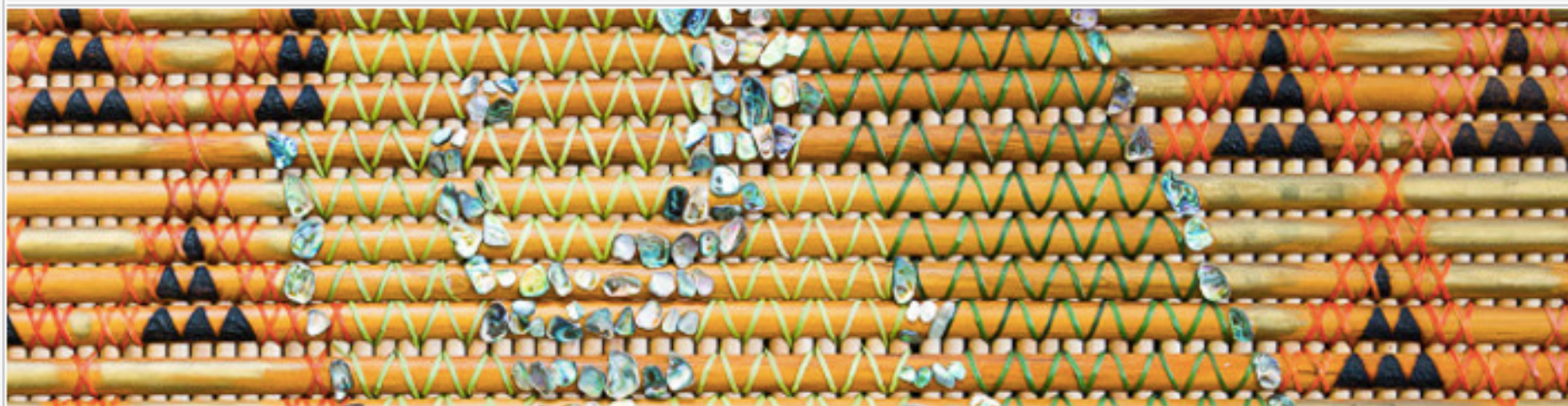
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waka (canoe)



spacecraft



# Mimi Onuoha

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## On Missing Data Sets

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*This repo will be periodically updated with more information, links, and topics.*

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## Overview

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### What is a Missing Data Set?

"Missing data sets" are my term for the blank spots that exist in spaces that are otherwise data-saturated. My interest in them stems from the observation that within many spaces where large amounts of data are collected, there are often empty spaces where no data live. Unsurprisingly, this lack of data typically correlates with issues affecting those who are most vulnerable in that context.

The word "missing" is inherently normative. It implies both a lack and an ought: something does not exist, but it should. That which should be somewhere is not in its expected place; an established system is disrupted by distinct absence. Just because some type of data doesn't exist doesn't mean it's missing, and the idea of missing data sets is inextricably tied to a

“A just attention to the dead, I argue, requires digital humanists to learn from black freedom struggles and radical coalition building that offer new models for ‘social justice, accessibility, and inclusion.’”

—Jessica Marie Johnson. “Black [Life] Studies and Slavery [Death] Studies at the Digital Crossroads.” *Social Text*, 2018, 23.



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# Numbers will not save us: Agonistic data practices

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## ABSTRACT

Contemporary forms of data activism promise community organizers the means to pursue political action, but they simultaneously threaten to responsibilize individuals and communities for documenting collective harms that are already known to the state. In this article, we argue that the effectiveness of data activism for social justice is contingent on the political context in which it is practiced. We argue that data activism is most effective when it is practiced in a context of political struggle, where it can be used to challenge the state's power and to demand accountability.

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