**Behind the Scenes Paper**

**Due Wednesday, April 25, 2022, 5 PM ET**

For your final assignment, you will reflect on your oral history project in light of what you’ve learned this semester. Consider how your experiences working on the project have prepared you to work on other digital and/or public history initiatives in the future. In your paper, address each of the following questions.

Questions:

* What technologies (hardware and software) did you use?
* Did you encounter any technical problems?
* What did you learn about working in a team environment (i.e., one made up of fellow students, technology and library specialists, and members of the community)?
* What, if anything, would you do differently on a future digital history project?
* Finally, what did you learn about producing historical materials for the general public?

Formatting Requirements:

* Your paper should be at least 1,000 words in length and no longer than 1,200 words in length.
* Your paper should be double-spaced and typed in 12-point font.
* Please include a “Works Cited” section with citations for any readings, websites, and/or other sources you reference in your paper.
* If you include a direct quote from a reading, website, or other source, you must also cite it with a footnote or parenthetical citation.

Since our last class is on Thursday, April 21, this paper will be due during finals period on Wednesday, April 25, at 5 PM ET. You will submit your paper via MyCourses. This assignment is worth 10% of your semester grade.

**Updates, April 7, 2022**:

- The correct due date is Wednesday, April **27**, NOT the 25th.

- Second, some of you may receive further extensions on your oral history projects due to difficulty scheduling your interviews. You might want to start your behind-the-scenes papers in the interim. As such, I am going to expand what you can write about to give you greater flexibility. You can focus on the oral history project, or you can write more broadly about the course. In the latter case, you would address the following points:

* Reflect on the technologies you’ve used / learned about in the course.
* Discuss any interesting technical problems you’ve encountered in class, whether during workshops, working on your final project, or through the homework readings.
* Discuss what you learned about working on collaborative projects.
* Discuss future digital projects you’d like to pursue, including ways you might do tasks from the class differently.
* Finally, discuss what you learned about producing historical materials for the public.

The same formatting requirements apply.