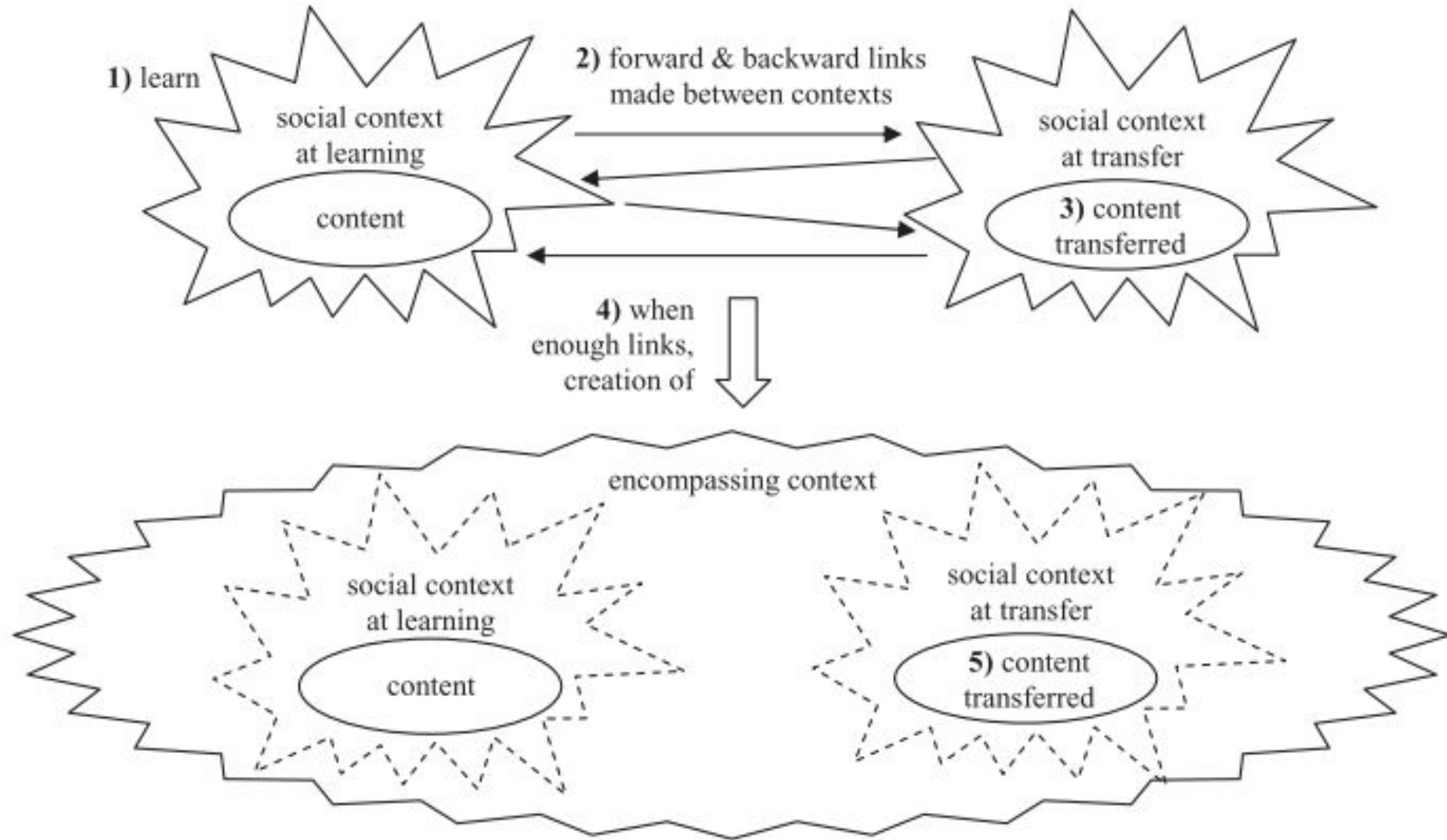


Aligning Student Discourse with Expansive Framing in Online Teacher Education

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Social context-based approaches



Expansive Framing

Pedagogical model to encourage transfer.

Table 1. Intercontextuality proposed by expansive framing and hypothesized transfer mechanisms triggered by student alignment with expansive framing (from Lam et al., Under review).

Contextual aspect	Proposed intercontextuality	Transfer mechanism
Time: <i>What is the temporal horizon of the learning activity?</i>	The learning activity is part of an ongoing activity that started in the past and will continue into the future.	Students draw on prior knowledge during the lesson. They learn current content expecting to be able to use it in the future.
Place: <i>What is the spatial extent of the learning activity?</i>	The learning activity is relevant outside the classroom (e.g., to rest of school, homes, local community, places around the world, other professional and academic institutions, etc.).	Students draw on experiences from other places during the lesson. They learn current content expecting it to be applicable in other places.
Participants: <i>Who is involved with the learning activity?</i>	The learning activity is relevant to a broad community that extends throughout and beyond the classroom.	Students consider the relevance of interactions with others during the lesson. They learn current content expecting it to be of interest to others.
Roles: <i>What is the relationship between learners and what they are learning?</i>	Learners are authors who are responsible for developing, sharing, and defending their own ideas.	Students feel accountable for remembering, using, and sharing the ideas they author. They may also adopt the practice of generating and adapting ideas to attempt to solve novel problems.
Topics: <i>What is the topical scope of the learning activity?</i>	The learning activity is part of larger and interrelated units, topics, and subject areas.	Students see connections between the lesson and other topics they have studied and will study. They expect those connections to be helpful in understanding content.

How did students take up expansive framing in their discourse?

Context

Spring 2018 online undergraduate Educational Psychology class which helps pre-service teachers connect learning theory with educational practices.

15 students

8 - Visual Arts Education

4 - World Language Education (2 Spanish, 1 French, 1 Chinese)

2 - Physical Education

1 - Dietetics

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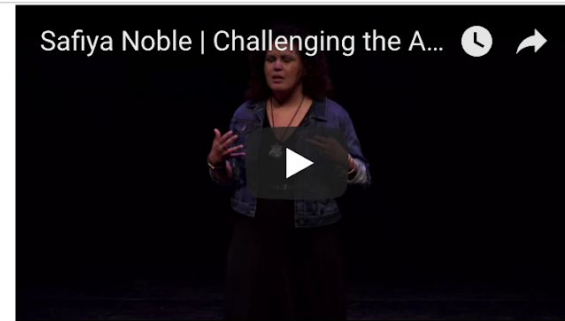
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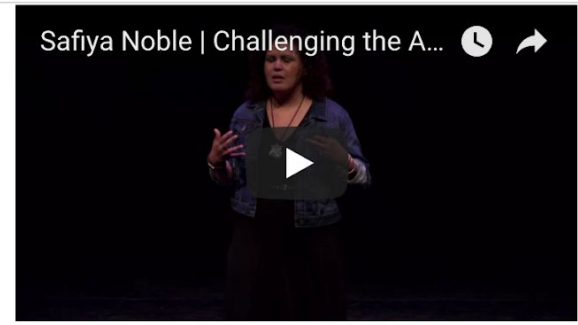
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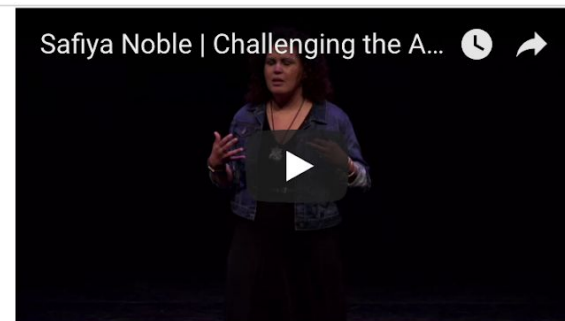
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Code	Description	Example
Time Past	Refers to a past time that what was learned then can, should be, or has been used.	“I had an English teacher my senior year...” “This reminded me of last semester...”
Time Future	Refers to a future time in which what is learn can, should be, would be, or has been used.	“In my future classroom I’d like to...” “Teachers need to...”
Place	Refers to another place outside of the course in which what is learned can, should be, or has been used.	“In my field experience...” “At the high school...” “At home...”
Topic	Refers to a non-course topic in which what is learned can, should be, or has been used.	“In my content area of visual arts...” “My Pluralism in Education course talked about this...”
Participants	Refers to other person(s) other than the teacher that one can, should be, or has communicated what one has learned.	“Pre-service teachers could use this to...” “This really applies to students...”
Accountable	Holds others accountable for sharing knowledge by directly engaging others with questions to encourage threaded discussion and/or responding directly to a peer's statement by answering and/or referring to a specific question/comment.	“How would you...?” “Leslie’s comment helped me think about...” “I agree with your claim that...”
Author	Presents themselves as authoring knowledge.	“I think this is important...” “We also should consider...”

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Increase of expansively framing topics over time

Unit (Dates)	% Reference to Topics
Introduction (Jan 8-14)	38%
Behaviorism and Social Cognitive Theory (Jan 15-28)	59%
Cognitive (Jan 29-Feb 11)	64%
Sociocultural (Feb 12-Mar 4)	75%
Moving Across Theories (Mar 5-11)	88%
Constructivism (Mar 19-Apr 1)	89%

Next steps

Finish coding (still have the final two units)

Develop a rubric for assessing the expansiveness of each post (0-4 scale)

Deeper dive into the data

- How do students use expansive framing in more generative ways?
- How can we design for that?

	#	%
Direct annotation (lvl 0)	237	66%
Direct reply (lvl 1)	97	27%
Threaded reply (lvl 2+)	26	7%
Total	360	100%

Designing for learning with social web annotation

Instructions for students participation in social web annotations that is emphasized throughout the course

In this class we will be using web annotations as a way to **participate in a larger discussion** surrounding the articles that we will read as well as facilitate **making connections to other content** such as other articles we are reading in the class or content you may read or interact with outside of class. The web annotations can also help us **make connections to prior experiences you may have had, current experiences you are having, or potential future experiences you may have (e.g., your field experience, future classroom, or work-related experiences).**