**Project Title**

**The C.W. Mills Award and can one measure “Thank You?”**

**Project Description**

**In this project, I try to address various questions. Can extracting information from the prefaces of all of the C.W. Mills book awards reveal any patterns? Where did the winning authors go to college, receive their PhD, and where was the university of employment when they won the award? Who was the publisher? Who was thanked the most and who thanked others the most? Can basic SNA metrics shed any light on these inquires?**

**Image: This picture shows something and yet also nothing, it represents my project very well.**



**Summary of Results: A detailed outline of what has been achieved during the work on your project at the program**

**First and foremost, exploring and finding nothing – and having both pain and joy in the process. It took more time than I thought to prepare the data with Mathematica. And it was more challenging than I thought it would be to create the requisite functions to analyze the data in a directed graph and preclude the disconnected sub-graphs. Nonetheless, I did find some tentative answers to the questions above. Finally, my stupid computer won’t do what I want it to do; it only does what I tell it to do!**

**Future Work: A paragraph of plain text describing possible future directions of your work**

**Due to my incompetency in the Wolfram Language (one more language whereby I will be a lifelong illiterate?), I still wonder if the following (and more) rules or principles can be explored with respect to my data:** 1) Dunbar’s 2) Zipf’s, 3) Sarnoff’s, 4) Odlyzko’s, 5) Metcalfe’s, 6) Reed’s, 7) Feigenbaum’s Constant, and any others that measure (rates of) change? And here I really start rambling into Neverland, what about 8) Cellular Automata, 9) Agent Based Modeling, 10) Self-Organized Criticality, 11) Phase Transitions and12) Fractal Geometry? What appropriate Functions [ ] can help elucidate “thank you?” Finally, can key nodes or links be highlighted (visualizations) using a Manipulate Function (for years 1 to n)? If some of these questions can be ascertained from Mills corpus, can these test be replicated with another corpus of “winners”?