I have been curious about many things for many years. So curious, in fact, that I have various academic degrees from seemingly-disparate fields (business, sociology, and theology). Call me dumb or persistent – both? And so, before my life goes around the sun for a 49th time, I have been investigating historical documents and how the WL may elucidate social networks. And recently, the prefaces of a select group of books have peaked my interest. Last year my RA came to the 2018 WSS and told me to apply/attend. And so, with the guidance of some mentors, I was able to add another tool to my toolkit in this ongoing journey of having the privilege, and blessing, to continue to explore and find nothing.

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



**I learned, 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 my initial research. And, I realized, my stupid computer won’t do what I want it to do; it only does what I tell it to do!**