
ENG 798 Final Project Meeting Notes

Date: March 5th, 2025

Notetaker: Haley

Link to Previous Meeting's Notes: [☰ 2_26_25](#)

Previous Action Items

Haley's Items

- Submit charter

Brody's Items

- Work on metadata sheet

Meeting Agenda

- Review progress on metadata


Notes

- Metadata
 - Brody created a Python script for scraping the records
 - Data issues:
 - Genre – what to include and not include? In one case there's a drafted letter from the governor that was never put out
 - Sometimes there will be one “record” that has multiple letters
 - We will use the metadata sheet as a jumping off point for specific sheets for our cleaning that is based on our specific visualizations
 - Photos have asterisks where the information is likely accurate but may need review when we're cleaning
- Organizing cleaning
 - Text analysis – looking at text networks

- Social network analysis
- Mapping
- Research questions
 - Text analysis: Are there linguistic or discursive patterns that differentiate the different actors sending/receiving these letters?
 - Mapping: Where were some of the photos taken? Can they be visualized with other relevant historical information relating to particular protests and events in Raleigh, and what does that reveal and potentially make visible? This is envisioned in particular with the goal of making spatial visualization of these records accessible to the public as part of a digital exhibit
 - Social network analysis:
- Literature we need to cover
 - Overall:
 - Oral History:
 - Augusto, Geri, Wesley Hogan and Danita Mason-Hogans (2022)
 - Ortiz (2021)
 - Text analysis:
 - Discourse Analysis:
 - Benwell & Stokoe (2006)
 - Bamberg et al.
 - De Fina
 - Social network analysis:
 - Methods...
 - Smagorinsky (2008)
 - Projects...
 - Mapping:

- Pettijohn, B. (2022)
- Roberts & Butler (2022)

Upcoming Assignment Deadlines

-  ENG798_McCurdy_Kinsler_ResearchProposal | March 24th

Action Items

Haley's Action Items

- Add to literature review & potential subnotes
- Create a GitHub repository
- Draft research questions w/ focus on mapping & text analysis/discourse

Brody's Action Items

- Add to literature review & potential subnotes
- Draft research questions
- Focus on:
 - SNA
 - Discourse
 - Oral History
- Identify gaps in literature
- Finish Memorandum Data Upload

Agenda for Next Meeting

- Review changes to literature review
- Review & refine research questions
- Review the GitHub set-up