

HIST/COMM 4159/5159: Digital History (4 credits)

Tuesday/Thursday 3:30-4:45 P.M. SRL 220 / Tuesday 5:00-6:00 P.M. ITT 328
Fall 2016 / Taught by Dr. Leisl Carr Childers and Dr. Sergey Golitsynskiy

Explore the field of digital history

Learn about digital history as a method of analyzing historical materials and as a platform for presenting historical interpretations.

Learn how to program

Learn Python and the Linux shell, which are essential tools for exploring textual data and presenting findings in Digital History and the broader area of Digital Humanities.

The Course

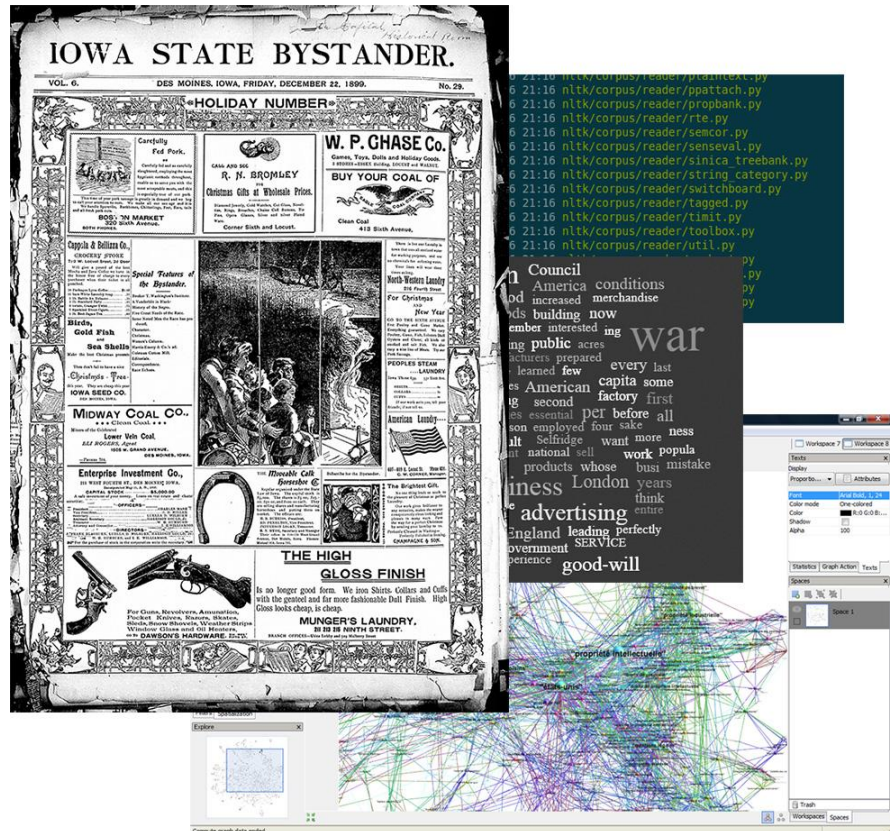
You will be introduced to a range of digital tools and essential skills that help historians and other digital humanists programmatically access, collect and analyze data, and visualize and present their findings and interpretations.

No programming knowledge is required.

For those with a background in CS: learn new ideas and apply your programming skills to an exciting domain to hack and visualize data in the humanities.

The Data

You will explore historic data from the **Chronicling America Project**, a digital repository of thousands of newspapers from America's past formed in partnership between the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress.



CHRONICLING AMERICA Historic American Newspapers

Your instructors



Leisl Carr Childers is an assistant professor in the department of history. She specializes in the regional study of the North American West through environmental history and various categories of public history.

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