

Welcome to QTM 340!

# Hello! My name is...

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- Not this Lauren Klein:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eyEO0pYbbrI>

# Syllabus, part i

- Course description
- Types of assignments
- Course Policies
- Resources and Accommodations
- TL; DR: It's on Canvas:

[https://canvas.emory.edu/files/2718610/download?download\\_frd=1](https://canvas.emory.edu/files/2718610/download?download_frd=1)

# An activity!

- Step 1: Turn to your neighbor. With your cell phone, **record a video** of your neighbor's answers to the following questions:
  - What is your name?
  - What year are you?
  - What is your major?
  - What is something that I (Professor Klein) should know about Emory or about Emory students?
- Step 2: Switch.
- Step 3: Log into Canvas, click on "Inbox" over on the left, and click the "Compose Message" button.
- Step 4: In a message to me ([lauren.klein@emory.edu](mailto:lauren.klein@emory.edu)), **transcribe** (that is, type out) **the audio of the interview**. When you're done, send it to me.
- Step 5: Delete the video from your phone.

Congratulations! You just digitized a text!

# Why do you think that I made you do this?

- But first, let's introduce ourselves to each other.

# Why do you think that I made you do this?

- What decisions did you have to make in the transcription process?  
Could you have decided differently?
- What was lost in the transcription process?
- What are some other media formats (or just types of things) that can be converted into machine-readable text?
  - Ex: [poisonous wallpaper](#)
  - Ex: [popcorn](#)
  - Ex: [disappearing ink](#)

# Syllabus, part ii

- Schedule ([link](#))
- For next class:
  - Read Li-Young Lee, “Persimmons” (it’s a poem; link on Canvas)
- For next week:
  - Install Anaconda/Jupyter ([Python 3.7 version](#))
  - Install [GitHub desktop](#) (recommended)
- I’ll put the syllabus on GitHub soon, since that’s where all of the classroom exercises will be stored.



# See you Tuesday!

- Questions/concerns: [lauren.klein@emory.edu](mailto:lauren.klein@emory.edu)