Project Endings Meeting Notes

20 August 2018

Present: Claire Carlin, Emily Comeau, Ewa Czaykowska-Higgins, John Durno, Lisa Goddard, Martin Holmes, Matt Huculak, Janelle Jenstad, Danny Martin, Greg Newton

Bios for DHSI course, summer 2019

Ray Siemens requested bios from those teaching the course. A reminder was sent to the team by Martin, and reiterated during the meeting.

Conference 2020

Returning to the plan discussed in May to hold a conference at the time of DHSI 2020, we decided to propose to Ray Siemens a slot on the weekend between the two weeks of DHSI. Matt volunteered to broach the subject with Ray.

If we go ahead with this plan, we’ll submit a SSHRC Connection Grant application for the October 2019 competition. Claire volunteered to coordinate the application. The necessary contributions (in-kind) will be sought from the Library as well as the Faculty of Humanities.

The possibility of inviting certain of our interviewees to speak at the conference was discussed, along with possible publication outlets for the proceedings, such as DHQ.

Survey update

Once we’re sure we’ve extracted all of the data from the online survey, we can shut down the Lime Survey subscription (20£/month). Martin and Emily will work on exporting the data before Claire pulls the plug.

Emily noted that we had a total of 126 responses to the on-line survey. Half show “incomplete” but often this means only one or two questions have been left blank.

Interviews

Emily and Danny are working on establishing coder reliability for analysis of the interviews using the taxonomy developed in July and August (now in the SVN repository). The terms with an \*asterisk on the coding scheme are ones that Emily and Danny have added to the list.

Ewa noted that new research questions can emerge as they/we work with the material. Several articles may emerge, from different angles, with different content for different audiences, e.g. “Endings for Librarians” and “Endings for Researchers.”

Interviews with Martin and the PIs for three of the four case study projects have been completed. An interview with Elizabeth is still possible, as is contacting Spencer Rose who wrote the original code for the Graves diary project. Ewa noted that for a past project, an article came out of the PIs’ consideration of their own projects.

If Emily’s paper for Chicago Colloquium on Digital Humanities and Computer Science (DHCS), it will be the first dissemination of results from the interviews.

Endings tool kit

Three degrees of depth were proposed as packages to download, for example.

Website

Matt is in charge. Emily or Danny can cut and paste from the WordPress site once the schema is done. At September’s meeting, we should discuss a backup to Git now that it’s owned by Microsoft.

Budget

This summer (as of August 20), $11,677 was spent on RA salaries. $48,171 remains in this year’s budget. This allows us to continue to hire Emily (up to 35 hours/week through March 2019) and Danny (10-15 hours/week through December 2018), who can work at distance now that they are no longer able to be present in the HCMC.

Next meeting

It was agreed to keep the last Monday of the month for our brown bags. Claire will send an invitation for September 24.