Project Endings Meeting Notes

26 November 2018

Present: Stewart Arneil, Claire Carlin, John Durno, Martin Holmes, Matt Huculak, Greg Newton

Interview analysis

Emily reported by email that she and Danny have “reconciled our analyses on two interviews so far, and are both working our way down the list alphabetically. We’ve both found that it is easier to analyze each interview on paper and then encode the analysis, which adds time. However, once we’ve each done our separate analyses, reconciliation goes pretty quickly, especially being able to view one colour at a time (thanks Martin!).”

Emily added that individually, she and Danny have encoded several interviews. They should make good progress in December. Danny’s contract ends on December 31, and our budget doesn’t allow for him to be re-hired. Martin observed that it would be good for team members to work on the interviews with Emily in the new year, which will be much easier now that Emily and Danny have refined the methodology.

Conference presentations

Emily’s talk for DHCS (Chicago) was very well received according to feedback from attendees and Emily herself. DHers are looking forward to our tool kits. In the meantime, there were requests that Emily’s slide deck be made available; Martin has put it on GitHub. If conference proceedings are not published, we will assist Emily in finding another publisher for her paper.

Lisa presented lightning talk for @RiskNorth in Montreal on 9 November.

Claire will present on “Endings” as part of a talk on DH for the UVic “Masterminds” series in April.

Publications

Joey and Martin’s 2017 paper on diagnostic tools has been accepted for accepted for DSH.

Proposals, DH 2019, Utrecht

There will be two “Endings” submissions:

1) Jessica Otis is organizing a panel for DH exploring archiving and sustainability of DH projects. She has invited “Endings” to participate. Martin, Stewart, and Greg have submitted a proposal to Jessica. Stewart, or Greg, will represent “Endings” if the panel is accepted.

2) Martin has prepared a “sustainability questionnaire” that will be the anchor for a separate DH paper. See <https://hcmc.uvic.ca/endings/questionnaire.htm>. We can also use the questionnaire to begin our **DHSI course**, and make it part of the **tool kit**. Creating versions of the tool kit for different users (researchers, librarians, programmers) came up once again.

DHSI course

We should know soon (within the next week or so) whether or not there is enough enrolment. If not, a version of the course can be given as a workshop at CSDH during Congress in Vancouver (June 1-7). The deadline for submissions for CSDH is December 17. Consultation on our submission, if we do one, can take place by email.

Budget

For fiscal 2018, $24,453 remains in the budget as of November 26. Danny and Emily are each costing about $3,000/month. Danny’s contract ends in December (see Interview Analysis above), but the plan is for Emily to continue working until the end of the fiscal year (March 31). Sarah’s work under the auspices of Endings is over this month. We easily have enough to cover the RA expenses as well as funding Ewa and Sarah’s trip to the International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation in Honolulu in February.

The fiscal 2019 budget (our final year) seems to be $26,413 ($7005 in the budget according to SSHRC, plus monies unspent in past years).

Our 2020 colloquium/symposium/workshop

Matt consulted Ray about holding the symposium between the two weeks of DHSI. Ray thinks potential participants would be too tired; he recommends the Sunday before the first week of DHSI. We are considering one v. two days.

To focus contributions, we could ask speakers to react to our manifesto, which should be well refined by the summer of 2019, in time for a Connections grant application in the fall.

Claire suggested the format where invitees (who can be selected from our interviewees, for example) pre-circulate a paper. During the symposium, each participant presents issue or questions arising from their work (rather than giving a summary of a text already read by the other participants). Then the entire group discusses the paper. Each participant rewrites their contribution taking the conversation into account. (This does work!)

An appropriate publication outlet would be a special issue of DHQ.

Migrating of content of the WordPress site

At our September 24 meeting, it was agreed that an RA would be hired to do this work, probably by Matt. Upon reflection, training an RA would be more onerous than one of us doing it. Matt volunteered. The unofficial deadline for this task is December 31, 2018.

Next meeting

January 28, 2019; we will not meet in December.