Social Informatics
Field Exam Reading List
Fall 2008

Overviews


Ecological Approaches/the Basics

   
   Chapter 2: Framing conversations about technology
   
   Chapter 3: A matter of metaphor: Technology as tool, text, system, ecology.
   
   Chapter 4: Information ecologies
   
   Chapter 8: Wolf, Batgirl, and Starlight: finding a real community in a virtual world


Social Capital and Social Networks


Communities of Practice/Online Communities


Digital Divide


Application of Social Informatics to Health


(Visible and invisible work; power relationships; local v. global)


Chapter 8: The Work of Patients (pp. 191-209).

(Negotiation of patients and medical personnel with technology; cooperative work; legitimate peripheral participation; power relationships)


(Information ecology; social networks; information flow)


(Online communities; social capital; invisibility; power)