

Transforming Student Learning with Authentic Research Experiences: Publishing Student Research (Papers) Online

Background Considerations

- Undergraduates can and do produce valuable contributions to knowledge
- Preserving them and making them publicly accessible has dual benefits:
 1. Interested public and other scholars can access and draw upon this work
 2. Students are motivated to do better work, and value what they do more, if public
- Devise assignments that can augment scholarship, and publish the results online
 1. Oral history
 2. Work with new scholarly monographs, or scholarly presentations on campus
 3. Real (but non-archival) historical research

Developing a model; dead-ends & pitfalls

- 2003 Lower Div. GE course initiative: "Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Holocaust" (Hist 33d)
- Published [group projects on course website](#)
 - *Observations:*
 - Several got LOTS of hits (stats for Year 2012: sit.ucsb.edu/history/marcuse/stats & below)
 - Versailles Treaty & economy of 1920s: 19,000 & 29,000
 - Eva Braun (Hitlers mistress/wife) & camp guard Ilse Koch: 9,000-10,000
 - Those with images got far more hits (timing: high school students in May)
 - *Pitfalls:* quality control (accuracy, editing, plagiarism--see [Nazi women page](#))
Copyright, student permission, later removal (google & internet archive caching)
- Iterations/improvements
 - timeline to ensure proper quality control (week 3 prospectus, week 7 draft due)
 - set grade threshold for web publication
 - include "best links" with annotations (to improve general google search results)
 - SEO (search engine optimization): filenames, key words, indexing, wikipedia links
 - make less labor intensive (web 2.0 upload page using php):
<http://www.history.ucsb.edu/faculty/marcuse/classes/133d/133dproj/10proj/upload.php>
Pitfall: I lack programming skills to update from course to course; now using GauchoSpace

Levels of sophistication & quality

- Lower division non-majors (and majors, see Hist 33D above)
World History survey (Hist 2c): campus events ([prizewinners published](#)); oral history assignment
- Upper division lecture courses (Hist 133A,B,C,D): "book essay assignment"
Only those with qualifying drafts, opting to publish (shorter final exam), & with "ancillaries" (about the author, abstract, annotated bibliography & linkography)
 - Timeline
- History capstone proseminar ([Hist 133P](#), also DR & Q): real research (easier as pdf, but plagiarism?)
- Group independent research seminar: [Holocaust Oral History Project](#) (1999-2002--site history lower left)
- History honors thesis seminar (listing theses, publishing my own students' theses): Best papers page

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