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#### **Digital Youth**

Emerging Literacies on the World Wide Web Jonathan Alexander, University of Cincinnati

n Digital Youth the author argues that many youth are using the Web to experiment with and deploy a number of surprising theoretical strategies that tell us much about their vision for the new communications technologies and the emerging literacy practices they are using to engage that technology.

The volume examines both the politics imbedded in the representations of youth and technology and the actual practices of communication and meaning making of these "digital youth." To approach the subject, the author draws on the work of three fields of critical inquiry-cultural studies, subcultural studies, and the emerging field of cyberculture studiesto generate a series of questions for critically analyzing various literacy practices performed on and with the Web. Methodologically, the book proceeds as a series of "confrontations" between youth and their representation, particularly with regard to how "digital youth" are figured in relationship to and use technology. Then the author examines, through a series of case studies, how some of these "digital youth" actually use technology to refigure themselves—often in contra-distinction to their "mythological" representation by others. In the process, the book offers a complex but telling portrait of the use of communications technologies, particularly the Web, and the kinds of literacies that some youth are developing with those communication technologies.

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### **Role Play**

Distance Learning and the Teaching of Writing edited by Jonathan Alexander, University of Cincinnati, and Marcia Dickson, The Ohio State University-Marion

his collection focues on the development of new theories and pedagogies of distance learning in the English class. It originally grew out of the editors' interest in how roles and performances change as English

teachers, particularly writing instructors, become practitioners in distance learning classrooms and their desire to examine the impact such changing roles have on English instruction at the collegiate level.

At present, few books address the pedagogy of distance learning. While many articles and portions of some books examine various features of the "cyber classroom" and its use in distance learning, most have been written by "trainers" from business backgrounds. Teachers are more likely to find discussions of what to wear on screen or how to develop an efficient PowerPoint presentation as opposed to serious discussion of the development of effective means of conveying information, developing knowledge, or perfecting skills. Role Play offers the latter, with thoughtful and often poignant scholarly analyses and meditations on how distance learning can prompt instructors of English to experiment with different roles in the performance of their duties.

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#### **Aging Literacies**

#### Angela Crow, Georgia Southern University

n the wake of articles that call for writing instruction to keep pace with the multi-modal realities students experience (i.e., video games, WWW texts, multimedia presentations etc.,), Aging Literacies takes up the complicated question of writing faculty development and the training necessary to address shifting definitions of literate acts. Specifically, the text brings the issue of aging to this conversation, addressing both our towards aging literacies, and the role that age plays in the acquisition of new literacy practices.

Aging literacies also suggests the necessity of becoming more literate about how current research on aging might impact the field of rhetoric and composition studies. The text explores the intricacies involved with defining aging, the challenges of recognizing and negotiating ageist stereotypes, the role gender, race, and class play in aging, and the ways we learn as we age. While the focus for the text is on aging and faculty development, the

aging concerns addressed in the text can help readers consideraging issues more generally in their own research designs.

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#### Literacies, Experiences, and Technologies

Reflective Practices of an Alien Researcher Sibylle Gruber, Northern Arizona University

echnologies and Literacies provides readers with a critical self-reflective approach to studying the impact of social, cultural, historical, political, and educational backgrounds on the acquisition of technological literacy. It offers a critical examination of a researcher's underlying, often hidden, and always changing goals and perspectives. Readers are encouraged to keep in mind the following questions:

- How do the theories we use promote specific ideological leanings, and how can they lead to new understandings of misunderstandings about students' technological literacy experience?
- How do our positions as teacher, scholar, administrator, advisor, or student influence our practical and theoretical choices?
- How can we reflect on our practices and theories to arrive at new understandings of literacy learning in our institutions?
- How can we apply what we learned through reflecting on our practices and theories in our positions as teacher, scholar, administrator, advisor, or student.

The volume adds to the work that values contextual approaches to studying technological literacy acquisition, acknowledges the researcher's positionalities in conducting research, and demonstrates how becoming an effective education and research in a diverse society is not just a matter of acquiring information, but rather a process of personal growth and transformation.

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## **Digital Writing Research**

Technologies, Methodologies, and Ethical Issues edited by Heidi A. McKee, Miami University-Ohio and Danielle DeVoss, Michigan State University

his volume focuses on how writing technologies, specifically digital technologies, affect research-shaping the questions asked, the sites studied, the methodologies used, ethnical issues, conclusions, and the actions taken by scholars, researchers, and teachers. In this collection, the authors analyze methodologies, technologies, and ethical approaches for researching digital writing and writers working in digital contexts. Although many of the chapters provide examples drawn from studies conducted or reviewed by the authors, the focus of each chapter is on articulating particular methodological and ethical approaches for conducting digital writing research. Because of the increasing digitization of writing in educational, institutional, and social contexts, all composition researchers need to consider methodological and ethical approaches too digital writing research. The core questions addressed in the chapters include:

- How have researchers adapted methodologies for digital writing research?
- What methods are used by researchers studying sign systems beyond the textual?
- How is a particular writing technology being researched by computers and writing scholars?
- What constitutes appropriate human subject research in online environments?
- How are computerized technologies, particularly global technologies, raising new ethical issues related to privacy, individual rights, and representation?
- How have computers and digital spaces changed collaboration among researchers and participants?
- How have electronic journals and other methods of publishing writing research influenced our research directions and the distribution of research findings?

 Given the continually evolving state of technology and human interactions with and through technological affordances, what preparation do future researchers need?

This volume will provide experienced researchers with the means to reflect on various aspects of their research and offer researchers new to composition studies or to computers and writing research an introduction to possible approaches and related methodological and ethical issues.

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### **Integrating Hypertextual Subjects**

Computers, Composition, and Academic Labor Robert Samuels, UCLA

his book examines how one can teach composition with computers while reflecting critically on the ways technology affect student literacies, faculty labor issues, and the educational environment at contemporary universities. By articulating concerns regarding pedagogy and postmodern academic institutions, the book develops an economic,

political, and cultural account of the field of computers and composition. Of special importance is the analysis of how the employment of new technologies in writing classes affects student writing, faculty research, pedagogical innovations, and the employment practices of research universities. By articulating a technological and holistic conception of composition studies through the integration of process-oriented, expressivist, social constructivist, and current-traditional models of writing pedagogies, this volume shows teachers how they can both use and critique digital technologies in college writing courses. In employing a multimedia approach, the book also suggests ways of helping students to author their own new media in writing courses.

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#### **Multimodal Composition**

Resources for Teachers
edited by Cynthia Selfe, The Ohio State University

ver the last two decades, the emergence of new digital composing environments; the extended reach of global communication networks; and the increasing importance of texts that can cross linguistic, cultural, and geopolitical borders have converged to create major challenges for teachers of writing, composition instruction, and our basic understanding of rhetorical situations (authors, readers, texts). These challenges promise to be increasingly disruptive for teachers of English composition at both the secondary and collegiate levels-especially those who understand composition assignments as calling primarily for alphabetic texts.

This book on multimodal composition is designed to help teachers of English composition expand the modalities on which they and their students draw, to go beyond the limits of texts that rely primarily on words, and to enjoy exploring the affordances-the special capacities-of video, image and sound. This book offers faculty practical help on creating multimodal assignments and working within digital composing environments. Teachers will find sample student essays (both audio and video); advice on intellectual property concerns; sample worksheets and forms; explanations of technical terms; and useful advice about hardware, software, and digital recording equipment.

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# Labor, Writing Technologies and the Shaping of Competition in the Academy

edited by Pamela Takayoshi, Kent State University, and Patricia Sullivan, Purdue University

he changing nature of the workforce and the increasing presence of technologies in composition studies promise to affect not only the ways we work, but the very shape of the discipline. This volume takes on the challenge of thinking about the intersections of work, technology, and composition studies in ways that are unprecedented. Authors in this collection explore technology and labor issues across a range of institutional locations to focus on working as scholars, administrators (of writing programs, writing across the curriculum programs, assessment programs), teachers, workers held accountable to bureaucrats, and gendered and raced workers, and the future roles compositions will adopt in the university and how technology affects those identities.

The chapters address the nature of composition labor in a technological society, the new geographies of composition, variety of identity and agency that are enabled and denied, academic labor outside the classroom and academy, and how virtuality impacts labor. of work. They provide varied perspectives on what issues are import and alert researchers and teachers that a serious consideration of labor and writing technologies are needed to expand notions of what composition studies can and must be.

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#### **Datacloud**

## Toward a New Theory of Online Work Johndan Johnson-Eilola, Clarkson University

atacloud examines information work from a broad range of viewpoints to construct a better understanding of how and why we use computer technologies as we do. Constructing a postdisciplinary theoretical framework from disciplines including rhetoric, technical communication, cultural studies, architecture, and more, Datacloud interrogates how people work in a variety of contexts, both computer-supported and and analog. Using examples drawn from classrooms, recording studios, offices, and parking lots, Datacloud constructs a theoretical and practical apparatus for re-thinking communication and work in the age of saturated information spaces.

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## At Play in the Fields of Writing

A Serio-ludic Rhetoric
Albert Rouzie, Ohio University

led us to experience work as alienated labor and to think of adult play as irrelevant and inconsequential. This way of thinking has informed writing instruction and is even expressed in the way English departments are structured. This volume offers English studies a new way of looking at the role of play in student composing and the place of playfulness in college writing classrooms. The author moves beyond the work/play divide by offering the concept of serio-ludic rhetoric, discourse that straddles the fence between serious and playful activity and functions as a force for critique and change in social educational settings. Serio-ludic rhetoric defines play with language and images as a synthesis of work and play that is rhetorically

productive, can help overcome student alienation, and help heal the split between rhetoric and poetic in English studies.

The book explores this concept through analysis of student and instructor electronic projects and synchronous discussion conferences, demonstrating that serio-ludic discourse is often creative, productive, and rhetorically invigorating. It offers a vision of the writing classroom that can help instructors find ways of making a place for productive play in their courses and professional lives.

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#### **Sustainable Computer Environments**

Cultures of Support in English Studies and Language Arts Richard J. Selfe, The Ohio State University

his volume helps define the social, technical, and institutional issues that surround technology rich environments used in English studies departments and programs. These environments can have physical configurations and virtual components, all of which are changing constantly. Technology rich environments are helping to shape the working, teaching, and learning experiences of students, teachers, technicians, and administrators alike.

The volume has three primary goals: to provide a theoretical and practical basis for understanding the social, institutional, and professional dynamics that surround technology rich instruction; offer a set of heuristics for planning, maintaining, and continuously evaluating technology rich teaching and learning environments; and provide a set of best practices that provide examples of sustainable productive projects, approaches, and programs in specific K-college institutions.

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#### **Doing Literacy Online**

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he scale and speed at which online forms of communication have entered all aspects of our lives are unprecedented. Yet despite the extraordinary rate of uptake and increasing popularity of these new communication forms, we still have much to learn about them. Intended for a globalaudience, the essays in this volume provide an international perspective on persistent and emerging questions related to the use of online technologies for teaching and learning.

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