**New Telecom Technologies**

**Fall 2018**

**Paper #1: Foundational Questions / Review of Literature**

**Grade Weight: 100 pts**

**DUE: Friday, September 28, 2018 by the beginning of class**

**Introduction:**

My goal for you, through this paper is for you to explore, and hopefully reaffirm a few of the foundational concepts and questions we’ve both read and discussed during our first four weeks. This paper is primarily about showing me you understand and can synthesize ideas from our selected readings. Of course, you’ll also pull from our lecture and discussion, but first and foremost, I want to see the author’s thoughts (specific APA citations). Ultimately, this paper exercise will act as a literature review for yourself that will be useful toward the end of the semester.

This paper covers seven readings from the course. These seven readings are broken down into three subject area groups / questions. You’ll answer each of these three questions, drawing from the readings as your support with proper citations. The second major component is for you to write: a) thoughtful transitions between the three answers, showing me your creativity and thoughtful interpretation, b) a proper conclusion that both sums up your paper and leaves the reader with one new interesting thought, and c) a really strong introduction that sets the reader up for your answers and transitions.

Here are the readings, and questions:

1. Steele (2009) and Overmars (2012): a) Explain why is it difficult to place a dividing line between old and new media? But, if you had to, what is Steele's line? b) What does the history of VGs provide us regarding the history of immersion?

2. Boczkowski (2006), Jenkins (2006), and Hamilton (2014): a) What has STS provide comm. studies that is useful for our study of new technology? b) What does Jenkins mean by convergence? What are its significant components? c) How is Twitch an example of Jenkins convergence, plus, what did Hamilton's study show as the important part about communities and technology?

3. Andrejevic (2006) and Westburg/IFTF (2016): a) What are Andrejevic's concerns regarding surveillance within today's media structure? b) Build off of Andrejevic's concerns and show how we're compounding those concerns or possibly moving past them in a more positive way.

What I’m looking for from you include the following: accurate definitions; specifics rather than generalities; illustrating concepts using concrete examples from the readings; a Junior-level collegiately written and organized structure with proper introduction and conclusion. No run-on, or long block quotes please. No quotes as sentences please. I should read your set-up, idea, or interpretation, supported by an appropriate quote, and transitions between your ideas. Do not be afraid to rewrite a better sentence.

**Format:**

I am a **stickler** for format, so this section may be a little longer than you’d expect. You must hand-in *exactly* a seven page print-out of a word processed paper, stapled. It can be either double-sided or single-sided – your choice. Times New Roman or Calibri font, 12pt, double-spaced between lines, normal spacing between letters and words, and normal 1” margins. Your first line will begin on the first line of page one. Your name, class time, paper #, and date will be placed by you in the document’s header – **NOT ON** line #1. No cover pages necessary. You must insert page numbers. You must run spell-check before printing it out. You must use APA format for in-text citations and your References list at the end of your paper (not included in seven-page count). If you use bibliographic management software, nonetheless check the formatting of the citations before turning it in (I should not see “n.d.” in the reference list if in the in-text citation you dated it as from “2008”). Remember, you might need to do a little extra digging for dates OR use an alternative, better source if you first choice does not possess date of publication data.

**Suggestions for Organization:**

You **DO NOT** have to follow this organization to the letter; but rather it is just a suggestion.

**Paragraph 1:** Introduce the reader to your chosen topic, set up your answers and tease how they connect and / or connect your insight. This also helps establish for the reader your paper’s structure. (I suggest you write paragraph one ***last***).

**Pages 1&2**: Your answers to question #1 and transition to question #2

**Pages 3-4:** Your answers to question #2 and transition to question #3

**Pages 5-6:** Your answers to question #3 and transition to your conclusion

**Page 7**: Transition to your conclusion and a conclusion with synthesis and one new thought. Here I should read smart connections and insights you make about what you’ve written that helps to set up your conclusion.

**Last Paragraph:** Proper conclusion neatly summarizing the main points you introduced throughout the paper, written in a style that the reader will recognize as a proper ending rather than just trailing off mid-thought.

**Works Cited page:** Properly formatted APA style