


Data Management Considered from the Perspective of Ethnographic and Discourse Analytic Education Research



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Some Comments on the DMPtool.org

- Roles and responsibilities
- Type of data and format to be shared
- Documentation to be provided
- Confidentiality of data
- Expected schedule for data sharing
- Method of data sharing
- Data sharing agreement
- Circumstances that prevent sharing

Some of the Research In Which I am Involved

- Long term field work – Emic Understanding
- Intensive case studies
- Video recording – large corpus of video
- Interviews, artifacts
- Classrooms, Homes, Families, Communities, M-O Archives

The Nature of Video Enhanced Ethnographic Research

- Context Through and Through
 - Thick description (cultural, historical, social)
 - Frames Interpretation
- Definitions of Data
 - The data is the “being there,” all the rest (e.g., field notes, videos, materials, etc.) are representations of the data and thus an interpretation
- What’s a Corpus of Data Look Like
 - Videos, fields notes, artifacts, interviews

Why Storage is Interpretation

- Huge corpus of “data”
- Preserving “context”
- Indexed and organized
- Research questions evolve and thus “data” is needed to address evolving research questions
- Salvage ethnography

Ethical Considerations

- Relations of the context of production to the context of representation to the context of use/consumption
- Long Term Protection of Human Subjects
- Access - who has the context?
- Fraud Protection



Center for Video Ethnography and Discourse Analysis

- Department of Teaching and Learning, in EHE
- Funded by anonymous private donation
- Server – not connected to any network, not wireless, must be used in the Center
- Software for the analysis and re-analysis of video data
- Spaces for researchers to look across projects



Summary

- Some Comments on DMPtool.org – Useful, but just a beginning.
- Some Background on Research That I Do as an Ethnographer – Long term, field-based, immersion, emic understanding
- The Nature of Video Enhanced Ethnographic Research
 - Context Through and Through – Context is a necessary and inherent aspect of all engagement in the research endeavor, it is not separable from any bit of interest
 - Definitions of Data – Data is “being there”, what is often mistaken as data is more so representations and interpretations
 - What’s a Corpus of Data Look Like – Large!
- Why Storage is Interpretation
 - Indexed, capturing and invoking context
- Ethical Considerations - Long Term Protection of Human Subjects, Access, Fraud Protection
 - Relationship of the context of production to the context of representation to the context of use/consumption
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 - Why the extant just won’t do.



Thank you.