TO HELL WITH GOOD INTENTIONS

LINKED DATA, COMMUNITY AND THE POWER TO NAME

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CONTEXT
HOW AM I READ?
STUDENT PROTESTERS MEET WOLFE IN KANSAS CITY

Wolfe tells students at UM-Kansas City that "systematic oppression is because you don't believe that you have the equal opportunity for success," hours after issuing a statement of apology.
TO HELL WITH GOOD INTENTIONS. 

YOU WILL NOT HELP ANYBODY 

BY YOUR GOOD INTENTIONS.
Fascism

This week we have witnessed a phenomenal act of social movement-making in an era when many, myself included, have wondered if meaningful change in the U.S. still possible.

Some of that worry is about aging, I’m sure. As you get older and the people around you get older you are inclined to wonder if the kids can ever be as alright as the kids you were.

We overstate our youthful courageousness. Then, because we are wily from age, we defend that overstatement by understating the courage of the youth who displace us. That may be natural. But when a cross-campus coalition of student-athletes and student-citizens at the University of Missouri organized to force the retirement of the college president (and future “transition” of the university system chancellor) they did something remarkable.

These young people took on the growing, well-paid, powerful administrative class in corporate higher education and actually won a concession.

We can debate whether the concessions these students won are material enough for the hard-core Marxists, too symbolic for the crusty pragmatists, or replicable enough for the devout organizers. But we who believe in democracy as verb instead of noun should relish the moment.
Okay, read this and insert "the archives" where you read "the press" or "the media" and watch it still make sense.

_Tressie Mc_ @tressiemcphd
Fascism tressiemc.com/2015/11/12/fas...

Jarrett M. Drake @jmddrake
Especially this line:

"The press shapes as much as it documents."

"The archives shapes as much as it documents."

Jarrett M. Drake @jmddrake · Nov 12
The archives as shapers of the past, not merely documenters of it. I hope someone dissertates on this.
NAMING: WHERE POWER IS KEPT
NAMING IS THE ACT OF BESTOWING A NAME, OF LABELLING, OF **CREATING AN IDENTITY**. IT IMPOSES A PATTERN ON THE WORLD THAT IS MEANINGFUL TO THE NAMER.

Hope Olson, *The Power to Name*
NAMING CONSTRUCTS REALITY
BUT SHARED NAMING HAS VALUE
LINKED DATA AS NAMING PRACTICE
Not all organizations have the ability to promote their URL via other media. One of the myths of our digital democracy is that what rises to the top of the pile is what is most popular.

Safiya Umoja Noble, “Missed Connections: What Search Engines Say About Women”
Linked Data as Naming Practice: Distributing Power?
TO HELL WITH LINKED DATA...?
So for NDF this year I thought I’d have another go. I set myself a few groundrules:

- **Simple tools** — should be possible for anyone with a text editor.

- **No platforms** — no sneaky server-side stuff, it all had to happen in the browser, on the fly.

- **No markup madness** — I wanted there to be a close relationship between the text and the data, but I wanted the markup process to be practical — something like creating a footnote.
THE COST OF CENTRALIZATION
A People’s Archive of Police Violence in Cleveland exists as an online archive to collect, preserve, and provide access to the stories, memories, and accounts of police violence as experienced or observed by Cleveland citizens. Organized in the summer of 2015 by a combination of Cleveland residents and professional archivists from across the United States, the Archive hopes to provide the Cleveland community--especially survivors of police violence and the families of victims--a safe and secure space to share any testimony, documents, or accounts that narrate or reflect on encounters or effects of police violence in their lives or communities.
A resource for Forgotten Australians, Former Child Migrants and anyone interested in the **history of child welfare in Australia**.

Some people may find content on this website distressing. [Read more](http://www.findandconnect.gov.au/)
Conference 2015

privileged, information, knowledge & power: An endless dilemma?

12th Prato CIRN Conference 9-11 November 2015, Monash Centre, Prato Italy

The draft conference program is now online. A great range of speakers and activities!

A variant image appears on many websites to do with critiquing universities and cultural institutions, as well as activist websites dealing with white privilege, feminism, colonization, 'minority' rights....it must be telling us something of relevance for what we do...

Conference Theme

Information and knowledge are socially constructed artifacts located—and often literally inscribed—within particular relations of information and knowledge production. Such relations of information and knowledge production can reflect unequal distributions of
THANK YOU

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