

PROFILE

ANDREA

Graduate Student
Large Midwestern University

In the midst of researching for her dissertation she is moving out of her apartment and finalizing plans for an archive trip spanning 3 southern states.

CURRENT WORK

Mining book citations to inform what she will want to see at various archives. Then, she heads to the library in the afternoon with a specific goal of getting more context around Georgia within the timeframe she is studying.

UNIQUE EXPERTISE

She is super organized! She uses several methods to track and manage her productivity, including bullet notebooks and Onenote.

TOOLS I USE

APPLICATIONS USED



Word



Excel



OneNote



OneDrive



DEVONthink Pro

WEBSITES USED

- Various archives
- Google
- Library website and linked sources

DEVICES USED



SUPPLIES



She avoids tools within databases because “you have to pause and think.” It interrupts her process and thought.

STUDY LOCATIONS

Working from her apartment, downtown and university library

ARCHIVE TRAVEL

Various archives
Georgia, and
South Carolina

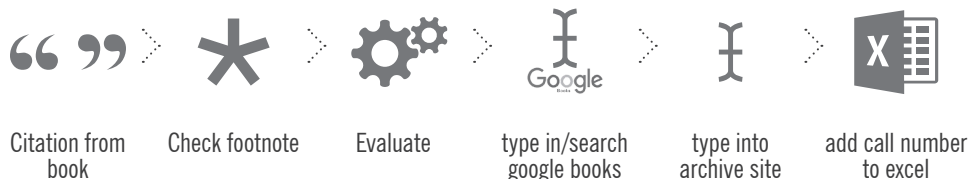


BREAK



HOW I WORK

HOW I FIND RESOURCES



HOW I EVALUATE



By reading the passage associated with that citation.

HOW I USE A MONOGRAPH



Provides context and a path to follow



As a portal into other relevant sources.

“You can’t beat the searchability of a digital book. Because some sections are not relevant so getting to the relevant section in a large book is important.”

WHAT I CHOOSE

CITATION MINING

She loves when digital copies allow her to click on a citation and jump to the relevant passage in a book



EXTRACTING SPECIFIC INFO

While she likes scanning a physical book, pulling out the quotes and putting them in another document is easier with a digital version.



CLOSE READING

She likes to make notes in the margin and keep her thoughts with the text.

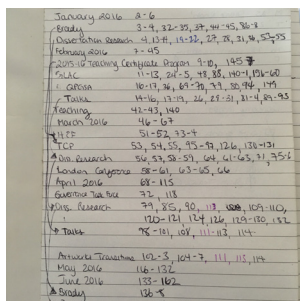
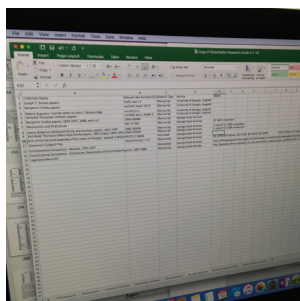


REUSING -OR- REVISITING A TEXT

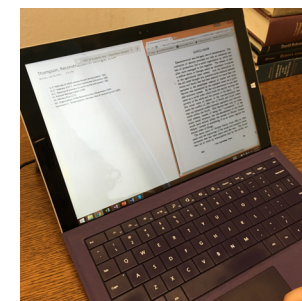
For those books she references again she uses different colored pens and dates to denote each reading.

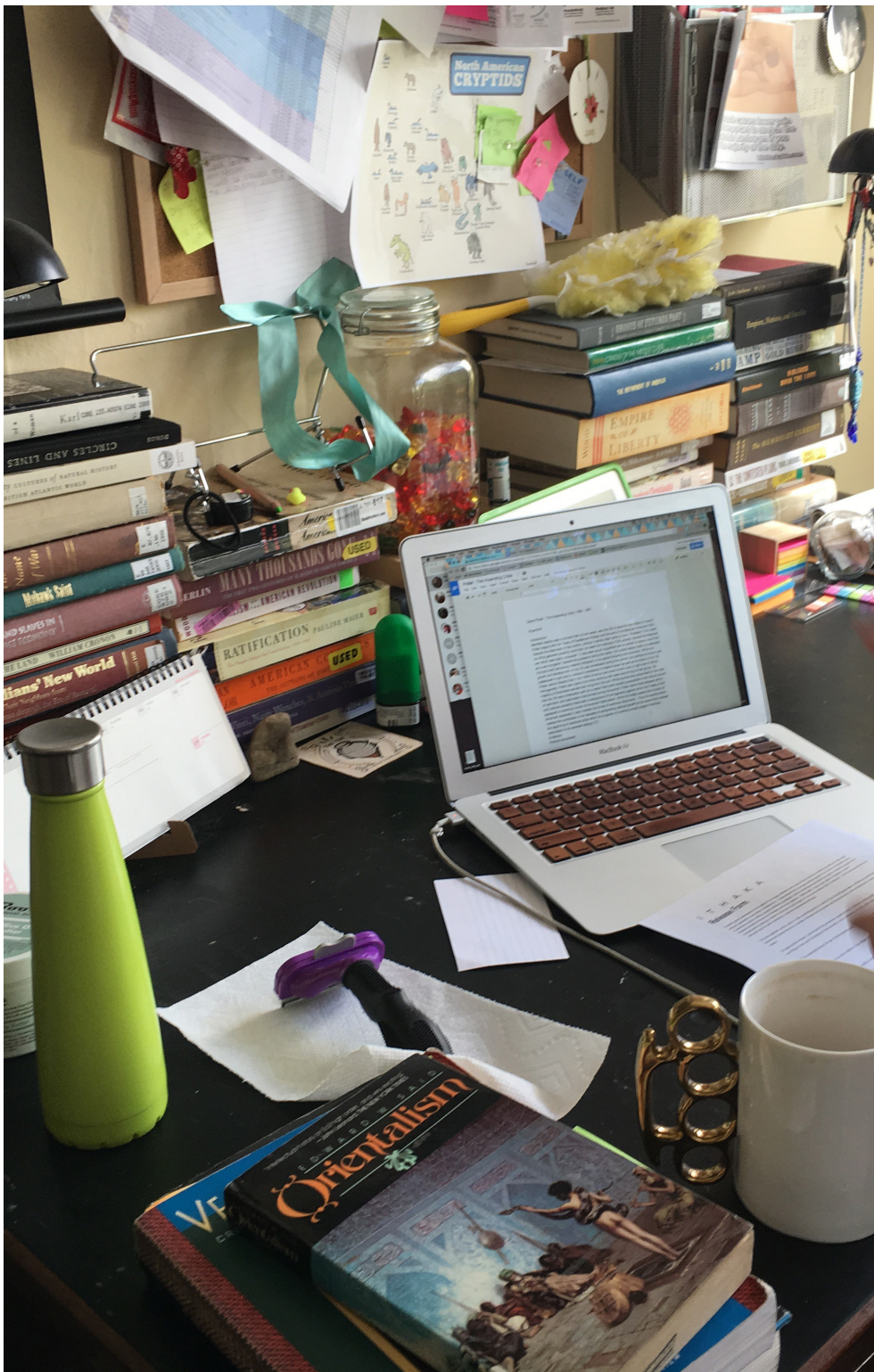


“The way I use books has changed over time. We don’t really read books”



She mentioned that she likes physical books because “I have a conversation with the book”, writing in the book instead of handwritten notes.





PROFILE

BETH

Graduate Student
Large Midwestern University

As a graduate student focused in US history Beth is currently studying 150 books central to US History which she will use in support of her 8-hour qualifying exam, scheduled for the end of the summer.

CURRENT WORK

Studying for qualifying exams, required to read 150 books in 3 months, to draw upon for an 8-hour exam.

UNIQUE EXPERTISE

She knows all the newest applications; she can scan and save from almost any format or provider.

TOOLS I USE

APPLICATIONS USED



Google Drive



Notability



Pomodoro



TurboScan



Zotero

WEBSITES USED

- Library website and linked sites
- Ebrary
- HATHI Trust

DEVICES USED



SUPPLIES



“When I moved I rearranged my bookshelf by color, I don’t know that it’s helpful, but the old way wasn’t helpful either; it was by subject.”

STUDY LOCATIONS

Home in her apartment, on Campus, and Downtown.

ARCHIVE TRAVEL

None yet. As a US Historian she will travel within the US.



BREAK



HOW I WORK

HOW I FIND RESOURCES



Look at past years lists

Discuss with advisor

Search for print purchase online

Evaluate price (\$10 max)

Order online or search university website

Order for pickup from library or scan/save digital version

HOW I EVALUATE



Look at past years lists

Discuss with advisor

HOW I USE A MONOGRAPH

At this stage she is trying to develop her skills in scanning and extracting portions of a book. Success for her would be to read just enough to:



Know the main argument of the text



Be able to reference and reuse a meaningful example.

“Most people who are into digital books are those who have a reader device.”

WHAT I CHOOSE

CITATION MINING

She is not doing much of this at this stage as her resources are already defined.



EXTRACTING SPECIFIC INFO

She is looking for quotes and examples that demonstrate strong points in each book she reads. She needs to collect these notes or quotes in another document so that she can quickly access it during her exam.



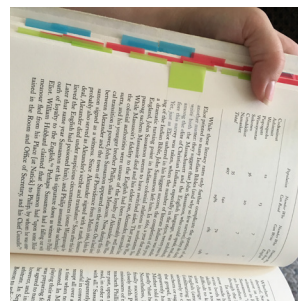
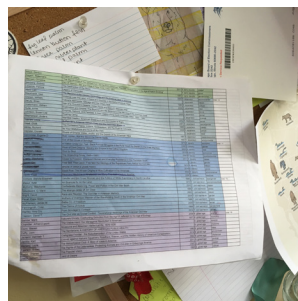
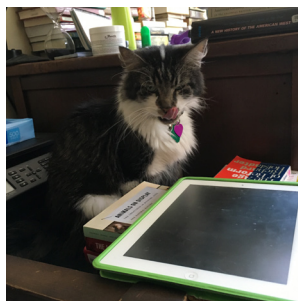
CLOSE READING

She would prefer to read in full all of the books she needs to cover, but that is unrealistic for her current needs.

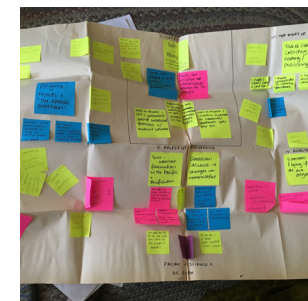


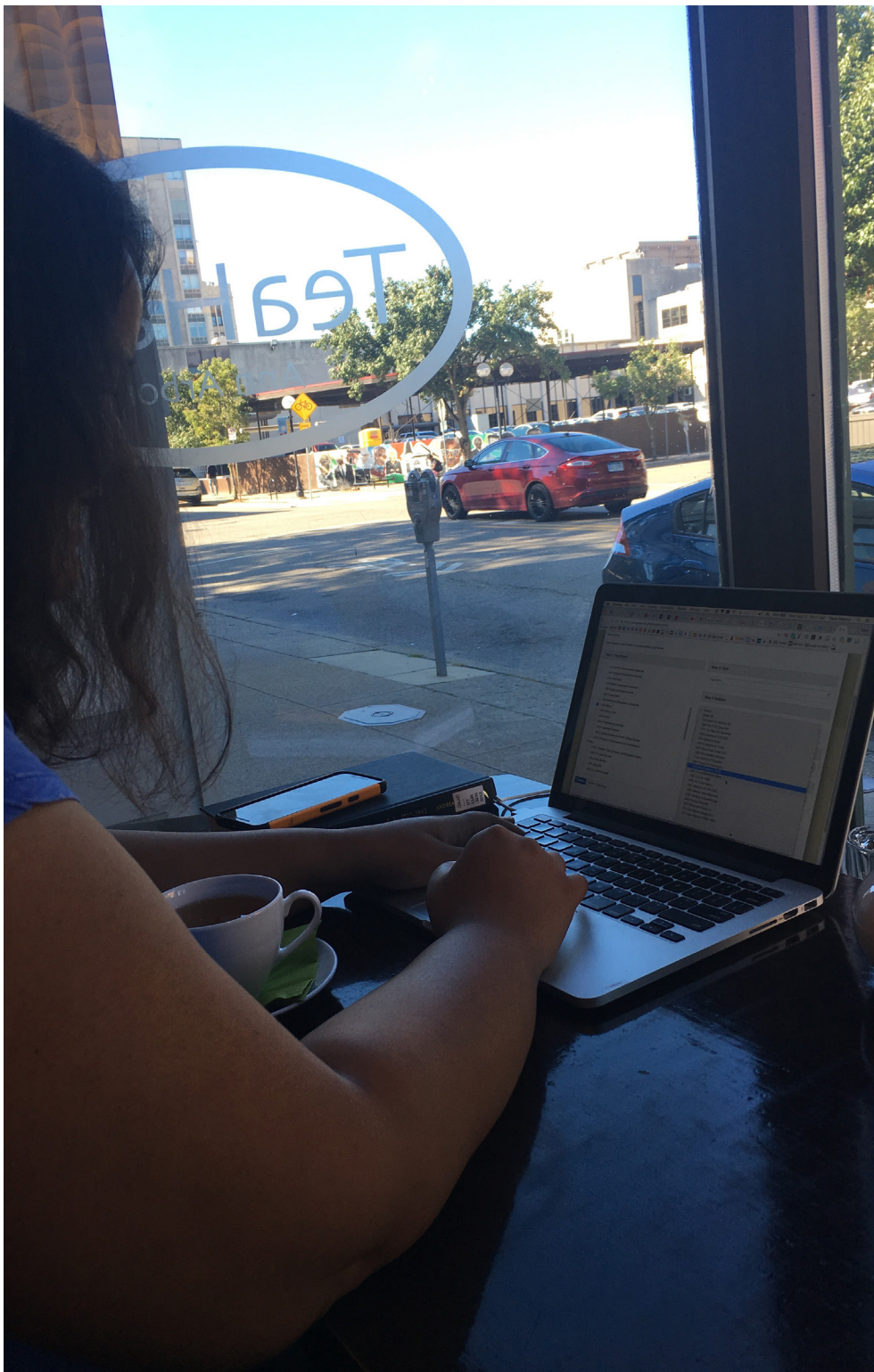
REUSING -OR- REVISITING A TEXT

She likes print because her notes are in the book, she uses a new color pen to denote one reading from another.



“I was binge watching teamwolf yesterday instead of studying. The other thing that has been messing with my studying is Pokemon Go.”





PROFILE

TIFFANY

PhD Candidate
Large Midwestern University

In her final stage of a second PhD, she is finalizing her dissertation focused on 19th century India and job hunting for Fall 2017.

CURRENT WORK

Creating sample undergraduate courses to use as part of her résumé package.

UNIQUE EXPERTISE

She knows how to manage resources for international travel. She scanned 20 books to digital so she could take them to India. "When you travel more you can't take a lot with you"

TOOLS I USE

APPLICATIONS USED



Word



Zotero

DEVICES USED



SUPPLIES



WEBSITES USED

- Library website and linked sites
- Ebrary
- Author websites

"Change of plan, let's go back to my apartment so I can get my wallet. This happens all the time."

STUDY LOCATIONS

Downtown café, afternoon at the graduate library. Other locations include her apartment, other cafés and coffee shops.

ARCHIVE TRAVEL

National Archives of India and London



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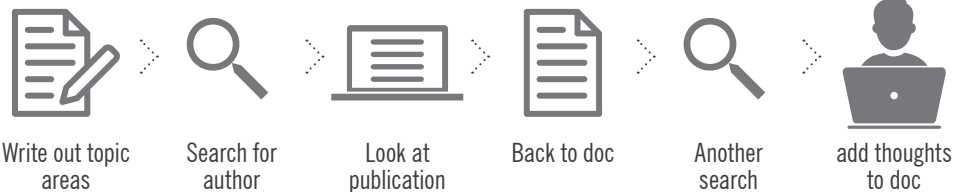
PokémonGo



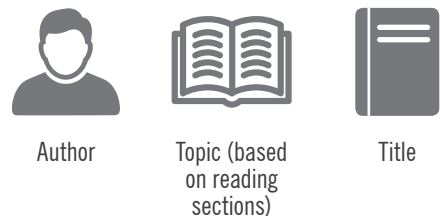
Texting friends

HOW I WORK

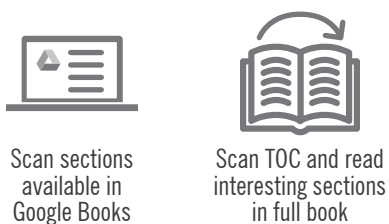
HOW I FIND RESOURCES



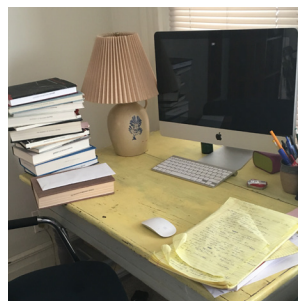
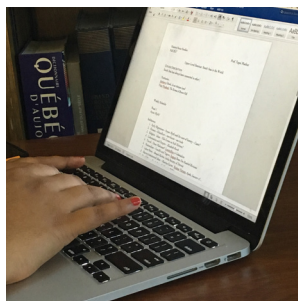
HOW I EVALUATE IMAGES OR TEXT



HOW I USE A MONOGRAPH



“I’m not good at navigating the stacks, some people just instinctively know where to go.”



“I like the most recent book on a topic. Then I mine that for footnotes”



“Oh I forgot my post-its.” She rips her napkin and uses it as a bookmark.
“I’m too lazy to look at the references, but must come back to this page.”

WHAT I CHOOSE

CITATION MINING

She follows citations by searching for the next book online, often finding previews in Google Books. This is best supported by digital format.



EXTRACTING SPECIFIC INFO

Pulling out sections is easier via copy and paste than typing.



CLOSE READING

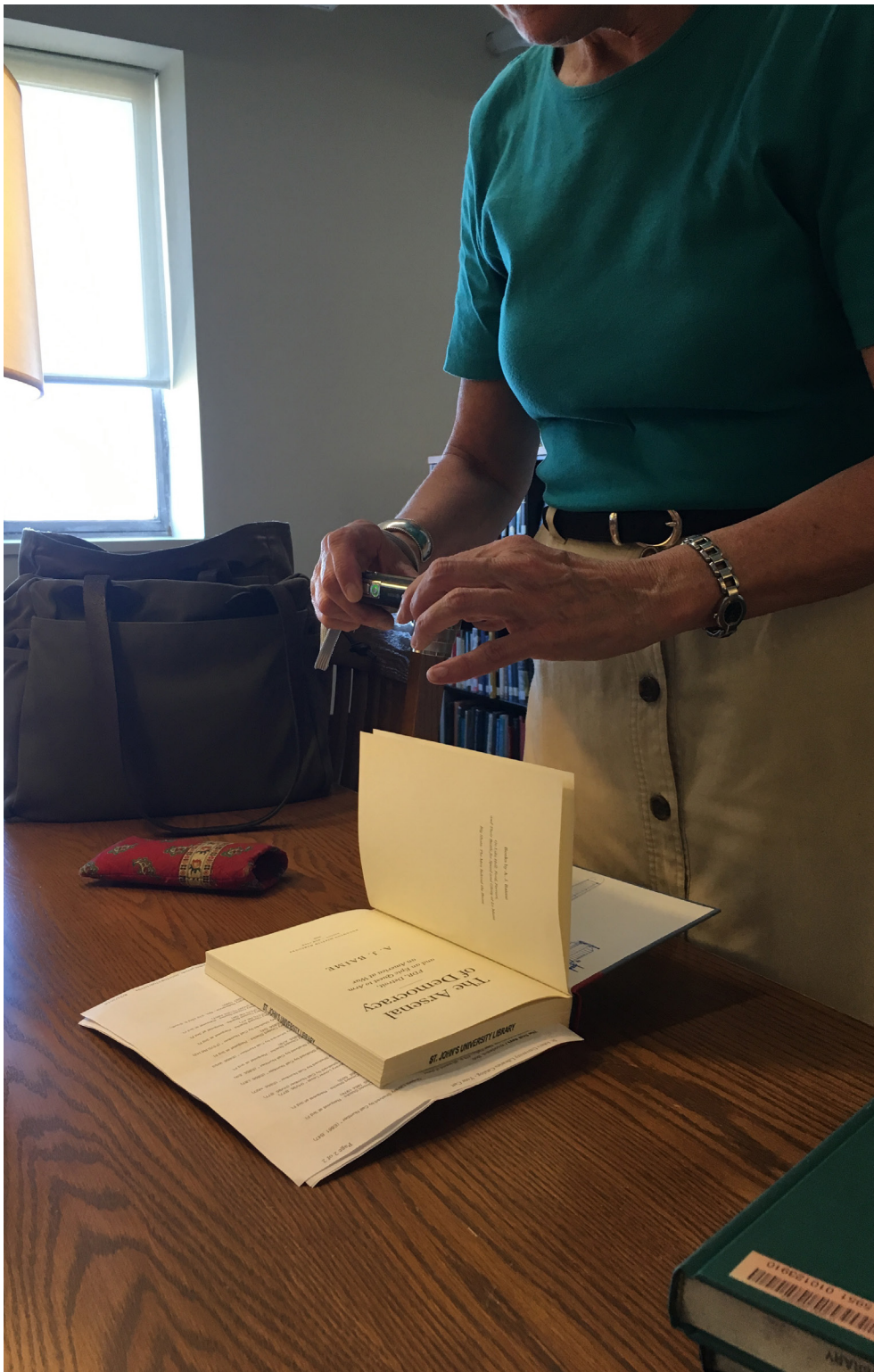
For close reading, print is easier.



REUSING -OR- REVISITING A TEXT

Digital versions of books allow her to “take the book with her” via computer and quick searching to refind.





PROFILE

KAREN

Faculty, History and Library Science
Small Private East Coast University

After recently publishing a book (which took 30 years to complete), she is now starting work on her next book, focused on Operation Breakthrough, George Romney, and the Detroit Fair Housing movement.

CURRENT WORK

Scanning books about pre-Watergate Nixon for references of George Romney. This is to gain proper context for her study.

UNIQUE EXPERTISE

She knows how to laser focus in on what she needs. She is able to review lengthy books in less than 5 minutes by targeting just the narrow topic she cares about.

TOOLS I USE

APPLICATIONS USED



Preview



Word

WEBSITES USED

- Library website
- WorldCat
- JSTOR
- EBSCO
- ProQuest
- Google

DEVICES USED



SUPPLIES



“I don’t have a smartphone, I have a dumb phone”.

STUDY LOCATIONS

Library and office on campus. Her apartment.

ARCHIVE TRAVEL

National Historical Archive, Washington DC.
State Archives, Michigan and Massachusetts



BREAK

Visit with family in Boston.



HOW I WORK

HOW I FIND RESOURCES



Keyword search in WorldCat Library catalog Scan the stacks



Review of conference materials. (Order forms). Library catalog Scan the stacks

HOW I EVALUATE



Scan TOC and index for topics or people relevant to her focus

Read a few pages

HOW I USE A MONOGRAPH



Take photos of relevant pages

Print pages

Read and mark relevant sections

Add to her writing

File Prints

“When you go to the archive the clock is running.”

She uses newspapers and popular magazines from a given era to “understand what the average person was reading.”

WHAT I CHOOSE

CITATION MINING

She flips from TOC to Index and the select pages. She is comfortable doing this in a physical book.



EXTRACTING SPECIFIC INFO

She marks the book or copies with pen then types out the points to be made in a word document.



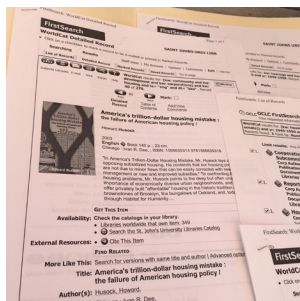
CLOSE READING

She always reads the physical book or a print out of select pages.

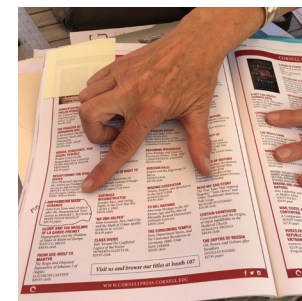


REUSING -OR- REVISITING A TEXT

Physical file cabinets are her primary way of organizing research sources.



Finishing this book was “a herculean effort.”





PROFILE

AARON

Full time Librarian and adjunct Faculty, History department
Large East Coast University

With a primary focus on gender and anarchism in Spain he spent 18 years completing his dissertation. He now conducts his own research between the few courses he teaches and full time librarian work.

CURRENT WORK

Adding some resources into his personal database, reviewing another author's book.

UNIQUE EXPERTISE

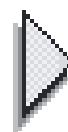
Searching for Spanish-language sources (e.g. searching authors by both mother's and father's surnames, etc.)

TOOLS I USE

APPLICATIONS USED



Word



ProCite



Adobe Acrobat



Dropbox



Excel

WEBSITES USED

- University library website
- EBSCO
- JSTOR
- ProQuest
- World Cat

DEVICES USED



SUPPLIES

None

“I worry with the print books, how will I ever move?”

STUDY LOCATIONS

Working at his home. While he works at the university Library he does not do his own study there, he has too much Librarian work to do.

ARCHIVE TRAVEL

Barcelona, Spain



BREAK



HOW I WORK

HOW I FIND RESOURCES



TOC alert
email

Follow link



Stay in touch
with scholars in
his field through
societies and
friendships

HOW I EVALUATE



Author



Title



TOC

HOW I USE A MONOGRAPH



End to end reading
for books valuable
to his research



categorize sections
or excerpts

“Searching is like food, you have to eat it
(look at it), to see if it tastes good.”

WHAT I CHOOSE

CITATION MINING

He quickly and easily copies and pastes
interesting citations into various lists for
future research with a digital version.



EXTRACTING SPECIFIC INFO

He hates having to retype quotes that he
finds in print books, he much prefers copying
and pasting from a digital version.



CLOSE READING

The context provided by a physical book,
such as the cover image, are of interest
and value to he when reading.

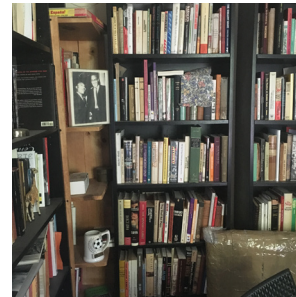
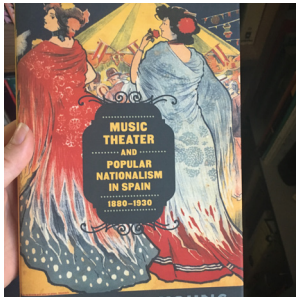


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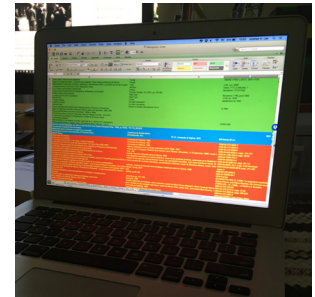
He has invested a huge amount of time and
effort into cataloging information about
books digitally it is the easiest and best way
for him to revisit.

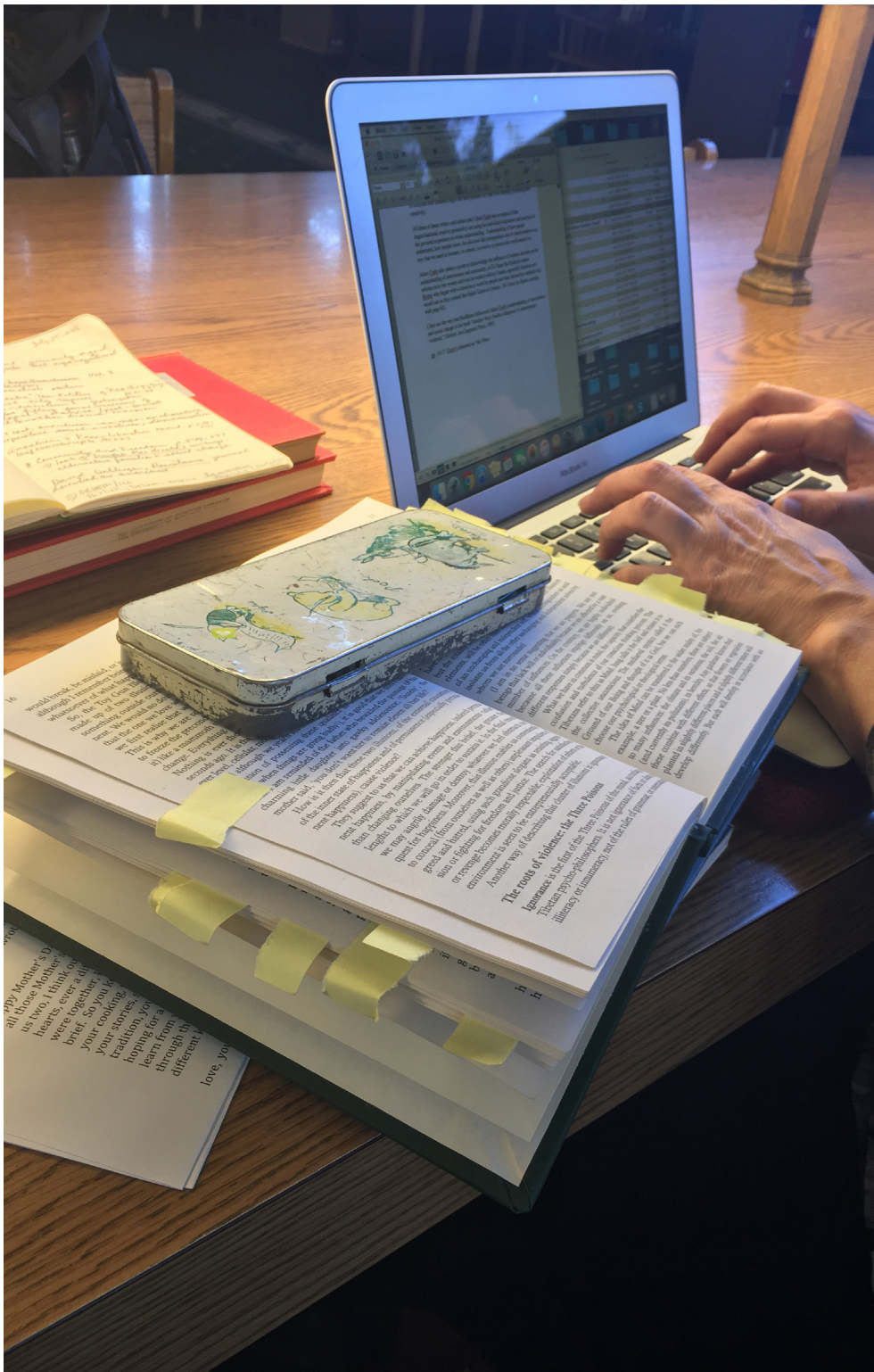


“I never go to JSTOR and search”



“A lot (of
books) in my
field are not
online, not
digitized”





PROFILE

ANGELA

Affiliated Scholar
Large Midwestern University

This is not a paid position so she has also taken up work in one of the university cafeteria kitchens. In the past she has worked as an Adjunct Professor. Her work is fairly interdisciplinary including History, Peace Studies, Sociology, Religion, and Philosophy.

CURRENT WORK

Adding to general thoughts, comments, and sources on how non-violence and individual views impact society.

UNIQUE EXPERTISE

She knows how to get her grounding in a new city. She joins a few churches and volunteers with a local charity. Valuable when you move every two years.

TOOLS I USE

APPLICATIONS USED



DEVICES USED



SUPPLIES



WEBSITES USED

- Google
- Abebooks.com

“There was a time when all my books were in storage, physical and mental space divided.”

STUDY LOCATIONS

The undergraduate Library, in the reference room. She used to have an office, but now she goes to other locations within the library. She feels most comfortable in a library setting.

ARCHIVE TRAVEL

Labadie special collections, Michigan and Peace Collection, Philadelphia



BREAK

“Good question, that is one I have not solved for myself”

HOW I WORK

HOW I FIND RESOURCES



Invited to speak at conference



See who is being featured at that conference



Request from the library all books by that author



Read

HOW I EVALUATE



Scan introduction and chapters



Look for topics or authors that are familiar

HOW I USE A MONOGRAPH



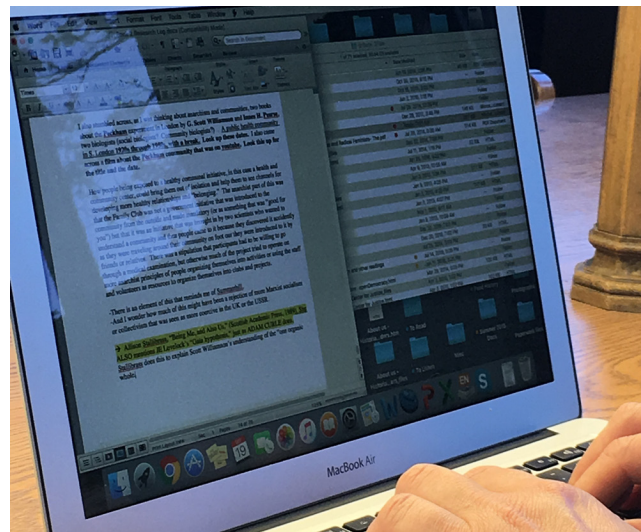
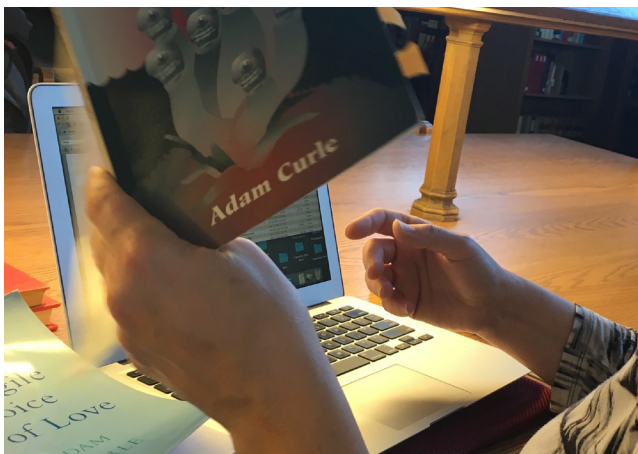
End to end reading



Mark pages with sticky notes



Use those marked pages as inspiration for free-form writing



“When I start a project I do free writing and take notes on things so that they are in one place.”

WHAT I CHOOSE

CITATION MINING

As she reads she makes notes in her word document of interesting citations.



EXTRACTING SPECIFIC INFO

When she finds interesting quotes she will mark it with a sticky note and type it out in her word document later.



CLOSE READING

She tends to read books in full, end to end.



REUSING -OR- REVISITING A TEXT

She feels a connection with her physical books, she was upset when her books were in storage during one move.

