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Subject: ANTH 498C--VERY IMPORTANT INFO ON RESEARCH PROJECTS

Hello everyone,

this really must be the result of my premature aging: there is a very critical detail I have been failing to mention for many weeks (considering that it does not appear in the course website which was begun a few months ago):

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TEAM UP, IN GROUPS OF TWO OR THREE, ONLY in the case of the online ethnographies, THEN PLEASE DO SO. You will each get the exact same grade for the work, unless I am led to understand that there was a gross disparity in the division of the workload.

IF YOU PREFER TO SHOW A VIDEO OF YOUR ONLINE EXPERIENCES, AND NOT PRESENT THE EQUIVALENT OF A SHORT RESEARCH PAPER, YOU MAY ALSO DO SO. But make it an informative video, with information on the why, how, and what of your research.

FREE SOFTWARE that may come in handy, that can be downloaded from multiple sites (try cnet.com first):

- ULEAD VIDEO STUDIO (excellent, simple, no need to read any manuals...good because I also seem to suffer from A.D.D., 30 day free trial, maybe activate it when you are finally ready to start editing)
- CAMSTUDIO (seems to capture anything on your screen, your typing, surfing, Youtube videos you might be watching, etc., requires a bit of trial and error)
- FRAPS (James mentioned this one, I have not tried it)

You can also convert PowerPoint presentations to various video formats--do a Google search for: "convert PPT to video" and you will find multiple free and limited trial programs

I am sorry to spring good news on you so quickly and abruptly and by email, so I will repeat the basics in class.

One more bit of good news:

NEXT MONDAY we will focus heavily on an ETHNOGRAPHIC/ART FILM DONE IN CYBERSPACE, called AVATARA. I will have an introduction, overview, and questions to hand to you. This will require some serious notetaking, so I would stress that you ensure that you are in class at all costs (also because you can't see the video anywhere else).

Very best wishes,

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