THE TRAVELERS LAB

Historical Analysis of Travel, Communication & Information Diffusion

The Travelers Lab is a new venture applying digital techniques of analysis and visualisation to studying travel and communication via a collaborative lab-style environment.

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Peruse our interests & current projects at the Travelers Lab website (travelerslab.research.wesleyan.edu)

Originating with research questions about medieval and early modern Europe, our historical focus is continually expanding as networks of faculty and students with interests in history are conjoined with faculty and students who have skills in digital techniques of analysis such as Geographic Information Systems, Network Analysis, and Textual Mining & Visualization.

How do I know if this is for me?
If you’ve read this far: it is. Our Lab thrives on bringing multiple perspectives and skills to bear on our projects and questions. Keen on helping to solve intellectual problems? Join us.

Come to our informational meeting Thurs, Sept 8, 12-1pm (Allbritton 304)
The Lab will be especially appealing for students who: want to apply or develop computer science programming skills; possess skills in any ancient or modern Euro-Mediterranean language; want to pursue digital skills such as analytic visualization or network analysis; want to help develop and curate the lab’s databases; and, are interested in website development.

How do I actually join the Travelers Lab?
Join in Travelers Lab research projects for course credit: Students can take HIST 423/424 for credit (whether 0.5 or 1.0; times flexible) and pair with faculty to develop & complete research projects, advancing historical knowledge and their own skills. See our website (above) for current projects.

Associated Courses: HISTORY 423 (Fa 2016) & HISTORY 424 (Sp 2017)
Digital Analysis & Visualization in Historical Research: The Travelers Lab

Join the Travelers Lab as a paid or voluntary participant: Intrigued but not for credit? There are still several ways to join. The Lab is sometimes able to offer paid research assistantships, can pair with research/analysis projects in other courses, and function as a workshop for technical skills.

Participation in the lab and the course is open to all majors and all class years
Admission by permission of instructor; enrollment requires academic advisor’s approval
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