

Transcript "log" for "Lobby"

[Thu Oct 30
10:45:51 PDT
2008] Michael_Rapa joined.
[18.36.1.46]

[Thu Oct 30
10:49:46 PDT
2008] generoso joined.
[18.36.7.122]

[Thu Oct 30
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2008] generoso left.
[18.36.7.122]

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2008] generoso joined.
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[Thu Oct 30
10:53:37 PDT
2008] pilpil joined.
[71.119.18.65]

[Thu Oct 30
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2008] Elizabeth_Badger joined.
[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30
11:01:04 PDT
2008] severin joined.
[62.178.149.124]

[Thu Oct 30
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2008] severin hello
[62.178.149.124]

[Thu Oct 30
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2008] generoso hello
[18.36.7.122]

[Thu Oct 30
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2008] madhurim joined.
[122.163.117.71]

[Thu Oct 30
11:01:46 PDT
2008] Elizabeth_Badger Hi. Oh good, we're in business.

[75.165.127.138]
[Thu Oct 30 11:01:56 PDT 2008] pilpil good morning

[71.119.18.65]
[Thu Oct 30 11:02:04 PDT 2008] generoso We will soon be joined by William Uricchio the director of CMS who will help answer all of your questions regarding the program

[18.36.7.122]
[Thu Oct 30 11:02:13 PDT 2008] madhurim Hi. well good night from India...

[122.163.117.71]
[Thu Oct 30 11:02:15 PDT 2008] severin ok. that's great

[62.178.149.124]
[Thu Oct 30 11:02:22 PDT 2008] madhurim thanks

[122.163.117.71]
[Thu Oct 30 11:02:27 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio joined.

[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30 11:02:27 PDT 2008] generoso hello Madhurim

[18.36.7.122]
[Thu Oct 30 11:02:27 PDT 2008] DanRoy joined.

[18.111.46.90]
[Thu Oct 30 11:02:40 PDT 2008] madhurim hello everyone :)

[122.163.117.71]
[Thu Oct 30 11:02:45 PDT 2008] Elizabeth_Badger Very soon, apparently.

[75.165.127.138]
[Thu Oct 30 11:02:52 PDT 2008] severin hello william

[62.178.149.124]

[Thu Oct 30 11:02:55 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio Hi -- I'm one of the program directors and a professor at CMS -- welcome!
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 11:02:59 PDT 2008] Elizabeth_Badger Hi!
[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30 11:03:01 PDT 2008] severin hi!
[62.178.149.124]

[Thu Oct 30 11:03:06 PDT 2008] madhurim hi
[122.163.117.71]

[Thu Oct 30 11:03:11 PDT 2008] severin great that you are here
[62.178.149.124]

[Thu Oct 30 11:03:26 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio So where are you (non-CMS) folks from?
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 11:03:36 PDT 2008] severin I'm from vienna, austria
[62.178.149.124]

[Thu Oct 30 11:03:39 PDT 2008] Elizabeth_Badger Washington State.
[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30 11:03:41 PDT 2008] madhurim hi. i am from india
[122.163.117.71]

[Thu Oct 30 11:03:47 PDT 2008] pilpil Hi. My name is Hila, I'm originally from ISrael, now in California
[71.119.18.65]

[Thu Oct 30 11:03:53 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio Quite a range!
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30

11:04:01 PDT
2008] severin yes :)
[62.178.149.124]
[Thu Oct 30
11:04:03 PDT
2008] madhurim :)
[122.163.117.71]
[Thu Oct 30
11:04:10 PDT
2008] Elizabeth_Badger Hooray internet.
[75.165.127.138]
[Thu Oct 30
11:04:17 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio I just got back to Cambrige from Paris the other day --
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
11:04:31 PDT
2008] Elizabeth_Badger And boy are your arms tired?
[75.165.127.138]
[Thu Oct 30
11:04:38 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio And what sort of academic / professional backgrounds do you have?
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
11:04:39 PDT
2008] DanRoy lol
[18.111.46.90]
[Thu Oct 30
11:04:51 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio (not to be too noseey about it!)
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
11:05:02 PDT
2008] Elizabeth_Badger Sorry, couldn't resist. I have an interdisciplinary Bachelor's degree
from Western Washington University.
[75.165.127.138]
[Thu Oct 30
11:05:17 PDT
2008] severin I'm currently working on my master thesis in philosophy and I'm also
working as a writer/conceptionalist
[62.178.149.124]
[Thu Oct 30
11:05:22 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio what disciplines were in the mix, EB?
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
11:05:32 PDT
2008] madhurim i am working with an ad agency- i handle brand planning function for

2008] mcdonald's india
[122.163.117.71]
[Thu Oct 30
11:05:46 PDT WilliamUricchio and what sort of phosophy>?
2008]
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
11:06:00 PDT Elizabeth_Badger Movies, race and gender studies, history. I also did an independent
2008] project which was essentially teaching a class on video games from a
[75.165.127.138] more academic standpoint.
[Thu Oct 30
11:06:16 PDT WilliamUricchio interesting!
2008]
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
11:06:25 PDT Elizabeth_Badger I thought so. :)
2008]
[75.165.127.138]
[Thu Oct 30
11:06:27 PDT severin I specialize in meda theory..I write about analog photographic film
2008] and the difference of analog and digital media. I work with Prof. Claus
[62.178.149.124] Pias here in vienna
[Thu Oct 30
11:06:43 PDT WilliamUricchio I just ran into Claus two weeks ago in Koln...
2008]
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
11:06:52 PDT severin oh wow
2008]
[62.178.149.124]
[Thu Oct 30
11:07:03 PDT WilliamUricchio Dan, why don't you intro yourself?
2008]
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
11:07:07 PDT severin I last saw him 1 week ago only in vienna
2008]
[62.178.149.124]
[Thu Oct 30
11:07:19 PDT WilliamUricchio haha!
2008]
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
11:07:40 PDT kfarina joined.
2008]

[12.23.2.98]

[Thu Oct 30
11:07:42 PDT
2008]

WilliamUricchio (give him my regards when you next see him) Do you know Doris Rusch?

[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30
11:08:10 PDT
2008]

severin sure I will. no, I think I don't know Doris Rusch. is she working with you or claus?

[62.178.149.124]

[Thu Oct 30
11:08:19 PDT
2008]

DanRoy2 joined.

[18.90.6.175]

[Thu Oct 30
11:08:34 PDT
2008]

WilliamUricchio Doris is now here at MIT doing games researqrch, but her PhD is from Vienna

[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30
11:08:40 PDT
2008]

Elizabeth_Badger Oh wow.

[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30
11:08:47 PDT
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Philip_Tan joined.

[18.36.7.228]

[Thu Oct 30
11:08:48 PDT
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WilliamUricchio TWO Dan Roys???

[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30
11:08:53 PDT
2008]

DanRoy2 lol

[18.90.6.175]

[Thu Oct 30
11:08:57 PDT
2008]

Elizabeth_Badger I like doing all sorts of pop culture studies, but video games are my biggest passion personally.

[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30
11:08:59 PDT
2008]

WilliamUricchio Hi Philip! welcome!

[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30
11:09:00 PDT
2008]

severin ah I see. I'd be interested to read what she has written here

[62.178.149.124]

[Thu Oct 30 11:09:04 PDT 2008] Philip_Tan Hallo
[18.36.7.228]

[Thu Oct 30 11:09:05 PDT 2008] DanRoy2 my internet disconnected...and it thinks i'm still there
[18.90.6.175]

[Thu Oct 30 11:09:05 PDT 2008] pilpil i majored in communication studies in undergrad (university of haifa, israel). I'm into social aspects of technology usage (among others). I also write about fandom.
[71.119.18.65]

[Thu Oct 30 11:09:10 PDT 2008] severin I'm sure some people from the faculty still know her
[62.178.149.124]

[Thu Oct 30 11:09:13 PDT 2008] Elizabeth_Badger Ooh, fandom.
[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30 11:09:28 PDT 2008] madhurim fan-dom..nice!
[122.163.117.71]

[Thu Oct 30 11:09:31 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio What sort of fandoms are out there...?
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 11:09:35 PDT 2008] Elizabeth_Badger Fascinating! (But scary.)
[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30 11:09:58 PDT 2008] pilpil I think I'm a fan of fandoms at this point. But I started in Sci-Fi...
[71.119.18.65]

[Thu Oct 30 11:10:01 PDT 2008] SamanthaXu joined.
[64.236.245.243]

[Thu Oct 30 11:10:03 PDT 2008] Philip_Tan What sort AREN'T, William? :)
[18.36.7.228]

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[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
11:12:55 PDT

WilliamUricchio good question, Philip!!

WilliamUricchio Welcome Samantha -- where are you from and what do you d?

WilliamUricchio uh, do?

WilliamUricchio and what sort of questions do you folks have ... at least the sort htat we can answer....

SamanthaXu Hi, I'm currently in NYC right now. I work as an assistant photo editor at Entertainment Weekly and also do a bit of writing about videogames and such for the magazine.

WilliamUricchio Philip -- Dan, why don't you introduce yourselves

Elizabeth_Badger ..holy mackeral that's awesome.

kfarina Samantha, I'm about to do a conference call with EW, coincidentally.

DanRoy2 sure

Elizabeth_Badger Well, the big question I have is what sort of jobs come out of this program? I mean, what professions do graduates move on to?

WilliamUricchio We have a Dutch videogame journalist visiting us at the moment, and Jesper Jull is here as well -- in fact a numbe of writers on games!

11:12:55 PDT
2008] SamanthaXu oh really? about what?
[64.236.245.243]

[Thu Oct 30
11:12:59 PDT Philip_Tan Hi, I'm Philip, U.S. Executive Director for the Singapore-MIT
2008] GAMBIT Game Lab. William and Henry are our principal
[18.36.7.228] investigators. I'm also a CMS alum, class of '03.

[Thu Oct 30
11:13:00 PDT Elizabeth_Badger :D Oh man.
2008] Elizabeth_Badger :D Oh man.
[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30
11:13:08 PDT DanRoy2 Hi everyone, I'm the real DanRoy (forget that other one). I did the
2008] masters program here at CMS and now I'm a researcher/game designer
[18.90.6.175] over at The Education Arcade.

[Thu Oct 30
11:13:36 PDT Elizabeth_Badger That's actually my biggest reason for interest in this program. As I
2008] Elizabeth_Badger said, I have a major passion for games.
[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30
11:13:53 PDT DanRoy2 games are well represented here today
2008] DanRoy2 games are well represented here today
[18.90.6.175]

[Thu Oct 30
11:13:55 PDT Philip_Tan So, Elizabeth, one answer to your question is evidenced by Dan and
2008] Philip_Tan I... some alums keep doing research :)
[18.36.7.228]

[Thu Oct 30
11:14:08 PDT Elizabeth_Badger So I see!
2008] Elizabeth_Badger So I see!
[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30
11:14:09 PDT DanRoy2 :)
2008] DanRoy2 :)
[18.90.6.175]

[Thu Oct 30
11:14:19 PDT WilliamUricchio Jobs...! people are working in the industry (games, tv, film,
2008] WilliamUricchio publishing), in education (teaching at U Michigan for example), doing
[18.36.5.66] activist work, working on wall street (yes, still!)

[Thu Oct 30
11:14:48 PDT Philip_Tan Yeah, we have a few alums that joined EA and 2K Games.
2008] Philip_Tan Yeah, we have a few alums that joined EA and 2K Games.
[18.36.7.228]

[Thu Oct 30
11:14:49 PDT nilnil can u tell more about activist work people do?

2008] pilpil can u tell more about activist work people do?
 [71.119.18.65]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:14:52 PDT 2008] Elizabeth_Badger Hooray for the economy.
 [75.165.127.138]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:14:58 PDT 2008] severin are there also a lot of cms students who continue writing a phd thesis?
 [62.178.149.124]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:15:02 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio doing journalism, etc... best place to look is in our newsletter -- In Media Res -- which you can find on our website
 [18.36.5.66]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:15:13 PDT 2008] Elizabeth_Badger Oh, that sounds useful. I'll look at it.
 [75.165.127.138]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:15:14 PDT 2008] madhurim slightly trite qs- is there a particular leaning towards theory or practical work?
 [122.163.117.71]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:15:22 PDT 2008] madhurim *particular
 [122.163.117.71]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:15:48 PDT 2008] Philip_Tan We try to do it all. Kind of insane, actually.
 [18.36.7.228]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:15:49 PDT 2008] SamanthaXu I think i'd like to continue doing journalism in the games industry, but I'm more interested jumping into development, do some of the CMS grads go that route?
 [64.236.245.243]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:15:52 PDT 2008] DanRoy2 pilpil: I do some act of this stuff by blending social entrepreneurship and nonprofits with educational games.
 [18.90.6.175]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:15:53 PDT 2008] SamanthaXu As producers and such?
 [64.236.245.243]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:15:54 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio Sure -- one of our students was in Guatemala helping to organize some critical views of media

[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30
11:16:00 PDT
2008] Elizabeth_Badger Wow.

[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30
11:16:18 PDT
2008] madhurim Interesting

[122.163.117.71]

[Thu Oct 30
11:16:35 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio some are activist in their writing -- and some -- and I'd even call GAMBIT activist in a sense -- are pushing for more critical and creative uses of the media (games in GAMBIT's case)

[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30
11:16:58 PDT
2008] DanRoy2 There are definitely plenty of media producers coming out of CMS.

[18.90.6.175]

[Thu Oct 30
11:17:02 PDT
2008] Philip_Tan We definitely have a few alums that went on to PhD programs, writing theses, all that good stuff

[18.36.7.228]

[Thu Oct 30
11:17:17 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio One former student, now doing her PhD at the London School of Economics, was working with local radio and women in Afghanistan

[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30
11:17:26 PDT
2008] Elizabeth_Badger Oh wow!

[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30
11:17:41 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio (sorry -- my typing is dreadful today!)

[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30
11:17:48 PDT
2008] Elizabeth_Badger Eh, join the club. ;)

[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30
11:18:04 PDT
2008] Philip_Tan Some urban U.S. activism too... like Kevin Driscoll and his funky text-messaging network.

[18.36.7.228]

[Thu Oct 30
11:18:22 PDT
2008] Elizabeth_Badger Yeah, I'm thinking I might go into education myself. I've got some History programs in mind as well.

[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30 11:18:55 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio One of our strengths is a terrific alum network -- we have people everywhere!
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 11:19:18 PDT 2008] severin thank you philip for your answer. as I'm finishing my masters in philosophy this year, I was wondering whether it's possible to combine the CMS graduate program with a phd
[62.178.149.124]

[Thu Oct 30 11:19:33 PDT 2008] pilpil Thanks. great examples. I still wonder - what kind of tools does the program give your students as activists?
[71.119.18.65]

[Thu Oct 30 11:19:36 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio And we bring people from very different corners of the media world through her in our weekly colloquium series -- check out this semester's listings on our site
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 11:19:52 PDT 2008] Elizabeth_Badger So there's a fairly high rate of hire for graduates of the program?
[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30 11:20:08 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio for activism tools -- look at the Center for Future Civic Media site on our research page --
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 11:20:19 PDT 2008] Elizabeth_Badger (At the risk of sounding horribly money-minded.)
[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30 11:20:22 PDT 2008] Philip_Tan Severin: CMS is still just a masters' program, unfortunately, so people have to get PhDs from another institution or department.
[18.36.7.228]

[Thu Oct 30 11:20:28 PDT 2008] madhurim just to add to that...do people go on and explore their own thing as well and not just in education...
[122.163.117.71]

[Thu Oct 30 11:20:36 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio it's all about various forms of activism -- and building new tools to get the job done; we are partnering with the media lab on this project
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 11:20:50 PDT 2008] severin ah I see, thank you philip
[62.178.149.124]

[Thu Oct 30

11:21:21 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio yes -- media is still a growth area, and as I say, we have a good network and a distinctive niche i the field!
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 11:21:50 PDT 2008] Elizabeth_Badger That's good.
[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30 11:21:54 PDT 2008] Philip_Tan Severin: But as an idea of just how strange this place is, Clara Fernandez-Vara is a CMS alum from 2004 and she went to Georgia Tech to start her PhD. Once she finished all her coursework, she came back here to work as a research associate while writing her dissertation for Georgia Tech.
[18.36.7.228]

[Thu Oct 30 11:21:57 PDT 2008] DanRoy2 madhurim: a couple of us from CMS have gone on to do startups.
[18.90.6.175]

[Thu Oct 30 11:22:18 PDT 2008] severin that sounds great
[62.178.149.124]

[Thu Oct 30 11:22:22 PDT 2008] SamanthaXu Okay, unrelated question. I couldn't sign up for the on campus info session on Nov. 13. Is there any way I can still meet with any faculty in the program if I stop by?
[64.236.245.243]

[Thu Oct 30 11:22:29 PDT 2008] madhurim dan: could you elaborate on the fields?
[122.163.117.71]

[Thu Oct 30 11:22:58 PDT 2008] DanRoy2 educational computer games in my and Ravi's case
[18.90.6.175]

[Thu Oct 30 11:23:18 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio Samantha -- possibly, but this is the busy season -- lots of travel and when here, classes and meetings. These are the back-up sessions. Of course, you can come by anyway...
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 11:23:22 PDT 2008] Philip_Tan Samantha: you could, but it helps to contact them ahead of time to make sure they're on campus
[18.36.7.228]

[Thu Oct 30 11:23:45 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio ...and see the students and research groups in action, and maybe sit in on a class or two.... Thursdays tend to be good days...
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30

11:24:10 PDT
2008] severin oh I'd love to do that too if I would be on the right continent
[62.178.149.124]
[Thu Oct 30
11:24:11 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio classes and our colloquium from 5-7 with a reception afterwards
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
11:24:12 PDT
2008] madhurim dan: oh ok. thx
[122.163.117.71]
[Thu Oct 30
11:24:16 PDT
2008] Elizabeth_Badger This is a fairly interdisciplinary program itself, right? Does it lend
itself well to branching out into other fields, then?
[75.165.127.138]
[Thu Oct 30
11:24:23 PDT
2008] SamanthaXu Who would I okay that with? Sitting in on classes and research?
[64.236.245.243]
[Thu Oct 30
11:24:28 PDT
2008] DanRoy left.
[18.111.46.90]
[Thu Oct 30
11:25:07 PDT
2008] DanRoy2 the imposter finally fled
[18.90.6.175]
[Thu Oct 30
11:25:09 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio check in with us -- my classes are ok, but it's nice to give instructors a
heads up -- even to ask (it's the polite way to go_)
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
11:25:17 PDT
2008] Elizabeth_Badger Dan Roy is dead, long live Dan Roy?
[75.165.127.138]
[Thu Oct 30
11:25:20 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio ha!
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
11:25:22 PDT
2008] Philip_Tan Do they have your email addresses?
[18.36.7.228]
[Thu Oct 30
11:25:41 PDT

11:23:41 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio uricchio@mit.edu or cms@mit.edu
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 11:25:47 PDT 2008] SamanthaXu William and Phillip, can I sit in on your classes on either Thursday Nov 13 or Friday Nov 14?
[64.236.245.243]

[Thu Oct 30 11:26:35 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio 13th is ok -- Fridays...not sure what classes we have (though we do have game ttime at GAMBIT inthe afternoon!!
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 11:26:43 PDT 2008] Philip_Tan I don't teach this semester, unfortunately, but we do have an open-house gameplay session Nov 14 after 4pm.
[18.36.7.228]

[Thu Oct 30 11:26:59 PDT 2008] Elizabeth_Badger Actually, another question: How hard is it to get into the program? Do you get a lot of applicants?
[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30 11:27:00 PDT 2008] Philip_Tan So everyone's welcome for that.
[18.36.7.228]

[Thu Oct 30 11:27:10 PDT 2008] Elizabeth_Badger (I know that's two. I can count, really.)
[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30 11:27:41 PDT 2008] SamanthaXu oh cool. i will totally stop by. generoso said the info session stuff was full, but i might just sneak in if i can. *puts on ninja mask and quiet shoes*
[64.236.245.243]

[Thu Oct 30 11:27:44 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio so far, we are running at just under 10% acceptance rate, and that's with a pretty strong pool (most applicants are pretty strong)
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 11:27:53 PDT 2008] Elizabeth_Badger Yikes.
[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30 11:27:59 PDT 2008] severin uh oh
[62.178.149.124]

[Thu Oct 30 11:28:01 PDT 2008] Philip_Tan Ninja skills help

2008] r mmp_1 au ninja skills help.
 [18.36.7.228]
 [Thu Oct 30
 11:28:15 PDT Elizabeth_Badger I'm about as ninja as a beach ball.
 2008]
 [75.165.127.138]
 [Thu Oct 30
 11:28:17 PDT WilliamUricchio Yup! and so do the statements of your objectives!
 2008]
 [18.36.5.66]
 [Thu Oct 30
 11:28:29 PDT severin how much do gre scores count in the selection process?
 2008]
 [62.178.149.124]
 [Thu Oct 30
 11:28:31 PDT madhurim what do you look for in an application?... uh oh! no ninja skills :(...:)
 2008]
 [122.163.117.71]
 [Thu Oct 30
 11:28:40 PDT WilliamUricchio It together with your writing sample (where we see how you think and
 2008] argue) are most important
 [18.36.5.66]
 [Thu Oct 30
 11:28:52 PDT SamanthaXu what type of writing samples do you prefer? long academic papers? or
 2008] published work?
 [64.236.245.243]
 [Thu Oct 30
 11:29:12 PDT Elizabeth_Badger And how long? My most polished paper is about 18 pages.
 2008]
 [75.165.127.138]
 [Thu Oct 30
 11:29:13 PDT WilliamUricchio Scores are not so important -- we assume that they are pretty good --
 2008] in fact we only look twice if they are bad
 [18.36.5.66]
 [Thu Oct 30
 11:29:45 PDT WilliamUricchio 18 pages is fine -- or a senior thesis where you direct us to the
 2008] relevant bit ---
 [18.36.5.66]
 [Thu Oct 30
 11:29:54 PDT severin ok
 2008]
 [62.178.149.124]
 [Thu Oct 30
 11:30:05 PDT madhurim actually after 4 years of working in advertising- all written work is in
 2008] presentations... how do you submit sthg like that.... ::blink

[122.163.117.71]

[Thu Oct 30
11:30:06 PDT
2008]

WilliamUricchio but the statement of objectives (he said again!) is very important!

[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30
11:30:14 PDT
2008]

severin I see

[62.178.149.124]

[Thu Oct 30
11:30:21 PDT
2008]

madhurim okie

[122.163.117.71]

[Thu Oct 30
11:30:23 PDT
2008]

Elizabeth_Badger What should we aim for in the statement to make sure it's a good strong one?

[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30
11:30:31 PDT
2008]

WilliamUricchio you might put presentations in your portfolio -- but the writing sample should be academic

[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30
11:30:39 PDT
2008]

Philip_Tan You want to highlight stuff that makes you unique.

[18.36.7.228]

[Thu Oct 30
11:30:56 PDT
2008]

madhurim william: even if it is dated?

[122.163.117.71]

[Thu Oct 30
11:31:01 PDT
2008]

SamanthaXu wow, okay, looks like i'm going to have to dig out my files from ungergrad. since most of my writing for EW is fairly short.

[64.236.245.243]

[Thu Oct 30
11:31:13 PDT
2008]

WilliamUricchio the statement should be clear about what you want to do and why. It should make some sense of your past experience, and tell us how we can bridge that past with where you want to go....

[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30
11:31:24 PDT
2008]

severin together with the writing sample, can I also attach samples of my professional work, like books (non academic ones) I did/created?

[62.178.149.124]

[Thu Oct 30
11:31:40 PDT
2008]

DanRoy2 btw: my writing sample was something new I wrote just for the application. but that's definitely not the only way to go

[18.90.6.175]

[Thu Oct 30 11:31:57 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio re writing sample -- yes even if dated -- though you may want to update it - -revise it or whatever!
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 11:32:08 PDT 2008] madhurim oh..thanks dan
[122.163.117.71]

[Thu Oct 30 11:32:10 PDT 2008] madhurim ok
[122.163.117.71]

[Thu Oct 30 11:32:22 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio again, the goal is to see how you think, marshall evidence, argue, write....
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 11:32:28 PDT 2008] Philip_Tan I submitted undergrad work, I think.
[18.36.7.228]

[Thu Oct 30 11:32:40 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio (I guess you did!)
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 11:32:49 PDT 2008] Elizabeth_Badger I have an independent study project paper about biraciality in movies I'm thinking I'll use.
[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30 11:33:02 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio sounds interesting!
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 11:33:25 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio and relevant, given Obama...
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 11:33:31 PDT 2008] SamanthaXu the writing sample doesn't necessarily have to do with our objectives for CMS right?
[64.236.245.243]

[Thu Oct 30 11:33:34 PDT 2008] Elizabeth_Badger Well, it was at least in part a reaction to some of my classes, but it was definitely interesting -- though I found even more movies that would've worked later.
[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30

11:33:46 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio No - writing could be about anything
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
11:33:50 PDT madhurim i have ethnographic study work on kids and happy meals in India...i
2008] think i won't use :)
[122.163.117.71]
[Thu Oct 30
11:33:56 PDT Elizabeth_Badger Aw.
2008]
[75.165.127.138]
[Thu Oct 30
11:34:02 PDT Elizabeth_Badger That actually sounds like an interesting paper.
2008]
[75.165.127.138]
[Thu Oct 30
11:34:16 PDT WilliamUricchio if it is academically argued, the happy meals thing in India sounds
2008] great!
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
11:34:28 PDT madhurim really?
2008]
[122.163.117.71]
[Thu Oct 30
11:34:29 PDT generoso left.
2008]
[18.36.7.122]
[Thu Oct 30
11:34:34 PDT Philip_Tan Yeah
2008]
[18.36.7.228]
[Thu Oct 30
11:34:39 PDT WilliamUricchio yeah, really (!!)
2008]
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
11:34:49 PDT generoso joined.
2008]
[18.36.7.122]
[Thu Oct 30
11:34:54 PDT madhurim yikes...time to relook it...ok.
2008]
[122.163.117.71]
[Thu Oct 30
11:34:50 PDT

11:34:57 PDT
2008] SamanthaXu why does the thought of happy meals and kids in india makes me sad?
[64.236.245.243]
[Thu Oct 30
11:35:26 PDT Elizabeth_Badger insert "McDonalds as megacorporation" and "cultural imperialism"
2008] rants here?
[75.165.127.138]
[Thu Oct 30
11:35:32 PDT WilliamUricchio yeah, with so much other wonderful finger to choose from...
2008]
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
11:35:38 PDT madhurim oh dropping numbers make me sad but you won't believe how much
2008] moolah McDoanld's in India makes!!
[122.163.117.71]
[Thu Oct 30
11:35:43 PDT severin do the applications go straight to you, william, and henry jenkins or is
2008] there a pre-selection process? it must be a lot of work to go through all
[62.178.149.124] applications after all..
[Thu Oct 30
11:36:11 PDT WilliamUricchio there is a committee of about 8 professors ... we do two cuts, then fight
2008] over the last 30 or so
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
11:36:18 PDT severin I see
2008]
[62.178.149.124]
[Thu Oct 30
11:36:30 PDT Elizabeth_Badger *gets a mental image of the Arena scene from that one episode of Star
2008] Trek*
[75.165.127.138]
[Thu Oct 30
11:36:36 PDT madhurim thanks elizabeth...mcd is still "novelty" in india...people celebrate first
2008] birthdays here :)
[122.163.117.71]
[Thu Oct 30
11:36:43 PDT WilliamUricchio yeah -- it's a LOT of work, but vital ot the program. We work very
2008] hard ot 'orchestrate' the right mix
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
11:36:45 PDT SamanthaXu wow... fighting.... ha.
2008]
[64.236.245.243]
[Thu Oct 30
11:36:46 PDT Elizabeth_Badger Hee!

2008] ENZAUCU_Dauger nec:
 [75.165.127.138]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:37:06 PDT 2008] madhurim nerve racking
 [122.163.117.71]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:37:44 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio yes -- because we get a lot of good applicants, wish we could take more -- and have to balance the very different needs of the program, diversity (gender, international, etc)
 [18.36.5.66]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:37:49 PDT 2008] DanRoy2 not to mention the mud wrestling
 [18.90.6.175]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:37:59 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio ::laugh
 [18.36.5.66]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:38:26 PDT 2008] kfarina Can you talk a little bit about matching students to the research projects?
 [12.23.2.98]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:38:28 PDT 2008] SamanthaXu do all the students get fellowships/assistantships? so no one comes out of it with hefty student loans?
 [64.236.245.243]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:38:38 PDT 2008] madhurim had a qs on media lab: how closely does it work with CMS?
 [122.163.117.71]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:38:53 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio so far, we've been able to support the vast majority of our students
 [18.36.5.66]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:39:08 PDT 2008] madhurim left.
 [122.163.117.71]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:39:26 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio we are usually able to offer research assistantships -- tuition and a living stipend (which isn't too bad)
 [18.36.5.66]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:39:45 PDT 2008] Philip_Tan in exchange for 15 hours of work a week with one of the research groups.

[18.36.7.228]

[Thu Oct 30
11:39:51 PDT
2008] severin sounds good

[62.178.149.124]

[Thu Oct 30
11:39:52 PDT
2008] Philip_Tan (on average.)

[18.36.7.228]

[Thu Oct 30
11:39:54 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio in exchange for 15 hours of work per week on the research projects

[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30
11:39:54 PDT
2008] Elizabeth_Badger Nice.

[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30
11:40:00 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio echo

[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30
11:40:07 PDT
2008] Philip_Tan whoa, did we just write the same exact line?

[18.36.7.228]

[Thu Oct 30
11:40:13 PDT
2008] DanRoy2 in exchange for 15 hours of work per week on the research projects

[18.90.6.175]

[Thu Oct 30
11:40:14 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio scarey!

[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30
11:40:25 PDT
2008] madhurim joined.

[122.163.117.71]

[Thu Oct 30
11:40:28 PDT
2008] Elizabeth_Badger Would beat having to make money off doctor mumbling interpretation like I'm doing right now.

[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30
11:40:28 PDT
2008] pilpil sounds fun

[71.119.18.65]

[Thu Oct 30 11:40:29 PDT 2008] severin seems like CMS people think and write alike!
[62.178.149.124]

[Thu Oct 30 11:40:31 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio assignment is based on aligning interests and skill sets
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 11:40:47 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio the borg
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 11:40:58 PDT 2008] severin haha
[62.178.149.124]

[Thu Oct 30 11:41:31 PDT 2008] Philip_Tan left.
[18.36.7.228]

[Thu Oct 30 11:41:32 PDT 2008] Elizabeth_Badger WE WILL ASSIMILATE YOU... TO WRITE A PAPER ON THE APPLICATION OF VIDEO GAMES TO EDUCATIONAL MEANS
[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30 11:41:34 PDT 2008] SamanthaXu So what is everyone interested in studying at CMS? Just wondering.
[64.236.245.243]

[Thu Oct 30 11:41:59 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio the media lab -- we have a joint research project (C4), individual students take some of our courses and vice versa, and sometimes joining lectures.
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 11:42:13 PDT 2008] Philip_Tan joined.
[18.36.7.228]

[Thu Oct 30 11:42:18 PDT 2008] Philip_Tan Oops
[18.36.7.228]

[Thu Oct 30 11:42:24 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio we are moving into the media lab building in another year or two...
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30

[Thu Oct 30 11:42:38 PDT 2008] [75.165.127.138] Elizabeth_Badger Well, as I said before, I have a passion for video games. Also, I'd heard of Henry Jenkins before. I also have a historical passion which would fit in just as well into the program, I think.

[Thu Oct 30 11:42:54 PDT 2008] [18.36.5.66] WilliamUricchio wow -- wide range of interests-- you should look at the student profile page under 'people' on our web site for details

[Thu Oct 30 11:43:09 PDT 2008] [122.163.117.71] madhurim ok... what kind of projects would these be...if you cld elaborate?

[Thu Oct 30 11:43:25 PDT 2008] [18.36.5.66] WilliamUricchio good -- I'm a historian, and like thinking about the connections between the past and future

[Thu Oct 30 11:43:38 PDT 2008] [18.36.5.66] WilliamUricchio research projects?

[Thu Oct 30 11:43:49 PDT 2008] [75.165.127.138] Elizabeth_Badger I've had a major bugaboo about history teaching in this country ever since spending two years in England, then coming back to high school history.

[Thu Oct 30 11:44:05 PDT 2008] [122.163.117.71] madhurim (joint projects with media lab)

[Thu Oct 30 11:44:23 PDT 2008] [18.36.7.228] Philip_Tan C4FCM?

[Thu Oct 30 11:44:25 PDT 2008] [18.36.5.66] WilliamUricchio check out 'current projects' under the research rubric on our site -- six major projects, each with their own web site -- most about redefining the future!

[Thu Oct 30 11:44:33 PDT 2008] [18.36.7.228] Philip_Tan aka The Center For Future Civic Media

[Thu Oct 30 11:44:53 PDT 2008] [18.36.7.228] Philip_Tan That's the one with the closest day-to-day interaction with the Media Lab

[Thu Oct 30 11:44:56 PDT

11:44:50 PDT
2008] madhurim ok
[122.163.117.71]
[Thu Oct 30
11:45:11 PDT
2008] Elizabeth_Badger Ah, there's a thought. Can you get education credentials through this program, or do you have to take it entirely on the side?
[75.165.127.138]
[Thu Oct 30
11:45:18 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio how will be sustain and build the notion of the 'civic' in a world where people read fewer newspapers? where the local is not well represented in the media?
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
11:45:46 PDT
2008] Philip_Tan I think you can take classes from the Teacher Education Program in MIT, giving you education credentials
[18.36.7.228]
[Thu Oct 30
11:46:16 PDT
2008] Philip_Tan But you'd need to look up their website
[18.36.7.228]
[Thu Oct 30
11:46:20 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio you can get some credits or TA-ing a class, and things like project new media literacies and the education arcade are all about education theory -- butut no ed degree
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
11:46:41 PDT
2008] madhurim that sounds very interesting... and relvant but on the flipside- there's the net to make it as micro as you want local to be
[122.163.117.71]
[Thu Oct 30
11:46:49 PDT
2008] Philip_Tan <http://education.mit.edu/drupal/tep>
[18.36.7.228]
[Thu Oct 30
11:46:56 PDT
2008] Elizabeth_Badger So on the side, then. Well, that works. As I said, my main objective right now is going into teaching.
[75.165.127.138]
[Thu Oct 30
11:47:08 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio indeed -- so that's one of hte spaces we are building new tools in -- cell phones as well...
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
11:47:20 PDT
2008] Philip_Tan You have to take some classes outside of the core curriculum just to graduate anyway, so you can concentrate them on teaching if you'd like
[18.36.7.228]
[Thu Oct 30
11:47:27 PDT
2008] Elizabeth_Badger Catche

2008] Elizabeth_Badger Oh good.
 [75.165.127.138]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:48:30 PDT 2008] severin another question: does the age of cms students vary a lot or what is the average age of people studying CMS?
 [62.178.149.124]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:48:33 PDT 2008] madhurim when you say tools... i am confused- is there a prior computer/engg degree required...
 [122.163.117.71]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:48:54 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio age: we generally have people who are a few years out of college
 [18.36.5.66]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:48:54 PDT 2008] Philip_Tan Pretty big age range
 [18.36.7.228]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:49:02 PDT 2008] madhurim or is it more setting up processes and how would that work?
 [122.163.117.71]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:49:09 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio the range, though, is fresh out of the can to people in their mid 30s
 [18.36.5.66]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:49:40 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio no prior degree or computer skills needed -- though some students obviously have them
 [18.36.5.66]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:49:46 PDT 2008] Philip_Tan As for tools, the media lab is all about technology, so C4FCM has a lot of actual technology-building
 [18.36.7.228]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:49:53 PDT 2008] Elizabeth_Badger Oh good.
 [75.165.127.138]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:50:00 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio MIT is packed with tech savvy folks, and we partner when it helps
 [18.36.5.66]
 [Thu Oct 30 11:50:07 PDT 2008] pilpil are previous computer skills considered a plus in the applicaiton?

[71.119.18.65]
[Thu Oct 30 11:50:10 PDT 2008] DanRoy2 I was the only one with a computer science background in my year
[18.90.6.175]
[Thu Oct 30 11:50:30 PDT 2008] SamanthaXu do you prefer applicants who are a few years out of college? just wondering if i have any kind of advantage with my work experience.
[64.236.245.243]
[Thu Oct 30 11:50:32 PDT 2008] Philip_Tan In my lab, a lot of our tools are actually better understood as processes and skills. Like prototyping or management methods.
[18.36.7.228]
[Thu Oct 30 11:50:41 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio we always want a few folks like Dan and Philip in the mix, so skills are good!
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30 11:51:02 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio but we understand the notion of skills broadly, as Philip suggests
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30 11:51:28 PDT 2008] Philip_Tan Expect to learn a little programming when you get here.
[18.36.7.228]
[Thu Oct 30 11:51:33 PDT 2008] Philip_Tan It's not that bad. :)
[18.36.7.228]
[Thu Oct 30 11:51:47 PDT 2008] madhurim :) sounds like days are packed !
[122.163.117.71]
[Thu Oct 30 11:51:51 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio True -- we do have a two semester long workshop requirement
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30 11:51:58 PDT 2008] pilpil not bad at ALL. SOUNDS VERY EXCITING TO ME
[71.119.18.65]
[Thu Oct 30 11:52:04 PDT 2008] pilpil sorry for the caps...
[71.119.18.65]

[Thu Oct 30 11:52:16 PDT 2008]
[18.36.5.66]
WilliamUricchio they call it 'drinking from a firehose...'

[Thu Oct 30 11:52:18 PDT 2008]
[18.36.7.228]
Philip_Tan Work experience probably helps. The most important skill you're going to need is time management, as you could guess...

[Thu Oct 30 11:52:29 PDT 2008]
[75.165.127.138]
Elizabeth_Badger Phew. I hope I can keep up. i'm not much of a programming gal myself.

[Thu Oct 30 11:52:56 PDT 2008]
[18.36.5.66]
WilliamUricchio it's like the secret handshake -- you'll learn! but again, it is not ur central business

[Thu Oct 30 11:53:05 PDT 2008]
[18.36.7.228]
Philip_Tan It's less about keeping up with a curve and more about being able to communicate with more and less techie folks.

[Thu Oct 30 11:53:06 PDT 2008]
[71.119.18.65]
pilpil re time management... can u describe a typical day / typical week in the life of a student in cms?

[Thu Oct 30 11:53:48 PDT 2008]
[18.36.7.228]
Philip_Tan First thing you do is open your laptop and read blogs, then you get out of bed...

[Thu Oct 30 11:54:05 PDT 2008]
[18.36.5.66]
WilliamUricchio first years take three courses: two are 2 x 90 minutes per week, one is longer (workshop -- maybe 6 in class hours), plus colloquium, plus 15 hours of RA work

[Thu Oct 30 11:54:07 PDT 2008]
[64.236.245.243]
SamanthaXu ha, good that's what i do every day anyway

[Thu Oct 30 11:54:14 PDT 2008]
[18.36.5.66]
WilliamUricchio then the fun really begins!

[Thu Oct 30 11:54:17 PDT 2008]
[18.90.6.175]
DanRoy2 or build an alarm clock to read blogs to you as your waking up :)

[Thu Oct 30

11:54:23 PDT
2008] pilpil phillip - that's how my day starts now...
[71.119.18.65]
[Thu Oct 30
11:54:29 PDT
2008] SamanthaXu i have one! my chumby
[64.236.245.243]
[Thu Oct 30
11:54:43 PDT
2008] DanRoy2 your=you're
[18.90.6.175]
[Thu Oct 30
11:55:03 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio lots of reading, blogging, twittering, reading, etc
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
11:55:20 PDT
2008] Elizabeth_Badger Oh ho.
[75.165.127.138]
[Thu Oct 30
11:55:36 PDT
2008] madhurim goodie
[122.163.117.71]
[Thu Oct 30
11:55:52 PDT
2008] DanRoy2 if the economy is falling apart, or there's an election coming up, read
an hour reading news in addition to games, tech, media staff
[18.90.6.175]
[Thu Oct 30
11:55:52 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio to get a good feel for the day - to -day, do check our our newsletter --
in media res. PDFs are on our site
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
11:56:08 PDT
2008] Philip_Tan A lot of our classes have late night screenings or game-play sessions -
7pm-10pm
[18.36.7.228]
[Thu Oct 30
11:56:22 PDT
2008] SamanthaXu awesome.
[64.236.245.243]
[Thu Oct 30
11:56:26 PDT
2008] Elizabeth_Badger Sweet.
[75.165.127.138]
[Thu Oct 30
11:56:30 PDT

11:56:59 PDT
2008] SamanthaXu *high five* with elizabeth
[64.236.245.243]
[Thu Oct 30
11:56:50 PDT Philip_Tan It does get a little exhausting.
2008] [18.36.7.228]
[Thu Oct 30
11:56:54 PDT Elizabeth_Badger *high five!*\n2008] [75.165.127.138]
[Thu Oct 30
11:57:01 PDT Elizabeth_Badger It sounds like it.\n2008] [75.165.127.138]
[Thu Oct 30
11:57:14 PDT WilliamUricchio ::coolsmile\n2008] [18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
11:57:22 PDT DanRoy2 yes it gets exhausting, but everything is so energizing it just keeps you\n2008] going [18.90.6.175]
[Thu Oct 30
11:57:25 PDT WilliamUricchio hides the circles\n2008] [18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
11:57:44 PDT SamanthaXu if i can survive 12 hour long resident evil marathons i think i can\n2008] handle it [64.236.245.243]
[Thu Oct 30
11:57:52 PDT Elizabeth_Badger 12 hours? Wow.\n2008] [75.165.127.138]
[Thu Oct 30
11:57:57 PDT WilliamUricchio it's a very energetic place -- hard work, but a blast!\n2008] [18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
11:57:59 PDT mglevine joined.\n2008] [129.79.111.205]
[Thu Oct 30
11:58:10 PDT SamanthaXu yeah i had nightmares for days afterward

2008] SamanthaXu yeah, i had nightmares for days afterward
[64.236.245.243]
[Thu Oct 30
11:58:17 PDT madhurim :)
2008] [122.163.117.71]
[Thu Oct 30
11:58:18 PDT Elizabeth_Badger I'll bet. Yikes.
2008] [75.165.127.138]
[Thu Oct 30
11:58:19 PDT pilpil lol
2008] [71.119.18.65]
[Thu Oct 30
11:58:22 PDT Philip_Tan And then random grad students/staff drag you off for a local film
2008] [18.36.7.228] marathon or a Korean drama series
[Thu Oct 30
11:58:31 PDT Elizabeth_Badger Maybe you should've balanced it out with a 12 hour Katamari session.
2008] [75.165.127.138]
[Thu Oct 30
11:58:34 PDT mglevine Hi. Sorry i am late to the discussion
2008] [129.79.111.205]
[Thu Oct 30
11:58:48 PDT SamanthaXu i'm going to write my theis on pyramid head.
2008] [64.236.245.243]
[Thu Oct 30
11:58:51 PDT SamanthaXu just kidding!
2008] [64.236.245.243]
[Thu Oct 30
11:58:55 PDT Elizabeth_Badger Ahahahaha.
2008] [75.165.127.138]
[Thu Oct 30
11:59:01 PDT Elizabeth_Badger Figure out why all the fangirls dig him.
2008] [75.165.127.138]
[Thu Oct 30
11:59:13 PDT SamanthaXu big sword!
2008]

[64.236.245.243]

[Thu Oct 30
11:59:17 PDT
2008]

Philip_Tan

Doris Rusch, one of our post-docs, has written some Silent Hill articles

[18.36.7.228]

[Thu Oct 30
11:59:23 PDT
2008]

Elizabeth_Badger THIS IS SYMBOLIC.

[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30
11:59:28 PDT
2008]

Milja joined.

[79.101.72.41]

[Thu Oct 30
11:59:33 PDT
2008]

madhurim

lol...and we were talking fan-doms just now...

[122.163.117.71]

[Thu Oct 30
11:59:41 PDT
2008]

Elizabeth_Badger Oh? I wouldn't mind reading those.

[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30
11:59:43 PDT
2008]

SamanthaXu

oooh doris is my new BFF

[64.236.245.243]

[Thu Oct 30
11:59:46 PDT
2008]

Milja

Hello everyone :)

[79.101.72.41]

[Thu Oct 30
11:59:49 PDT
2008]

WilliamUricchio hi Milja -- where are you from? what's your background??

[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30
11:59:50 PDT
2008]

DanRoy2

hi

[18.90.6.175]

[Thu Oct 30
11:59:51 PDT
2008]

Elizabeth_Badger Hi!

[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30
12:00:00 PDT
2008]

SamanthaXu

howdy

[64.236.245.243]

[Thu Oct 30
12:00:05 PDT
2008] madhurim heylo
[122.163.117.71]

[Thu Oct 30
12:00:09 PDT
2008] mglevine should i answer the same question?
[129.79.111.205]

[Thu Oct 30
12:00:14 PDT
2008] mglevine as to who i am?
[129.79.111.205]

[Thu Oct 30
12:00:17 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio of course!
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30
12:00:34 PDT
2008] Philip_Tan They're still in press, unfortunately...
[18.36.7.228]

[Thu Oct 30
12:00:38 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio (it can be a heavy question!!! what did you study? what do you do?)
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30
12:00:50 PDT
2008] Elizabeth_Badger Aw.
[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30
12:00:53 PDT
2008] Milja I am from Serbia, and my background is quite diverse: studied theory and history of literature and right now I am a kind of hybrid account manager-copywriter in a design agency
[79.101.72.41]

[Thu Oct 30
12:01:10 PDT
2008] mglevine My name is Meredith. I am currently in my final year of undergraduate study at Indiana University, but I am from Los Angeles. I study Communication and Culture, and am minoring in history.
[129.79.111.205]

[Thu Oct 30
12:01:28 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio have just been reading dictionary of the Khazars -- a Serbian author....
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30
12:01:31 PDT
2008] Philip_Tan There's a paper on Bioshock... <http://gambit.mit.edu/readme/papers/>
[18.36.7.228]

[Thu Oct 30

12:01:54 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio are you doing a thesis, Meredith?
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
12:02:12 PDT
2008] Elizabeth_Badger I'll take a look at it.
[75.165.127.138]
[Thu Oct 30
12:02:33 PDT
2008] Milja ah yes, thats probably one of our most known authors, Pavic
[79.101.72.41]
[Thu Oct 30
12:02:45 PDT
2008] mglevine right now i am doing my honors thesis on the marketing of television shows using the internet. I am looking at Joss Whedon's use of the internet and relationship with his fans in relation to Heroes and NBC's use of the internet to attempt to synthesize a fandom.
[129.79.111.205]
[Thu Oct 30
12:03:00 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio it is Pavic! and a wild book
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
12:03:25 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio sounds great! nice topic -- and very relevant here
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
12:03:41 PDT
2008] SamanthaXu ooooh very cool, i just worked on a feature about dr. horrible
[64.236.245.243]
[Thu Oct 30
12:03:41 PDT
2008] DanRoy2 (sounds like Ivan)
[18.90.6.175]
[Thu Oct 30
12:03:42 PDT
2008] SamanthaXu loved it
[64.236.245.243]
[Thu Oct 30
12:03:50 PDT
2008] Milja some say it was kinda "pasted" from a russian avantgarde author though :)
[79.101.72.41]
[Thu Oct 30
12:03:51 PDT
2008] mglevine the paper on LOST from 2007?
[129.79.111.205]
[Thu Oct 30
12:04:02 PDT WilliamUricchio keep and eye on our C3 (convergence culture consortium) -- and the

2008] WilliamUricchio upcoming Futures of Entertainment conference
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:04:04 PDT 2008] DanRoy2 yup
[18.90.6.175]

[Thu Oct 30 12:04:17 PDT 2008] mglevine i have looked at his work in my research
[129.79.111.205]

[Thu Oct 30 12:04:20 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio do you knowthe russian source?
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:04:43 PDT 2008] Milja mhm, not really but i can sure ask around
[79.101.72.41]

[Thu Oct 30 12:05:02 PDT 2008] madhurim left.
[122.163.117.71]

[Thu Oct 30 12:05:34 PDT 2008] mglevine i am thinking about taking some time off from school to go to the conference.
[129.79.111.205]

[Thu Oct 30 12:05:49 PDT 2008] madhurim joined.
[122.163.117.71]

[Thu Oct 30 12:05:56 PDT 2008] madhurim oops...
[122.163.117.71]

[Thu Oct 30 12:06:16 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio we will put the conference on line as well (it's cheaper!)
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:06:29 PDT 2008] Elizabeth_Badger I might have to sneak out here in a bit. I've got work at 1, and I'm going to need to grab lunch.
[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30 12:06:30 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio btw, past versions of the conference are also on our web site

[18.36.5.66]
 [Thu Oct 30 12:06:46 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio ok -- nice to meet!!!

[18.36.5.66]
 [Thu Oct 30 12:07:04 PDT 2008] mglevine yeah. i have been listening to the podcasts and reading some of the transcripts from the Heroes panel at an old conference
 [129.79.111.205]

[Thu Oct 30 12:07:23 PDT 2008] SamanthaXu bye elizabeth!
 [64.236.245.243]

[Thu Oct 30 12:07:25 PDT 2008] severin I see that a lot of you are working on research in the fields of games and internet..are there also people at cms working on other, less "digital" forms of media? I'm asking because I focus in my master thesis on analog media such as photographic film and their role in todays digital world
 [62.178.149.124]

[Thu Oct 30 12:07:34 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio we have another (free) conference coming up at the end of April -- media in transition 6
 [18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:07:59 PDT 2008] Elizabeth_Badger I'll stay in the chat for a bit, but I won't talk. Still, thanks for the info.
 [75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30 12:08:23 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio yes, we do work with older forms! a) see the conference description; b) Whitney is currently doing a thesis on early modern poetry generators
 [18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:08:27 PDT 2008] madhurim thanks for asking severin...my work while not in photography but it's more "mainstream"...do you see that fitting in?
 [122.163.117.71]

[Thu Oct 30 12:08:33 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio 17th cent...
 [18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:08:48 PDT 2008] severin alright I will check out the conference
 [62.178.149.124]

[Thu Oct 30 12:09:01 PDT 2008] mglevine my dad is a photographer making the transition from film to digital

[129.79.111.205]
[Thu Oct 30
12:09:01 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio and my work is in 19th century television, very early 20th century film
(as late as 1913!)
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30
12:09:04 PDT
2008] mglevine it is fascinating
[129.79.111.205]

[Thu Oct 30
12:09:26 PDT
2008] severin great, that is also what I'm interested in
[62.178.149.124]

[Thu Oct 30
12:09:31 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio the transition thing is what we tend to be interested in, not just the
'new'
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30
12:09:38 PDT
2008] severin sounds great
[62.178.149.124]

[Thu Oct 30
12:09:45 PDT
2008] severin that's exactly what I'm interested in
[62.178.149.124]

[Thu Oct 30
12:09:47 PDT
2008] mglevine sounds right up my alley
[129.79.111.205]

[Thu Oct 30
12:10:23 PDT
2008] mglevine my focus is more in television advertising (the advertising of shows as
well as advertising required to sustain shows), but the whole
photography thing is kind of personal.
[129.79.111.205]

[Thu Oct 30
12:10:51 PDT
2008] severin I work for the lomographic society (if anyone knows them), so I'm
very much connected to analog photography
[62.178.149.124]

[Thu Oct 30
12:11:01 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio there is a good book coming out (in terms of new marketing /
advertising strategies) on Lost -- maybe 6-8 months Pearson is one
ofhte editors....
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30
12:11:33 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio yes, photography is highly relevant to us;
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:12:43 PDT 2008] madhurim hey Meredith- i work in Leo Burnett- i have worked on Sony which is a General Entertainment Channel in India... They kinda made the reality show format popular in India...handled their advertising for a bit
[122.163.117.71]

[Thu Oct 30 12:12:43 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio ad for advertising ingeneral, check out the link for the Ad Lab -- one of our alum started it when he was here
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:13:31 PDT 2008] madhurim great thanks
[122.163.117.71]

[Thu Oct 30 12:13:35 PDT 2008] mglevine left.
[129.79.111.205]

[Thu Oct 30 12:14:29 PDT 2008] DanRoy2 i love the slip up, "ad for advertising"
[18.90.6.175]

[Thu Oct 30 12:14:43 PDT 2008] mglevine joined.
[129.79.111.205]

[Thu Oct 30 12:14:44 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio yeah, freud...
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:14:52 PDT 2008] mglevine sorry about that
[129.79.111.205]

[Thu Oct 30 12:14:52 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio what other questions can I answer???
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:14:58 PDT 2008] Milja I have a question regarding the RA: does the RA project in anyway influences/determines the thesis subject/area?
[79.101.72.41]

[Thu Oct 30 12:15:13 PDT 2008] madhurim uh just another qs- is it necessary to get lors from academicians/profs...
[122.163.117.71]

[Thu Oct 30

12:15:32 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio well, we generally look for an alignment in basic interests, but discourage literal RA=thesis constructions
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:15:32 PDT 2008] madhurim sorry make that LORs
[122.163.117.71]

[Thu Oct 30 12:16:00 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio so some relationship is often there, but not 100% correspondence (wihci is rather typical at MIT -- we are exceptional)
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:16:23 PDT 2008] Milja but it would be frowned upon to chose a completely different/unrelated thesis?
[79.101.72.41]

[Thu Oct 30 12:16:40 PDT 2008] DanRoy2 My thesis was probably 40% a hypothetical extension of my research project and 60% other stuff.
[18.90.6.175]

[Thu Oct 30 12:16:45 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio no -- completely unrelated happens, and happens often!
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:17:06 PDT 2008] Milja does RA starts from year one?
[79.101.72.41]

[Thu Oct 30 12:17:14 PDT 2008] DanRoy2 yes
[18.90.6.175]

[Thu Oct 30 12:18:06 PDT 2008] SamanthaXu i'm also wondering about the letters of reccomendation, do you want mostly academic people or can they be work references?
[64.236.245.243]

[Thu Oct 30 12:18:32 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio both -- but make sure that at least two are academic (unless you are many years removed)
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:19:07 PDT 2008] Milja can one of the academic be from a professor i worked with on projects outside of my narrow area of study?
[79.101.72.41]

[Thu Oct 30 12:19:30 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio of course -- the letters are about you, not necessarily your media

2008] WilliamUricchio interest
 [18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:19:55 PDT 2008] kfarina For a professional rec, must it be a supervisor?
 [12.23.2.98]

[Thu Oct 30 12:19:56 PDT 2008] Milja ok, thank you :)
 [79.101.72.41]

[Thu Oct 30 12:20:02 PDT 2008] Philip_Tan left.
 [18.36.7.228]

[Thu Oct 30 12:20:42 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio re prof letter -- well, it should be from someone in a position to make a comparative judgement -- not a co-worker, so usually someone who sees and judges your work is usually a supervisor
 [18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:20:44 PDT 2008] madhurim uh 4 years..is it ok to get 1 and have others written by supervisors who also are teachers?
 [122.163.117.71]

[Thu Oct 30 12:21:28 PDT 2008] mglevine I have an unrelated question. how long should our writing sample be? I am wondering if i should submit my entire thesis, around 25 ish pages, or just a part of it?
 [129.79.111.205]

[Thu Oct 30 12:21:32 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio yes, but it would also be good to have someone (if possible) who remembers how you performed in the classroom write -- if you can't, just explain why
 [18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:21:47 PDT 2008] madhurim ok
 [122.163.117.71]

[Thu Oct 30 12:21:49 PDT 2008] kfarina Thanks, I have a few people in mind, including a curator who's not my own boss, but is in a managerial position.
 [12.23.2.98]

[Thu Oct 30 12:21:58 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio 25 pages is fine -- if there is a special part we should look at, let us know -- but 25 is ok
 [18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:22:09 PDT 2008] mglevine awesome!

[129.79.111.205]
[Thu Oct 30 12:22:32 PDT 2008] SamanthaXu is there a general range of the acceptable length for the writing samples?
[64.236.245.243]

[Thu Oct 30 12:22:32 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio I've read more than a few 60 page theses -- if they are good, it's hard to stop!
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:22:38 PDT 2008] SamanthaXu and can we submit numerous ones\
[64.236.245.243]

[Thu Oct 30 12:23:16 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio 15-25 is a good range.... if something longer, specify the part that you think we must read, leaving the rest optional.
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:23:41 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio if a piece of something longer, it pays to contextualize it - what's before and after (in summary form)
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:24:40 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio numerous? better to direct our attention!
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:24:55 PDT 2008] severin all my academic writings are in german. is it ok if I submit 1-2 page abstracts in english, describing the arguments and theses of my work?
[62.178.149.124]

[Thu Oct 30 12:25:29 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio I'd suggest sending a German version (some of us can read it) and a -- sorry! - translation of the whole.
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:25:41 PDT 2008] severin I see. ok
[62.178.149.124]

[Thu Oct 30 12:26:31 PDT 2008] pilpil you don't have any hebrew readers there, do you?
[71.119.18.65]

[Thu Oct 30 12:26:34 PDT 2008] pilpil same problem here...
[71.119.18.65]

[Thu Oct 30 12:26:37 PDT 2008] SamanthaXu are there also teaching assistantships in addition to/instead of the research assistantships
[64.236.245.243]

[Thu Oct 30 12:27:04 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio might...I don't know actually. But again, it will at best be a person or two... and the whole committee needs to have access
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:27:29 PDT 2008] mglevine i second the question about teaching positions.
[129.79.111.205]

[Thu Oct 30 12:27:36 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio no TAs, although there are credit bearing TA experiences. If this were a PhD program, TAs would be more realistic....
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:28:09 PDT 2008] madhurim sorry to jump in..just logging off..(its 1 am here :)) thanks for answering all qs.s ! ta!
[122.163.117.71]

[Thu Oct 30 12:28:21 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio Ok -- sleep well!
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:28:43 PDT 2008] madhurim left.
[122.163.117.71]

[Thu Oct 30 12:28:57 PDT 2008] severin I also have to leave, need to study for tomorrow's course
[62.178.149.124]

[Thu Oct 30 12:29:09 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio ok -- success tomorrow!!
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:29:34 PDT 2008] pilpil I'm just guessing you get a lot of applicants who write about fandom. Is it in any way a disadvantage when you look in applications?
[71.119.18.65]

[Thu Oct 30 12:29:40 PDT 2008] severin I'm very grateful for your answers. thank you guys! I'll send you my application in january and hope to see you soon in person :)
[62.178.149.124]

[Thu Oct 30] i read i the transcripts from previous info sessions that our personal

[Thu Oct 30 12:30:13 PDT 2008] [79.101.72.41] Milja statement should explain how we got to where we are and what do we plan to do with it in the future, so is it safe to say that the PS is some kind of functional autobiography - some meaningful storytelling, some discussion of the

[Thu Oct 30 12:30:17 PDT 2008] [18.36.5.66] WilliamUricchio fandom? not a particular disadvantage ::wink

[Thu Oct 30 12:30:38 PDT 2008] [62.178.149.124] severin left.

[Thu Oct 30 12:30:59 PDT 2008] [18.36.5.66] WilliamUricchio re PS, yes -- basically, we want to know where you are headed, how you make sense of your life, and how we can help.

[Thu Oct 30 12:31:03 PDT 2008] [79.101.72.41] Milja if my message was truncated for length, did any part of it show up?

[Thu Oct 30 12:31:16 PDT 2008] [18.36.5.66] WilliamUricchio)yes)

[Thu Oct 30 12:32:00 PDT 2008] [79.101.72.41] Milja i have to say, that PS is probably the hardest thing i ever had to write :)

[Thu Oct 30 12:32:01 PDT 2008] [18.36.5.66] WilliamUricchio and while the official length is 2 pages, if you need 3 or even 4, take them -- clarity is important.

[Thu Oct 30 12:32:22 PDT 2008] [18.36.5.66] WilliamUricchio yeah -- we are sympathetic -- it is a hard thing to write!!

[Thu Oct 30 12:32:43 PDT 2008] [79.101.72.41] Milja but of course a nice challenge too

[Thu Oct 30 12:33:04 PDT 2008] [204.17.229.254] MLewis joined.

[Thu Oct 30

12:33:05 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio it's a nice focusing exercise!
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
12:33:08 PDT
2008] Milja makes me appreciate all the autobiographies more
[79.101.72.41]
[Thu Oct 30
12:33:20 PDT
2008] MLewis Hello
[204.17.229.254]
[Thu Oct 30
12:33:21 PDT
2008] Milja not those ghost written though :)
[79.101.72.41]
[Thu Oct 30
12:33:29 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio welcome MLewis -- where are you from, and what's your
background?
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
12:33:37 PDT
2008] Milja Hi MLewis
[79.101.72.41]
[Thu Oct 30
12:33:38 PDT
2008] MLewis I'm in los angeles
[204.17.229.254]
[Thu Oct 30
12:33:48 PDT
2008] MLewis graduated from undergrad in 06
[204.17.229.254]
[Thu Oct 30
12:33:59 PDT
2008] MLewis and am currently working as an advertising copywriter
[204.17.229.254]
[Thu Oct 30
12:34:12 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio what did you study?
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
12:34:57 PDT
2008] MLewis media studies and religious studies
[204.17.229.254]
[Thu Oct 30
12:35:14 PDT MLewis and my hopes for graduate study would sort of marry the two fields, i

2008] MLEWIS think
 [204.17.229.254]
 [Thu Oct 30
 12:35:21 PDT WilliamUricchio terrific -- we currently have someone with that background, and it
 2008] seems like a great combo!
 [18.36.5.66]
 [Thu Oct 30
 12:35:25 PDT MLewis i went to Pomona College
 2008]
 [204.17.229.254]
 [Thu Oct 30
 12:35:28 PDT MLewis out here in Claremont
 2008]
 [204.17.229.254]
 [Thu Oct 30
 12:35:46 PDT MLewis yeah i find the connections between brand loyalty and religious faith
 2008] fascinating
 [204.17.229.254]
 [Thu Oct 30
 12:36:08 PDT WilliamUricchio Flourish (here) is looking at fan communities via the same lens
 2008]
 [18.36.5.66]
 [Thu Oct 30
 12:36:13 PDT mglevine Henry Jenkins has written about religious language in fan communities
 2008]
 [129.79.111.205]
 [Thu Oct 30
 12:36:23 PDT WilliamUricchio indeed!
 2008]
 [18.36.5.66]
 [Thu Oct 30
 12:36:48 PDT MLewis I've looked into his work a bit, actually
 2008]
 [204.17.229.254]
 [Thu Oct 30
 12:37:05 PDT WilliamUricchio do you keep up with C3 -- relevant for this notion of branding
 2008]
 [18.36.5.66]
 [Thu Oct 30
 12:37:17 PDT MLewis yes
 2008]
 [204.17.229.254]
 [Thu Oct 30
 12:37:18 PDT WilliamUricchio the convergence culture consortium....
 2008]

[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30 12:37:25 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio good!

[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30 12:37:36 PDT 2008] MLewis i got very interested in CMS last summer and have kept up with the C3 website and blog since then
[204.17.229.254]

[Thu Oct 30 12:37:37 PDT 2008] SamanthaXu Are there faculty memebers with backgrounds in Gender and Women's studies? That was my minor in undergrad, and I'm hoping to combine that with my gaming interests in CMS...
[64.236.245.243]

[Thu Oct 30 12:37:45 PDT 2008] MLewis i acutally met up with Geoff in LA once
[204.17.229.254]

[Thu Oct 30 12:38:09 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio yes ... and students too! There are several -- Diana Henderson, Tommy de Frantz, etc
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:38:34 PDT 2008] MLewis i have a question - how much of c3's work is student-driven
[204.17.229.254]

[Thu Oct 30 12:38:41 PDT 2008] MLewis and how much is driven by the invested companies?
[204.17.229.254]

[Thu Oct 30 12:39:09 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio we drive it -- a faculty/student partnership -- we are in conversation with the companies, but we set the agenda
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:39:24 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio studnts have a lot of input -- a LOT
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:39:27 PDT 2008] MLewis very cool
[204.17.229.254]

[Thu Oct 30 12:39:39 PDT 2008] mglevine are most students funded for research?
[129.79.111.205]

[Thu Oct 30 12:39:52 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio at the moment, all are funded
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:40:20 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio it varies year by year depending on our projects, but we are usually able to take care of those who need it
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:41:27 PDT 2008] MLewis and what would you say is the balance between finding business solutions (improving brands ability to communicate with people), and finding more social solutions (finding ways to communicate that increase social equality/prevent stereotypes/etc)
[204.17.229.254]

[Thu Oct 30 12:41:35 PDT 2008] MLewis awkwardly worded, but maybe you know what i mean? :)
[204.17.229.254]

[Thu Oct 30 12:41:59 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio we think that the answer to the latter is the insight needed to drive the former....
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:42:03 PDT 2008] SamanthaXu ha, so you mean how much do you "sell out"
[64.236.245.243]

[Thu Oct 30 12:42:16 PDT 2008] MLewis i think i've already sold out :)
[204.17.229.254]

[Thu Oct 30 12:42:25 PDT 2008] MLewis i'm writing commercials about packaged meat right now
[204.17.229.254]

[Thu Oct 30 12:42:28 PDT 2008] Milja left.
[79.101.72.41]

[Thu Oct 30 12:42:31 PDT 2008] MLewis :)
[204.17.229.254]

[Thu Oct 30 12:42:35 PDT 2008] MLewis but YES
[204.17.229.254]

[Thu Oct 30

12:42:38 PDT
2008]
[79.101.72.41]
[Thu Oct 30
12:42:54 PDT
2008] SamanthaXu yeah working for mainstream media has definitely made me feel
[64.236.245.243] somewhat dirty...

[Thu Oct 30
12:44:17 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio the more the needs of the community are met, the better it *could* be
[18.36.5.66] for business -- the old one way paradigm is dead

[Thu Oct 30
12:44:29 PDT
2008] mglevine especially when you find out where companies are spending their
[129.79.111.205] money. i did a youth smoking prevention commercial sponsored by
phillip morris. that was bizarre.

[Thu Oct 30
12:44:54 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio convincing some of them is another story, but our partners ARE our
[18.36.5.66] partners because they are interested and open

[Thu Oct 30
12:45:53 PDT
2008] MLewis that makes sense
[204.17.229.254]

[Thu Oct 30
12:46:12 PDT
2008] MLewis why did you decide to get involved in CMS, particularly c3?
[204.17.229.254]

[Thu Oct 30
12:46:15 PDT
2008] SamanthaXu before i take off, just to doublecheck, it's okay to listen in on a course
[64.236.245.243] or drop by on Nov. 13, as long as I email before hand?

[Thu Oct 30
12:47:00 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio re the 13th -- correct! I don't know my schedule that day, but think it
[18.36.5.66] is full (tough period! but I'll see you in class)

[Thu Oct 30
12:47:35 PDT
2008] mglevine will anyone be on campus around christmas time? that is the only time
[129.79.111.205] i might be able to get over there.

[Thu Oct 30
12:47:42 PDT
2008] SamanthaXu great, thanks william and thanks for answering all of my questions.
[64.236.245.243]

[Thu Oct 30
12:48:00 PDT
2008] C3 -- I see our economic system as a crucial part of our culture. And I

12:46:00 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio want to be able to talk with / share thoughts with leaders from that sector -- especially those involved in the production of media artefacts
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30
12:48:15 PDT
2008] Elizabeth_Badger I'll be heading out myself properly too. Is it all right to e-mail if I have more questions?
[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30
12:48:22 PDT
2008] MLewis do you ultimately want to be a media-creator
[204.17.229.254]

[Thu Oct 30
12:48:29 PDT
2008] MLewis or more of a commentator/critic/educator
[204.17.229.254]

[Thu Oct 30
12:48:49 PDT
2008] pilpil about the application (again) is it okay to attach my resume? I think I prefer talking about academic interests in my PS, but want you to know who I am...
[71.119.18.65]

[Thu Oct 30
12:48:50 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio Christmas? there are people around in January, but we don't have classes between mid December and the start of February, so it's not the best period for a visit. Besides, it's the ...
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30
12:49:12 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio period we do admissions -- and we have a rule against seeing any applicants
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30
12:49:27 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio sure -- send any questions --- uricchio@mit.edu
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30
12:49:31 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio and good to meet!!
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30
12:50:16 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio well I guess I'm a critic / educator by profession
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30
12:50:34 PDT
2008] Elizabeth_Badger Thanks! And thanks for answering my questions.
[75.165.127.138]

[Thu Oct 30
12:50:37 PDT malevina thanks for the chat and answering of questions

2008] mglevine thanks for the chat and answering of questions
[129.79.111.205]
[Thu Oct 30
12:50:40 PDT
2008] mglevine i have to go to class
[129.79.111.205]
[Thu Oct 30
12:50:55 PDT
2008] Milja have a good day mgl :)
[79.101.72.41]
[Thu Oct 30
12:50:55 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio left.
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
12:50:55 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio joined.
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
12:50:58 PDT
2008] Elizabeth_Badger See you.
[75.165.127.138]
[Thu Oct 30
12:51:05 PDT
2008] Milja see you
[79.101.72.41]
[Thu Oct 30
12:51:05 PDT
2008] Elizabeth_Badger left.
[75.165.127.138]
[Thu Oct 30
12:51:07 PDT
2008] SamanthaXu left.
[64.236.245.243]
[Thu Oct 30
12:51:07 PDT
2008] WilliamUricchio bye!
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30
12:51:12 PDT
2008] generoso left.
[18.36.7.122]
[Thu Oct 30
12:51:13 PDT
2008] MLewis Sorry for all the personal questions - i'm just trying to figure out if i
would be a good fit for the culture of the program :)

[204.17.229.254]
 [Thu Oct 30 12:51:26 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio (sorry ... missed the last few rounds)
 [18.36.5.66]
 [Thu Oct 30 12:51:59 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio so, we have a few minutes left -- othere questions??
 [18.36.5.66]
 [Thu Oct 30 12:52:22 PDT 2008] mglevine left.
 [129.79.111.205]
 [Thu Oct 30 12:52:25 PDT 2008] pilpil repeating my question (u missed it, i guess)
 [71.119.18.65]
 [Thu Oct 30 12:52:25 PDT 2008] pilpil about the application (again) is it okay to attach my resume? I think I prefer talking about academic interests in my PS, but want you to know who I am...
 [71.119.18.65]
 [Thu Oct 30 12:52:43 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio sure -- of course send a resume!
 [18.36.5.66]
 [Thu Oct 30 12:52:47 PDT 2008] MLewis what is the most important thing to communicate in our application
 [204.17.229.254]
 [Thu Oct 30 12:52:54 PDT 2008] MLewis what do you most want to know about us?
 [204.17.229.254]
 [Thu Oct 30 12:53:19 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio your goals -- what you want to do, why, where have you been and how are you going to get there, where do we (CMS) fit...
 [18.36.5.66]
 [Thu Oct 30 12:53:45 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio we waht to know who you are, how you think (writing sample), what you want to achieve
 [18.36.5.66]
 [Thu Oct 30 12:53:59 PDT 2008] pilpil how do you think cms can benefit students, and other programs can't
 [71.119.18.65]

[Thu Oct 30 12:54:00 PDT 2008] pilpil ?
[71.119.18.65]

[Thu Oct 30 12:54:40 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio hmmm -- all sorts of ways. Our comparative dimension -- rather than medium-specific approach -- sets up a great background for people interested in media change
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:55:14 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio our boutique-like structure assures lots of personal attention, and our orchestration of the class guarantees a rich and diverse experience
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:55:55 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio mostly, I'd say that our research activities, poised as they are on the cutting edge of various fronts, 'fulfill' the program;'s 'applied humanities' vision and are unique
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:56:23 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio a couple of suggestions:
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:56:58 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio please spend some time on our website -- our outreach programs (coloquium, communications forum, variouscnferences) give a good insight into the day-to-day
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:57:25 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio check our *in media res* our newsletter -- PDF's on line and a good way to get a feel for the place and the people
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:58:00 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio and of course, our research activities -- listed under 'current projects' under the research rubric
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:58:18 PDT 2008] pilpil the website is great
[71.119.18.65]

[Thu Oct 30 12:58:22 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio under 'people' --check our the student profiles -- again, for a feel of the place
[18.36.5.66]

[Thu Oct 30 12:58:30 PDT 2008] pilpil soooo much to read
[71.119.18.65]

[Thu Oct 30

12:58:44 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio yes -- lots of podcasts, blogs, and tons of articles /papers from conferences past
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30 12:59:25 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio ok folks -- gotta go soon.....
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30 12:59:28 PDT 2008] MLewis thank you so much William
[204.17.229.254]
[Thu Oct 30 12:59:35 PDT 2008] pilpil thanks a lot!
[71.119.18.65]
[Thu Oct 30 12:59:44 PDT 2008] Milja Thank you very much :)
[79.101.72.41]
[Thu Oct 30 12:59:54 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio good luck!!!
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30 13:00:31 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio Bye!
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30 13:00:39 PDT 2008] DanRoy2 bye
[18.90.6.175]
[Thu Oct 30 13:00:43 PDT 2008] Milja bye
[79.101.72.41]
[Thu Oct 30 13:00:44 PDT 2008] WilliamUricchio left.
[18.36.5.66]
[Thu Oct 30 13:00:48 PDT 2008] DanRoy2 left.
[18.90.6.175]
[Thu Oct 30 13:00:55 PDT

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2008]

kfarina left.

[12.23.2.98]

[Thu Oct 30
13:01:43 PDT
2008]

Milja left.

[79.101.72.41]

[Thu Oct 30
13:02:05 PDT
2008]

MLewis left.

[204.17.229.254]

[Thu Oct 30
13:02:18 PDT
2008]

pilpil left.

[71.119.18.65]

[Thu Oct 30
13:03:24 PDT
2008]

Michael_Rapa left.

[18.36.1.46]