

Interview Schedule  
May 28, 2008

Note: Parts of this schedule will change based on the respondent's answers to the survey questions, which I will review in advance of the interview.

**Goals and Purposes of the interviews:**

- Primary purpose: To provide information to our software development team that will help them to create a web-based search tool.
- Secondary Purpose: To provide the library liaisons with information that could help them to better understand and interact with graduate students.
- Tertiary purpose: To learn what methods students are learning to generate and organize their ideas and to conduct research in their fields and to better understand how these methods change or are the same across the three primary sub disciplines (science, social science, and humanities).

**Part 1: Research Questions**

What are the primary online resources you use to conduct research for your papers and assignments? Where do you go first?

Please think of a topic that you might research and demonstrate how you would go about conducting an online search for materials on that subject.

Do you regularly use the following web-based services for your research? Why?

- SAGE
- Google
- Google Scholar
- Wikipedia
- CSU libraries' Find Journals tool
- Institutional (electronic) repositories
- Any other web resources you would add?

When was the last time you contacted a CSU librarian? What was your question? How did you contact them? What did you learn?

Do you use Wikipedia? Do you cite it in your papers? If you teach, do you allow students to cite it?

Once you find a resource that you might use in your work, how do you keep track of it?

What percentage of your research involves books vs. journal articles?

Do you belong to any professional organization? If so, which ones? Why/why not?

If so, do their websites provide helpful information? Explain.

Do you print out most of the PDF articles you find, or do you read them on the computer screen?

Do you normally mark on or highlight your text?

How much of your research is conducted from home vs. on campus?

Where are you most comfortable working?

Do you subscribe to research-related RSS feeds? TOC alerts?

If you could create the perfect tool to help in your research, what would it look like? What would it do?

## **Part 2: Collaboration Questions**

When you first start working on an idea for a project, do you discuss it with other people? If so, whom? (at what stage of the development process?)

Have you ever collaborated on a research project with other people from within CSU?

Have you ever collaborated with people from institutions or agencies apart from CSU?

Have you ever shared references or other resources with other people? If so, how did you do so?

## **Part 3: Publishing Questions**

Do you use blogs in your research? Do you contribute to a blog yourself?

How do you feel about blogs? How do you feel about people who journal or blog publicly?

If you were to submit a paper for publication, how would you identify and select a possible journal or publisher?

Do you plan on publishing a version of your dissertation after its completion?

Are you familiar with Institutional (or Digital) Repositories?

Would you consider publishing some of your work in one?

If yes, What kind of materials would you publish?

If no, why not?

**Close**

Is there anything else you would like to tell me or that I forgot to ask?