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IS213: Interview Questionnaire

Research Methodology

1. What is the last project that you were involved in? (actual fieldwork or archaeology-related research paper)

- Last summer in Tambo, Colorado. Incan site. Worked in the admin center and field. Working on digital technology. Also was working on Chabin in Northern Peru. With 20 students.

2. Did you do any background research to prepare for the project? What kinds of research did you do?

- Tambo – 3rd year going so he knew it pretty well. Chabin didn't know much.

3. How did you do your research?

- Developing methods for collection strategies for collection metadata. And teaching.

a. Did you have a system for organizing your research? What was it?

- Database to help organize integrated pocket PC's for June. To make the data collection and input into the database seamless.

- Formats – aerial photographs of terrain. Some close range. Some farther.

- To create a spatial model of site, to address the research questions.

- How spaces are organized. Paint over time (JP) John – more into the Inca design and construction technique.

b. Are there any improvements you would like to make on this method?

c. What resources did you use to do your research?

d. What is the process that you have to go through to access a collection such as the Uhle artifacts?

- 2x 3yrs ago, test scans inspec system 10-12 scans.

- 2 months – Minolta scanning

- Viewing the collection – have to coordinate with the woman to see the collection.
There is a sign in process. Unable to handle the items, can only see them one at a time.

e. What kinds of things did you look at in that collection? (What do you look at in an artifact or document?)

- 360degree scans.
- Looked at 10 different items large to small to test the digital capturing technique.

f. What kind of research preceded looking at that artifact?

g. What kind of research followed looking at that artifact?

h. For someone who doesn't know, what is the typical process in archaeological research?

- Typical process – depends on site, research questions whether it is spatial, excavating, methodology, special interest to the research, etc.

4. Do you have any experience with doing research online?

- Yes. Experience with online research.
- Journal articles, university. Database indices. All pretty basic nothing fantastic.

a. If so, what did you like or dislike about it?

- Everyone likes Google (simple searching method), Google scholar – link to journal articles.

b. If you used an online resource on your last project, what was it/were they?

- Museum, archives. Physical sites. Not any great examples out there. 3-d heritage archive site – list with timemap, nasty and confusing.

- Are there any improvements you would like to see with those resources in particular?

- Want to see in a resource? – where it was found, spatially. A map, excavation unit

- Navigate spatially through map and see what depth, where they were found.

c. If you did not use an online resource on your last project, would you have wanted one?

- Definitely yes. We've been trying to build the similar website for my own project, but there is no great example on the website to model after.

- What kinds of things would you want to see in such a resource?

c. Can you recommend similar websites or systems that you have used in the past?

- Will supply us with list of sites used in the past.

Demographics

5. What is your job? Where do you work/who do you work for?

- Ph.D candidate. For Architecture, but based in the Archaeology dept.

6. What is your academic background?

- Academic background – BA in Engineering and Law
- Engineering – even then working with documentation technology of archaeology
- MS Arch

7. How long have you been in your current field?

- 8-9 yrs. Since I was studying Engineering in undergrad., as I was working on the documentation of Archeology sites.

8. What is your specialty/what are you interested in?

- Document Technologies
- Organization of Information

9. Would you be willing to participate in later user testing?

- Yes