

Not just about networks

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What's the first thing you
do when you want to
learn something?

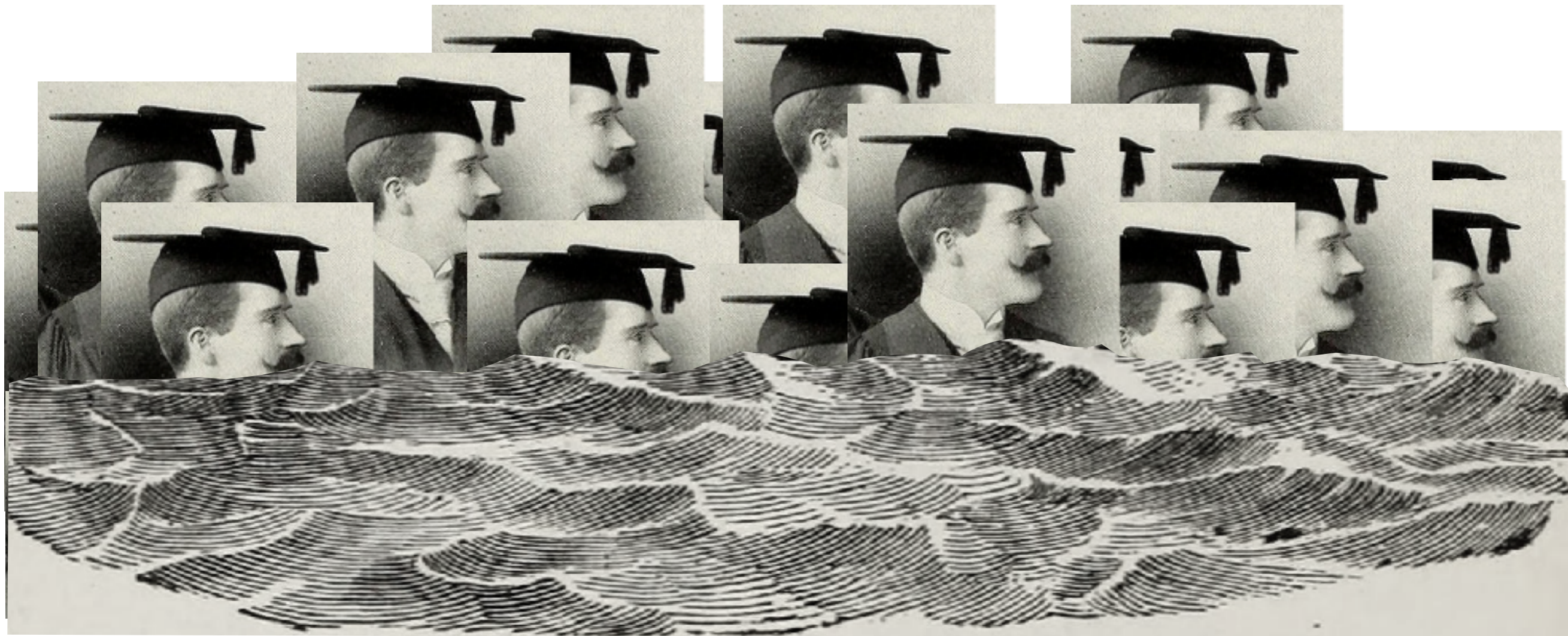
me too



etc

The two most successful learning technologies in a thousand years?





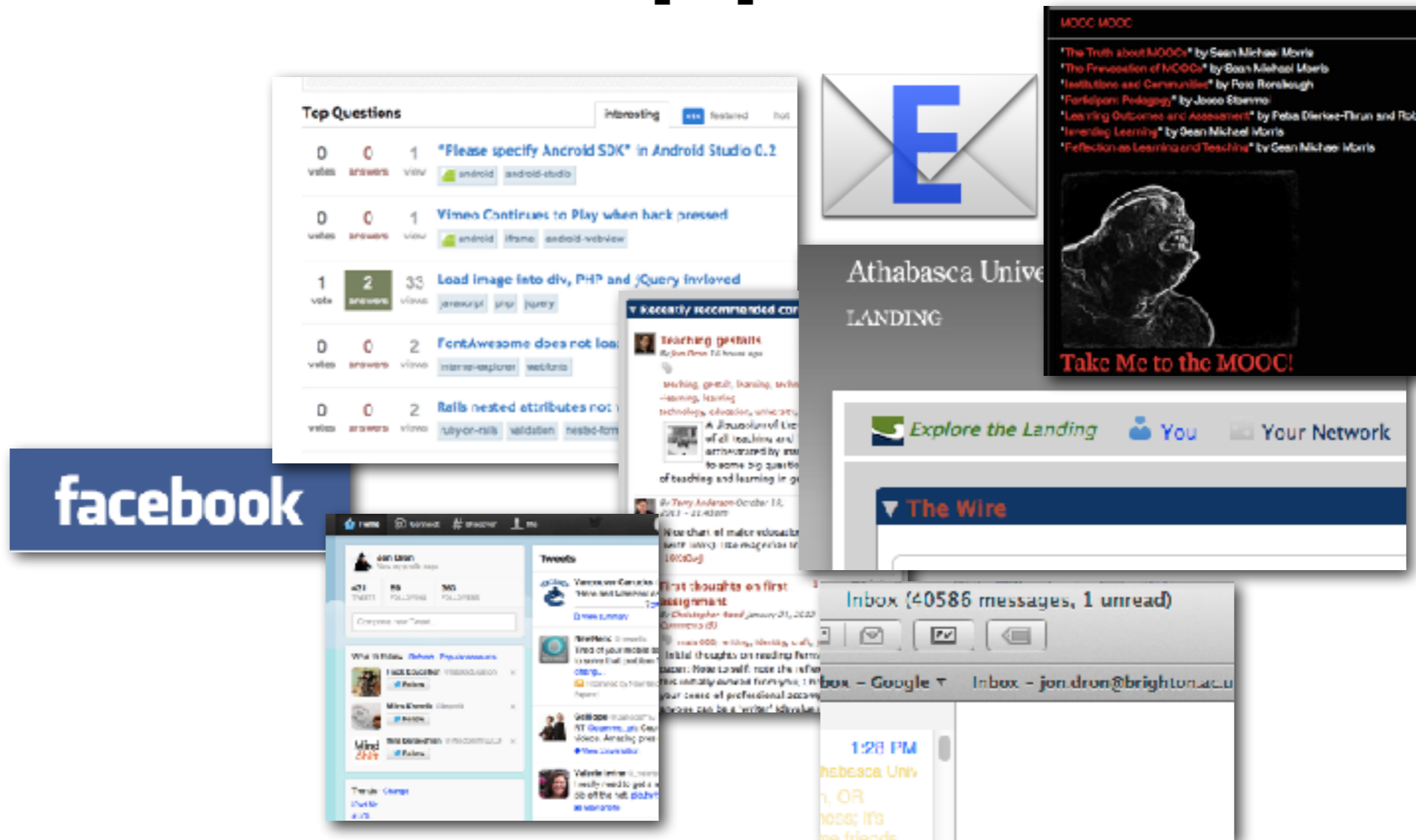
Online, we are swimming
in a sea of teachers

Distributed content

The collage illustrates distributed content through several overlapping digital interfaces:

- Top Left:** A list of educational articles, including "An Open Letter to Educators" by Dan Brown and "Athabasca Landing" by Moustafa El-Bishary.
- Top Center:** A university profile for "Jon Dron's home page" at Athabasca University, detailing his role as an Associate Professor in the School of Computing and Information Systems.
- Top Right:** A social media feed with posts from "Philosophy" and "L. Knight" featuring images and text.
- Middle Left:** A "Videochat 101 - Overview" video thumbnail.
- Middle Right:** A "Reader's Digest" section with articles like "Teaching Resources for Ancient Egypt" and "5 Social Exposed Moments on 'The Bachelor'".
- Bottom Left:** The Wikipedia logo and navigation menu, including "Main page", "Contents", and "Featured content".
- Bottom Center:** The "Stigmergy" article from Wikipedia, defining it as a mechanism where subsequent actions tend to be similar to previous ones, and listing its contents: "1 History", "2 Stigmergic behavior in low", and "3 Stigmergic behavior in soc".

Distributed support



Distributed accreditation



BADGES



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Skills & Expertise

Most endorsed for...

57	E-Learning	
47	Distance Learning	
19	Moodle	
18	Educational Technology	
15	Lecturing	
13	University Teaching	
9	Teaching	
8	Higher Education	

Student Submissions



Fifty Suits of Grey

Liam Higgins Saunders. I work as a cartoonist and illustrator, producing strips, features and news cartoons for many publications...

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One Slow Walk - On the (com)plaints of an African Queue

I queued. Voluntarily. At The Department of Manpower! The dreaded DOM queue held me for just a while. Queues get a...

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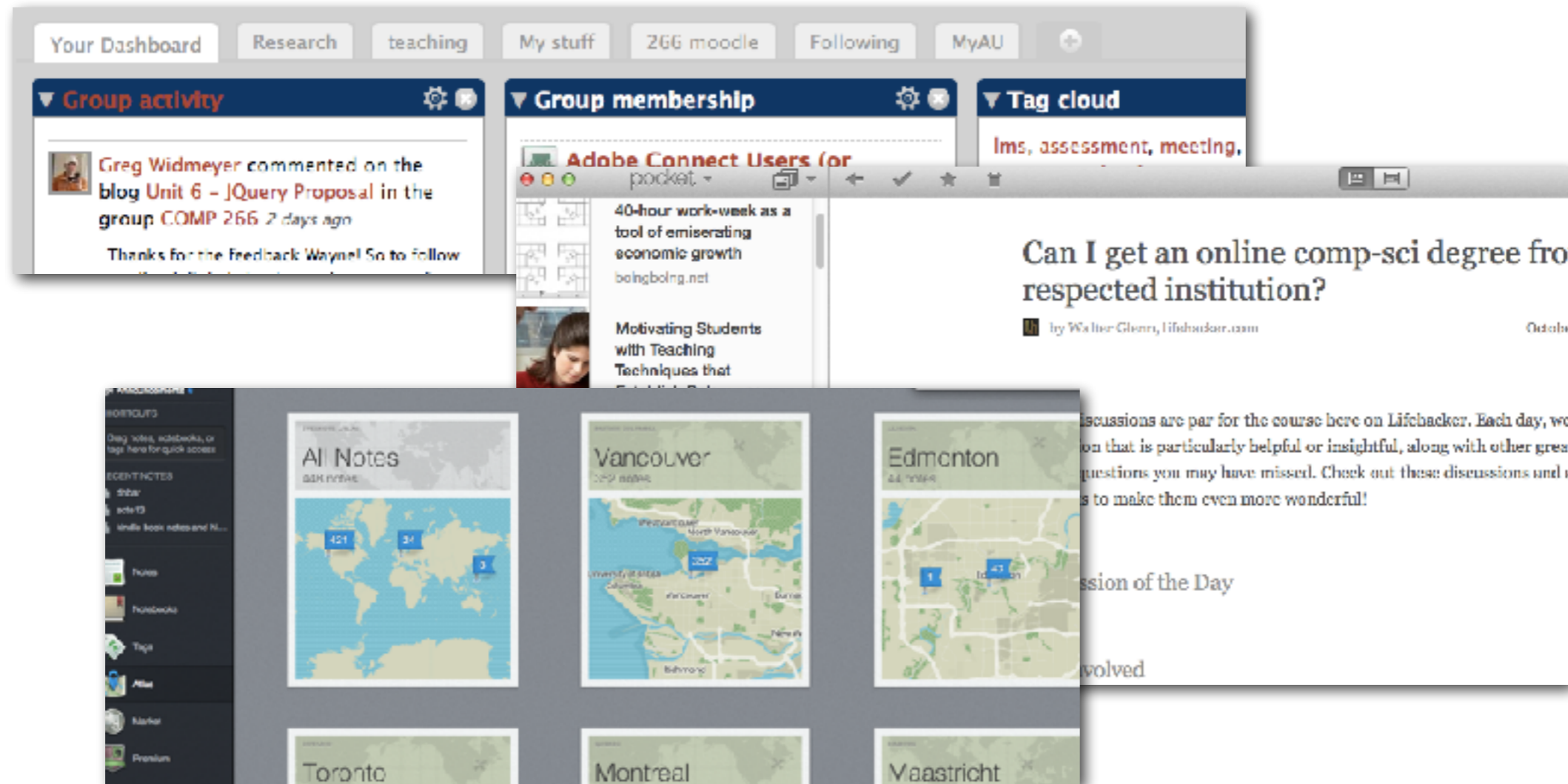
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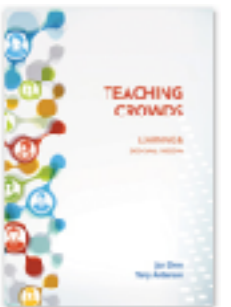
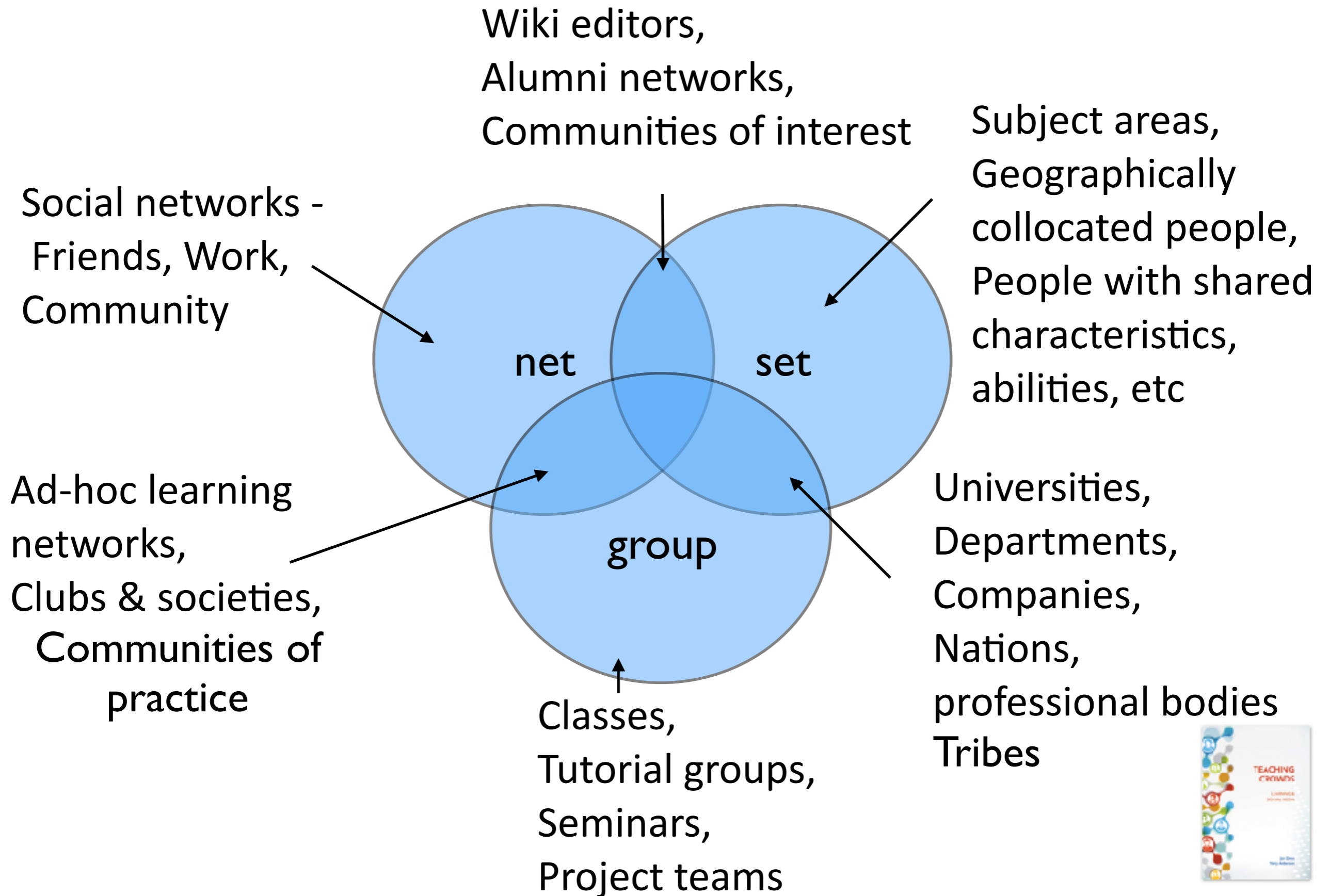
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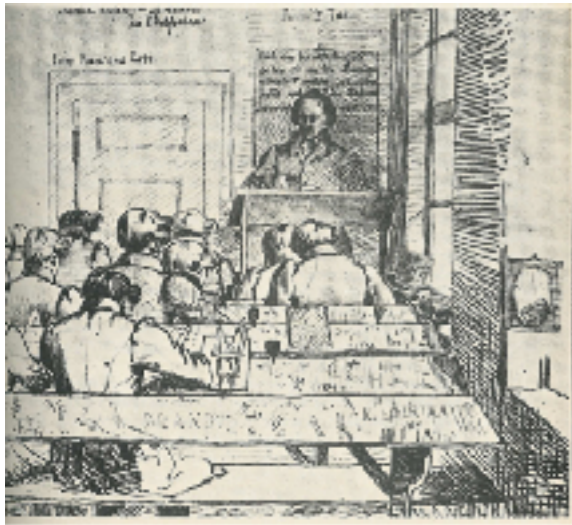
Personal sense-making



So, why bother with
universities?

Framework: Social forms



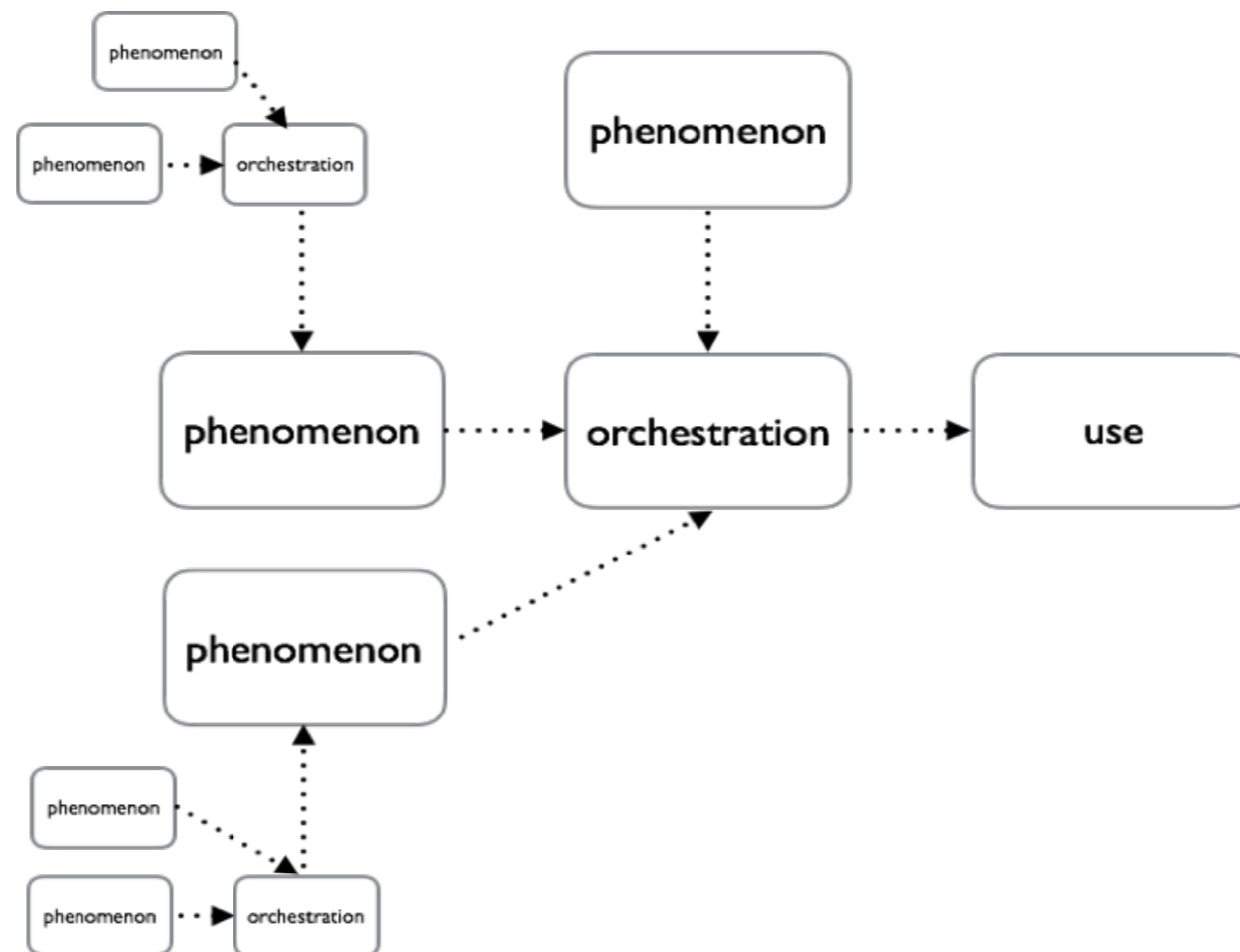


Traditional education
is *all* about groups,
mostly closed



names identity rules
leaders processes
sequence membership
exclusion norms
duration **Groups** rituals
hierarchies pace
collaboration and contest
structure power relationships
joining and leaving

All groups are *designed*



Value in groups?

Trust

Belonging

Safety

Efficiency

Effectiveness

other social forms



networks

people you know

not designed



I store my knowledge in my friends (Karen Stephenson)

altmetrics

Google
scholar

elgg®



WhatsApp

friendfeed

Academic Experts
BETA

designed networks

facebook



ACADEMIA



tumblr.



Google+

lack of process inefficient paths

lack of direction/control

Matthew Effect

preferential attachment

network dangers

connection trumps wisdom

lack of structure blurred contexts

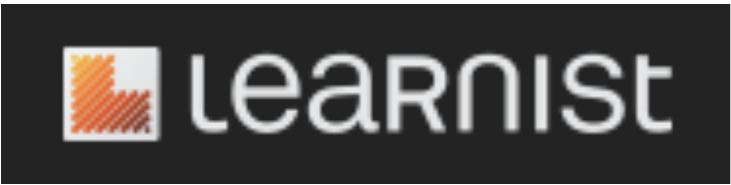
distraction echo chambers

ownership? narcissism

sets

people like you (interests or attributes)





designed sets

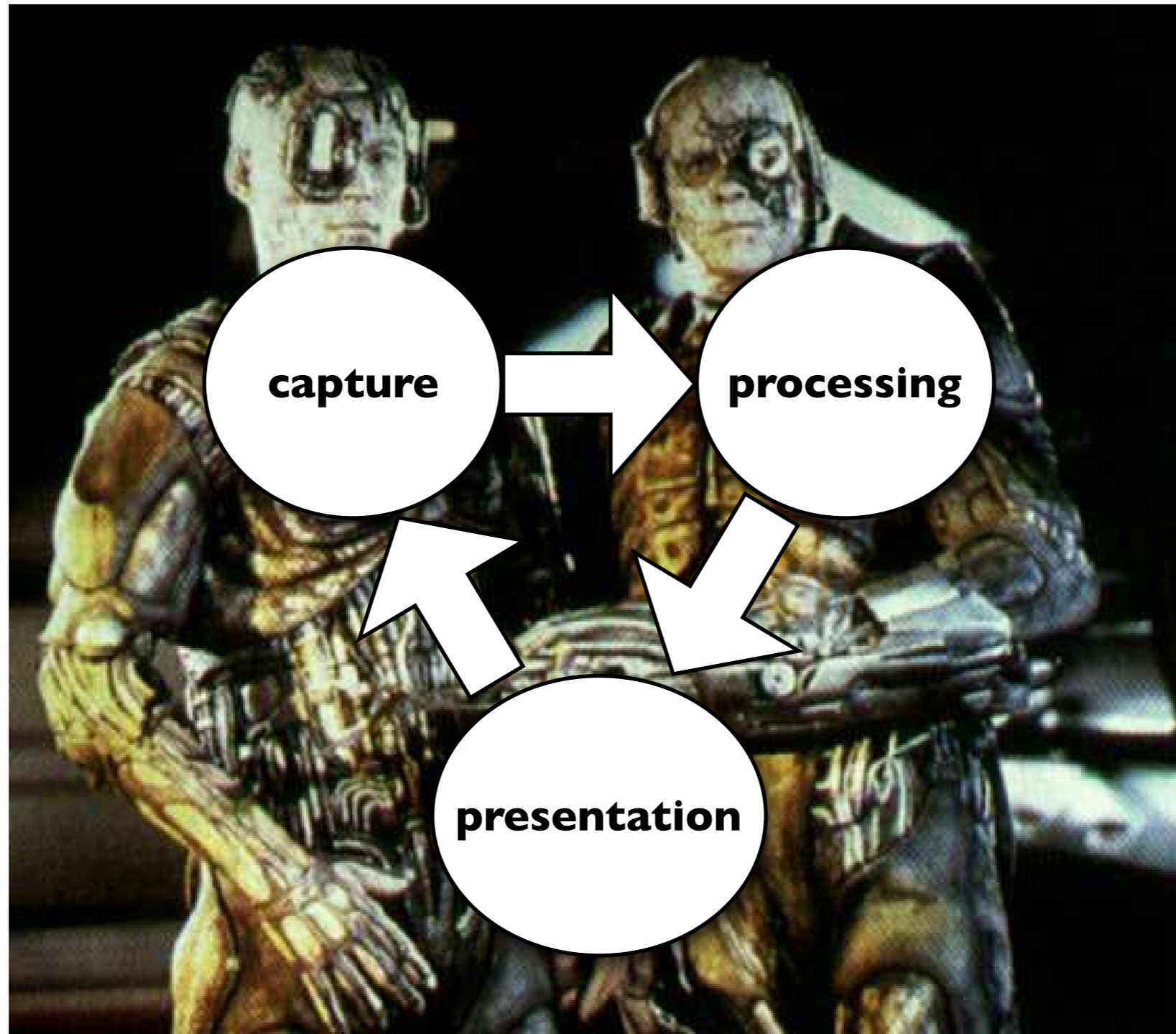


bad people stupid people
trolls blind leading the blind
anonymity lack of process

Set dangers

reliability
cultural conflict lack of caring
lack of structure lack of trust
weak social ties

The collective



Wise crowds (stupid mobs?)

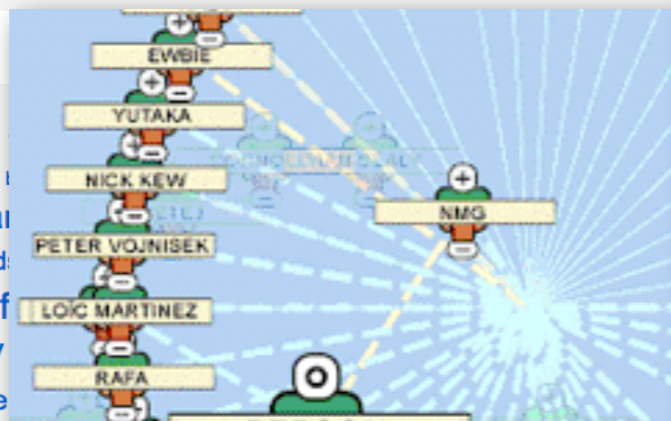
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 - cameraphone camping cal
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 - home honeymoon hongkong house



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< Web 2.0

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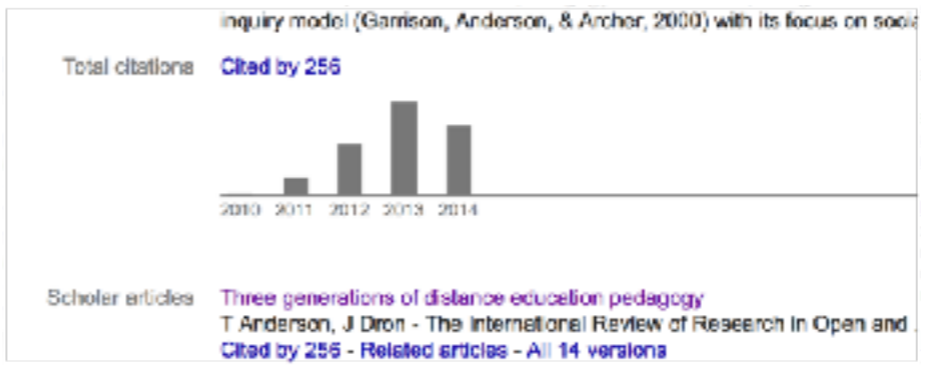
Popular

Top Favored Blogs

- Boing Boing: A Directory of Wonderful Things (1,901 members)
- Techcrunch (1,393 members)
- Make Money Online with ProBlogger

Top Searches

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organizing, strategy, agents, evolutionary strategy, kempelen

Stigmergy and the World-Wide Web

Rank algorithm so successful? Why do Neighborhoods for a weblog work at all? What is stigmergy? ...

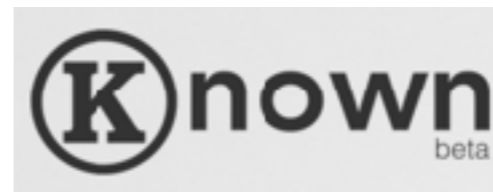
Ownership and control

**You *are* the product/
you rent the product**

You use the product

You (co-)create the product

You *own* the product





The owner's purpose is rarely to support learning, rarely to support *you*.



You *are* the product

EdgeRank algorithm: you see less than 3% of 'friends' shared content



Athabasca Landing

<https://landing.athabascau.ca/>



A safe space

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A social learning commons

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A social construction kit

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No one in control, no hierarchies, few rules

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Persistent - boundary-crossing - beyond
the course



8,700 users

26,000 blog posts

4,500 microblog posts

14,000 shared files

10,000 wiki pages

530 groups

3,300 discussions

much learning

7,500 shared bookmarks

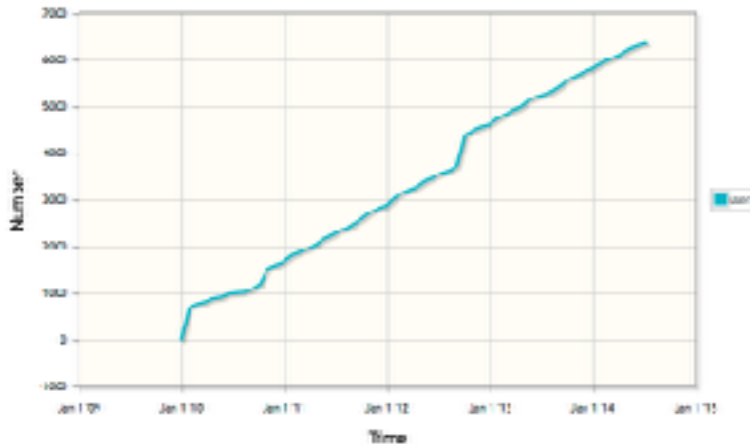
>20,000 unique visitors a month (>2,000 internal)

~30 courses

~20 research groups

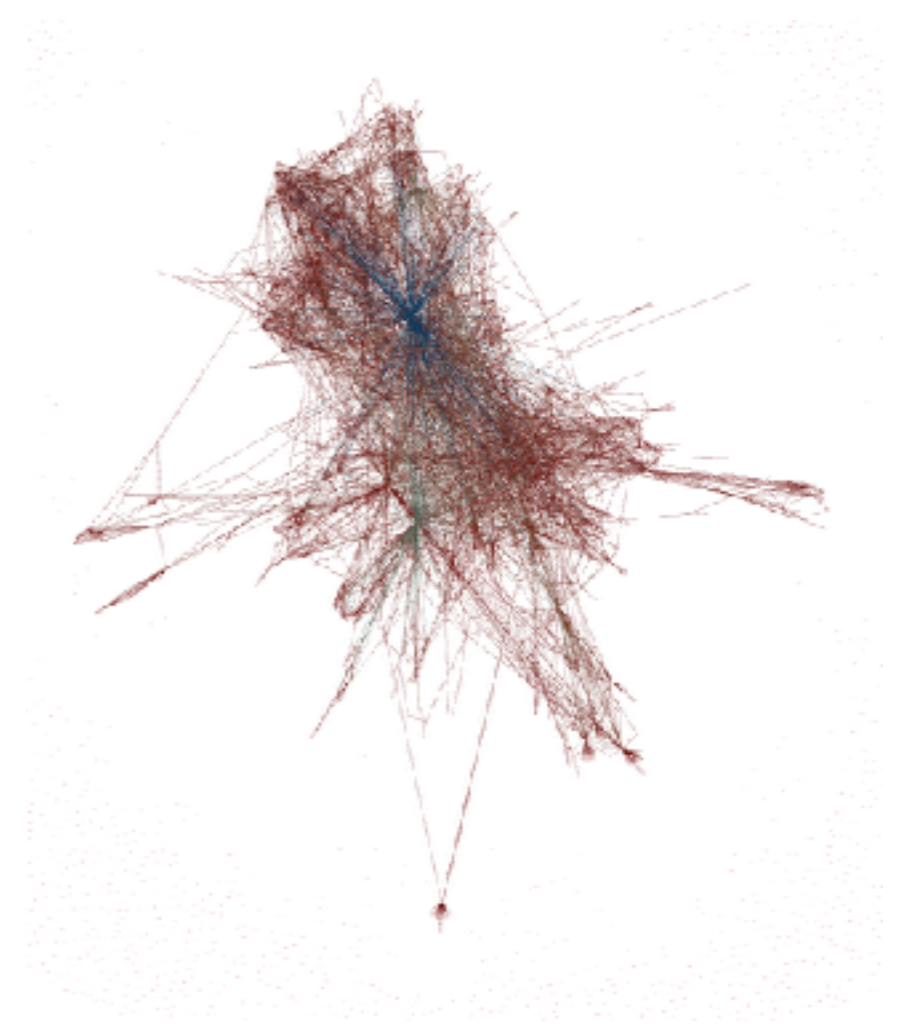
~30 committees/working groups

self-organized



Using nets and sets

- Can we/should we let go?
- Who owns the network/set?
- What should our algorithms do?
- How should we teach/research/learn in an age of plenty?
- What value do we add?
- What is the role of the university when everyone is a teacher?



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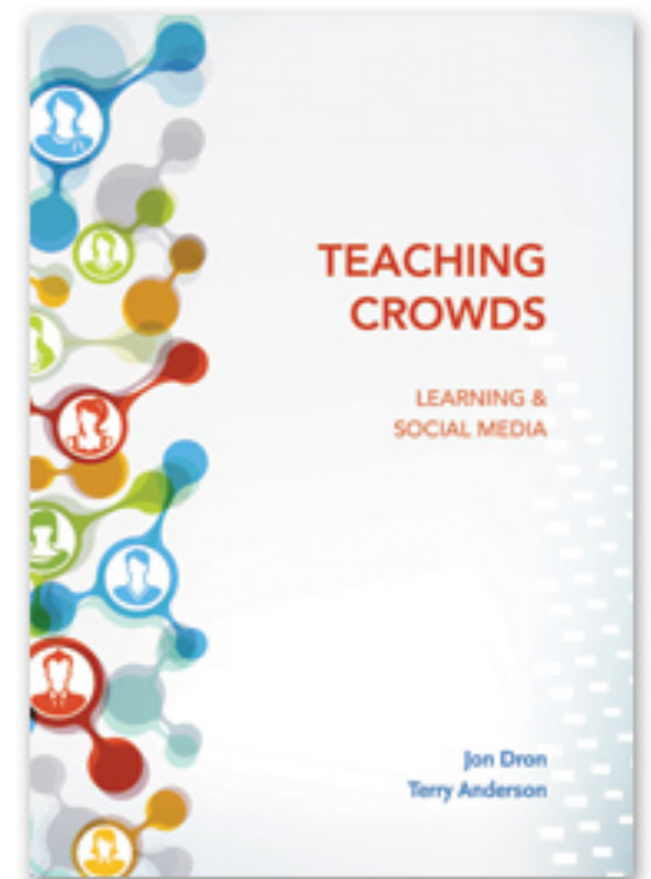
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