**What Makes a Witch? : Digital History + Social Network Analysis**

**30% final grade**

*Step 1: Annotation Studio* (weighed under Assignment #1 prompt)

In class, you will sign up for an Annotation Studio account, which allows you to annotate (paraphrase) more complicated documents, i.e. 17th century court documents. Annotate **one** of the court transcripts for Bridget Bishop—the first accused witch tried at the special Oyer and Terminer court—and **two** of the witness depositions (labeled as “X vs. Bridget Bishop”).

*Step 2: What Makes a Witch preliminary paper* (10%)

2-3 pages. Using the Salem Witch Trials documentary archive, (<http://salem.lib.virginia.edu/texts/names/index.html>) pick one of the accused witches tried in 1692 by the special Court of Oyer and Terminer. Ask and answer the following questions: Why did people think this person was a witch? How did he or she respond to the accusations? Summarize your answers to those questions in a brief paper. A master list of names and a more detailed assignment prompt is located on Canvas under the tab “Assignments” and in the folder “What Makes a Witch.”

*Step 3: Data Mining in the Salem Witch Trials documentary archive* (5%)

Using the court documents available in the Salem Witch Trials documentary archive, record quantitative data on individuals who appear in the documents related to the accused witch you researched in your What Makes a Witch preliminary paper. Additional instructions about this exercise and the excel template on which you will record your findings can be found on Canvas under “Assignments” and in the folder “What Makes a Witch.”

*Step 4: Social Network Analysis* (15%)

5-6 pages. This final paper will blend traditional sources, including material from your preliminary paper, with social network analysis. You will continue to refine your working thesis from the preliminary paper, revising as necessary based on additional findings from the court documents you’ve mined and observations from social network analysis.

To meet the paper length requirement, you will have to identify additional court documents to add to the preliminary paper, along with observations made from the social networking map. The formatting and citation style for this assignment will match that from the preliminary What Makes a Witch paper.