

415: Environmental Interventions - Homework 7

Due: Oct. 30

Goals:

- To reflect on the nature of objectivity
- To prepare your final project proposal

This homework has an individual and a group component.

1. Individual: Starting discussions

Answers to these questions do not need to be in the form of polished writing. The goal is to get you thinking about the issues we'll be discussing in this course. Bring your answers in written form to class for discussion.

1a. Collect three examples of images you run into this week that, in your opinion, provide a compelling view of nature, the environment, or environmental problems (though please limit yourself to non-obscene images!). These examples may be collected from any print or on-line media or you may create them yourself.

1b. (1/2 page) To what extent are these images objective, according to the notions of objectivity described by Daston and Galison?

1c. (1/2 page) To what extent do you believe the power of these images derives from their objectivity or subjectivity?

2. Group: Preparatory work for final project

Your group should prepare and post to the wiki your final project proposal. Please see the final project description for the elements of a project proposal. To post your group's proposal, add a page to the wiki, and add a link to it on the 'Final Projects' page (<https://confluence.cornell.edu/display/INFO415/Final+Projects>). You should feel free to use the wiki for a scratch area as you develop your proposal.

Remember your weekly post to the wiki is due Friday, Oct 26 and your weekly comment is due by Tuesday before class.