

Chat Room Log: Reality and Identity Group 8

Wednesday, October 31, 2007

8:12 AM: **Demo Student** has entered the room.

8:12 AM: **Demo Student** has left the room.

10:55 AM: **dan** has entered the room.

10:57 AM: **frys50** has entered the room.

10:57 AM: **Kari Perconti** has entered the room.

10:58 AM: **dan**: hello

10:58 AM: **frys50**: hey guys

10:59 AM: **boo** has entered the room.

10:59 AM: **dan**: ha

11:00 AM: **Twiggy** has entered the room.

11:00 AM: **boo**: down here i chat

11:00 AM: **dan**: i can see my words on the big screen

11:00 AM: **Twiggy**: This is awkward

11:03 AM: **dan**: are we all here?

11:03 AM: **Twiggy**: I have the Austin Powers song stuck in my head. It is very distracting when I am trying to read

11:03 AM: **dan**: haha

11:04 AM: **Twiggy**: frys50 is a tool. He left

11:04 AM: **Sarah** has entered the room.

11:04 AM: **Kari** has entered the room.

11:04 AM: **Sarah**: sooo...how bout those quotes.

11:05 AM: **Twiggy**: I forgot them already. h/o let me skim over them again

11:05 AM: **dan**: i dont even know where to begin

11:06 AM: **Twiggy**: well, should we start on plagiarism with papers kind of thing, or plagiarism as in downloading files?

11:06 AM: **dan**: k

11:06 AM: **Twiggy**: wait... which one?

11:06 AM: **Sarah**: hahaha

11:06 AM: **dan**: oh i thought that was one whole quote haha

11:07 AM: **Twiggy**: mmno

11:07 AM: **Kari**: I think we should start with papers..since thats kind of more relevant to us

11:07 AM: **Twiggy**: Alrighty

11:07 AM: **Sarah**: good idea.

11:07 AM: **Twiggy**: I think turnitin.com is God's way of punishing us

11:07 AM: **Sarah**: As a prospective teacher I am somewhat torn when it comes to the plagiarism-detection programs

11:08 AM: **Sarah**: I don't like them now, but when I'm a teacher I feel I may have a different perspective

11:08 AM: **dan**: how come you dont like turnitin?

11:08 AM: **Twiggy**: Well with turnitin.com your paper is being held up to other papers that students have written that were put into the database when they "turned it in"

11:09 AM: **Twiggy**: so you may have a very similar paper with somebody who you may have never met

11:09 AM: **Kari**: i dont really understand how they work..i mean what if you have the same sentence as someone else and it's purely coincidence?

11:09 AM: **Sarah**: I just feel that these programs are not perfected yet to be used to critique papers.

11:09 AM: **Twiggy**: I understand it if they only use published articles, because it also scans for paraphrasing

11:10 AM: **Twiggy**: so you may have the same idea as another student, but worded differently and it counts as plagiarism

11:10 AM: **Sarah**: How are you supposed to know if you took someone's phrase out the whole entire "internet world"?

11:11 AM: **Kari**: I think that something like that could be useful..but this way is too extreme..

11:11 AM: **Twiggy**: You don't which is why I loathe that site

11:12 AM: **Twiggy**: awkward pause

11:12 AM: **dan**: ha

11:12 AM: **Sarah**: Okay, so how may these programs or sites impact our lives?

11:12 AM: **Sarah**: impact*

11:12 AM: **Kari**: lol..ok so for the most part we dislike these programs

11:13 AM: **Twiggy**: well, I know that in college these sites are used less than in high school

11:13 AM: **Twiggy**: but my teachers were lazy in high school so maybe I'm the exception to the rule

11:13 AM: **Sarah**: I am somewhat thinking that these sites have been created to scare students into making sure they do their own work.

11:14 AM: **Sarah**: When someone knows that their instructor will be using such a program, the student is more likely to be aware of what they are putting down on their paper.

11:14 AM: **Kari**: I have known some teachers in high school that put every single paper through to that site..idk if they were bluffing or not though

11:14 AM: **Twiggy**: Mine did, they weren't bluffing because we got our plagiarism score back afterwards

11:14 AM: **Sarah**: I only had to turn my paper into that site once and it was while I was in college

11:15 AM: **Twiggy**: I haven't had to in college yet

11:15 AM: **Twiggy**: and I hope I never have to

11:15 AM: **dan**: I had to turn every paper of mine into turnitin in my english comp and humanities classes

11:15 AM: **boo**: how can we see sites like turnitin.com as extensions of cultural ideas about ownership, and how does that relate to what DeVoss and Porter discuss about the RIAA and file sharing?

11:15 AM: **dan**: I didnt mind it, i dont see anything wrong with the site unless they change their privacy policies

11:16 AM: **Twiggy**: I don't like how your paper becomes part of their database when you turn it in

11:16 AM: **Twiggy**: I feel violated

11:17 AM: **Twiggy**: Also, it shows it isn't perfect because they only compare your paper to other turnitin.com papers, so you could plagiarize another paper that isnt on their database

11:19 AM: **dan**: In reference to what Boo asked, I think the growth of sites such as turnitin show the impact that file sharing has had in our culture...

11:19 AM: **Sarah**: to answer Boo's question, I see these sites as definite extensions dealing with ownership. I would be upset if someone took my research and information, especially if I was an author of a book.

11:19 AM: **dan**: Everything one wants can easily be downloaded and shared

11:19 AM: **dan**: for free, and this does not just apply to music or movies

11:20 AM: **dan**: So why shouldn't ideas, or papers, follow the same path?

11:20 AM: **Twiggy**: yes, but that can be a double edged sword since you may get permission to use another students work from that student and it still counts as stealing

11:20 AM: **Sarah**: When it comes to file sharing, if you support an artist or band wouldn't you go out and buy their cd to support them, and not get it off of the internet for free??

11:21 AM: **Twiggy**: Well I think the age of the CD is dying

11:21 AM: **Twiggy**: If you're buying anything, it is off iTunes

11:21 AM: **Twiggy**: and then people think, well I can get it off limewire for free... so why not?

11:21 AM: **Sarah**: ok

11:22 AM: **Twiggy**: Dan, you look like youre dying

11:22 AM: **dan**: So if people feel it is ok to ignore copyright law for music, why should they pay attention to it when it comes to writing a paper

11:23 AM: **Sarah**: so why is it ok to take music from limewire, but plagiarism is seen as the worst thing ever in education????

11:23 AM: **dan**: haha yeah, threw my back out the other day, cant sleep

11:23 AM: **Sarah**: HA...you stole the words out of my mouth dan

11:23 AM: **dan**: sorry lol

11:23 AM: **Twiggy**: ahh I see, and they get up in arms about plagiarism for papers because it's their own

11:23 AM: **Twiggy**: like how bands get up in arms about people stealing their music

11:24 AM: **Sarah**: yup

11:24 AM: **Twiggy**: we dont care unless it is directly related to us

11:24 AM: **Sarah**: that is what it seems

11:24 AM: **boo**: how about this: why is there a copright law in the first place?

11:24 AM: **Sarah**: that I do not know...haha

11:24 AM: **boo**: who is determing the fate of suchj things, like copyright?

11:24 AM: **boo**: you, or somome else?

11:24 AM: **Twiggy**: well you have to go through certain means to get something copyrighted

11:25 AM: **Kari**: I agree..it doesn't bother me even a little bit that people get their music off of limewire..but when it comes to someone putting my paper I feel a little bit different

11:25 AM: **Twiggy**: how, I do not know, but I know you have to

11:25 AM: **dan**: to prevent others from capitalizing on the work of another

11:25 AM: **boo**: if , as the readings suggest, and you are suggesting here, that authorship is distrubuted to the reader and not the author, then why do we need to put copyrights on words or images or tunes?

11:25 AM: **Twiggy**: but, papers aren't copyrighted, so should it count for them?

11:25 AM: **boo**: is it just about the money that is being made?

11:26 AM: **boo**: do we all just write because we want to make money?

11:26 AM: **Sarah**: I think the reason is just for money.

11:26 AM: **Twiggy**: Or do we need to get every paper copyrighted before we can claim someone plagiarized off of us?

11:26 AM: **Twiggy**: Everything is about money

11:26 AM: **Sarah**: exactly.

11:26 AM: **Twiggy**: When it comes down to it, we're all capitalists

11:26 AM: **Twiggy**: I hate myself for saying that

11:27 AM: **dan**: maybe, but maybe when it comes to academia, it is more about recognition

11:27 AM: **Sarah**: People don't want other people stealing their thoughts or songs because they want the money. There is a little bit of a personal thing in there as well though. If I wrote a song or wrote a book, I wouldn't want anybody else stealing it because they are my thoughts. That is why I would get it copyrighted.

11:28 AM: **Twiggy**: so, should all papers be copyrighted before anyone can claim plagiarism?

11:28 AM: **Sarah**: I think it is different for different people. Some are in it to invest and others just want to get their thoughts out

11:28 AM: **dan**: We are not getting any money from our class blogs, but how would we feel if someone copied them?

11:29 AM: **Twiggy**: Why would anyone want to copy mine? They're no that good

11:29 AM: **Sarah:** hahah

11:30 AM: **Twiggy:** I would understand if someone took a line or a hrase from one of our blogs because it fit as to what they were saying, but the whole blog seems silly

11:30 AM: **Twiggy:** You also have to look at the situation. I mean how many other people out there in internetland are writing about the exactly same thing as us with exactly the same views?

11:30 AM: **dan:** What if they took a line from mine, a line from yours, a line from sarah's, a line from kari's

11:30 AM: **Twiggy:** Then they are unoriginal

11:31 AM: **dan:** then put it together as their own blog

11:31 AM: **Twiggy:** It wouldn't flow

11:31 AM: **Twiggy:** We all have different views on things

11:31 AM: **dan:** when people are plagiarising, they arent usually copying an entire paper, but ideas from various sources

11:31 AM: **Kari:** I think that when it comes to writing and publishing something it needs to be copyrighted because more people are going to be reading it than, say, our blogs..but if someone copied something i wrote on the blog i would be upset for taking my thoughts..but i can't get every post i had copyrighted so what other option is there..people are going to have the same thoughts from time to time but that doesn't necessarily mean it's plagiarism

11:31 AM: **Twiggy:** woah big post

11:32 AM: **Sarah:** amen

11:32 AM: **Twiggy:** and I concur

11:32 AM: **Kari:** lol

11:32 AM: **Sarah:** Can we say that the whole issue with plagiarism is somewhat silly??

11:32 AM: **Twiggy:** In a way yes

11:33 AM: **Sarah:** Who honestly plagiarizes?

11:33 AM: **boo:** yet, kari, the articles suggest that authorship is really not in the writing, it is in the reading because it is the reading that creates meaning

11:33 AM: **Sarah:** obviously I know there are people out there.....

11:33 AM: **dan:** you dont need to copyright your writings since they are intellectual property

11:33 AM: **Twiggy:** cheating is bad, but now they're putting more interest into stopping plagiarism then stopping campus violence

11:33 AM: **dan:** when i was in high school, things such as turnitin didnt even exist

11:33 AM: **Sarah:** same

11:34 AM: **dan:** it was perfectly normal for someone to copy whole paragraphs from the internet and paste them together to form a paper

11:34 AM: **Kari:** but I still feel as though when I write something it is mine..it's something I thought of that I want to share with other people

11:34 AM: **dan:** lol i dont know if id go that far

11:34 AM: **Twiggy:** If that was in response to my claim, think about it

11:34 AM: **dan:** i havent seen to many thousand student meetings with the president over plagiarism

11:35 AM: **Sarah:** I think the way that education wants students to go about citing sources is ridiculous, and this is why I feel it has become such a big deal. If all students had to do was put a last name after the quote or phrase it would be so much easier. But no you have to put a name, sometimes a title, and a page number. Then you have to create a works cited page.

11:35 AM: **Twiggy:** We have huge passages in the student handbook about plagiarism and courses of action if it happens

11:35 AM: **dan:** how many papers have you been required to submit to turnitin?

11:35 AM: **Twiggy:** I loathe works cited page

11:35 AM: **Sarah:** For school papers, can it really be considered plagiarism?? Who is going to see the paper besides the student and the teacher?

11:35 AM: **Twiggy:** is the teacher really going to check up on it?

11:36 AM: **Twiggy:** I mean, even if it is cited wrong, it is considered plagiarism

11:36 AM: **Twiggy:** I feel like Im in an eternal game of Trivial Pursuit

11:36 AM: **Twiggy:** and I always lose

11:36 AM: **Twiggy:** or Jeopardy

11:36 AM: **Twiggy:** Jeopardy is a better analogy

11:36 AM: **Kari:** i think a teacher should know a little bit about their students that they are able to tell what is their writing and what is not

11:36 AM: **Twiggy:** I think that as well

11:37 AM: **dan:** technically if it is not cited correctly it is plagiarism but most professors are not going to kick you out of school for it

11:37 AM: **Sarah:** is it just teacher's being lazy and not wanting to fully check a student's paper?

11:37 AM: **Twiggy:** but you will get marks off

11:37 AM: **Twiggy:** like you have the correct answer in jeopardy but you forgot to put it in the form of a question

11:37 AM: **Sarah:** ugh...this is making me sick. haha. I hate this whole controversy

11:37 AM: **Kari:** I think that maybe that is the problem..this site is letting teachers slack off a little bit

11:38 AM: **Twiggy:** me too, I'm just going to drop out of school and become a gypsy

11:38 AM: **Kari:** haha good idea

11:38 AM: **Sarah:** hahah

11:38 AM: **dan:** right, as you should, but its better to get marked off for an error than to be dismissed from your

university
11:38 AM: **dan**: hah
11:39 AM: **Twiggy**: God forbid you have a teacher who hates you, then who knows what would happen
11:39 AM: **Twiggy**: dun dun dunnn
11:39 AM: **dan**: after you graduate, if you were to publish a paper and have citation discrepancies your career would be over
11:39 AM: **Kari**: if you get thrown out of your college and you legitimately did not plagiarize..i would not want to be in that college anyway
11:40 AM: **Twiggy**: hence the gypsy part of my plan
11:40 AM: **dan**: lol
11:40 AM: **Sarah**: are we still talking about this?? hahah. Let's talk about lonelygirl15.
11:40 AM: **Twiggy**: YES
11:40 AM: **Twiggy**: PLEASE
11:40 AM: **Twiggy**: NOT THIS ANYMORE
11:40 AM: **Kari**: hahaha
11:40 AM: **Sarah**: hahah
11:40 AM: **Kari**: shes on the show Greek
11:41 AM: **dan**: whats that
11:41 AM: **Twiggy**: lonelygirl15 is overrated
11:41 AM: **Kari**: some show on abc family
11:41 AM: **Sarah**: ok so, how come even though it was proven that Lonelygirl was fake, people still thought she was real
11:41 AM: **Sarah**: just because she said she was....
11:41 AM: **Twiggy**: the same reason people thought Borat was a real person
11:41 AM: **dan**: ha
11:41 AM: **Twiggy**: they aren't the brightest of the human race
11:41 AM: **Sarah**: I just don't get how people can become obsessed with someone they never met
11:42 AM: **dan**: what about tila tequila?
11:42 AM: **Twiggy**: It's the same as a celebrity crush
11:42 AM: **Sarah**: and has been proven to be fake
11:42 AM: **Twiggy**: Her reality show is funny
11:42 AM: **Twiggy**: Tila's not lonelygil
11:42 AM: **Twiggy**: *gril
11:42 AM: **Twiggy**: FUCK
11:42 AM: **Twiggy**: *GIRL
11:42 AM: **Sarah**: hahaha
11:42 AM: **dan**: is it? i heard she looks nothing like she does on Myspace
11:42 AM: **dan**: haha calm down
11:42 AM: **dan**: itll be ok
11:43 AM: **Sarah**: is lonelygirl reality??
11:43 AM: **Twiggy**: I hate misspelling things and that's why it's funny
11:43 AM: **Twiggy**: some people might think so
11:43 AM: **Sarah**: It seems to me that nowadays reality it fake. haha
11:43 AM: **Twiggy**: and it follows the format of really being scripted but leads people to believe it's real
11:43 AM: **Twiggy**: Like The Hills
11:43 AM: **Twiggy**: and Survivor
11:43 AM: **Twiggy**: and the news
11:43 AM: **dan**: I think lonelygirl being fake did not keep viewers away because of the medium she used. on the internet, different personas are used all the time, even encouraged
11:44 AM: **dan**: look at the chatroom participant list
11:44 AM: **Sarah**: true true...
11:44 AM: **Sarah**: weird.
11:44 AM: **Twiggy**: ...?/
11:44 AM: **Kari**: i only watched lonelygirl when all the drama happened as to whether or not she was real..thats when i became somewhat interested
11:44 AM: **Sarah**: i never even heard of her till this class
11:44 AM: **Twiggy**: I watched one of her vlogs and I thought it was silly
11:45 AM: **Twiggy**: doesn't matter to me if it's real or fake, it at least has to be interesting
11:45 AM: **dan**: ive steered clear of her as best i could. vlogs creep me out
11:45 AM: **dan**: what is real?
11:45 AM: **Twiggy**: Tom Hanks has one about his electric car
11:45 AM: **Sarah**: NOTHING is real
11:45 AM: **Sarah**: haha
11:45 AM: **Twiggy**: The Matrix was right
11:46 AM: **Sarah**: the whole world is a conspiracy.
11:46 AM: **dan**: but really, what would make something on the internet real as opposed to fake
11:46 AM: **Twiggy**: I think people just like to make a hype out of things to make their lives more interesting

11:46 AM: **Sarah**: I guess it is up to the viewer right?
11:46 AM: **Twiggy**: yeah
11:46 AM: **Twiggy**: it's the same as a book
11:46 AM: **Sarah**: yup
11:46 AM: **dan**: im waiting for a paragraph from kari i can hear her typing up a good one :P
11:47 AM: **Sarah**: hahaha
11:47 AM: **Twiggy**: it takes a leap of faith to judge whether or not you believe what's written
11:47 AM: **Twiggy**: me too
11:47 AM: **Kari**: you can't really tell what is real and what is fake..like whos to say Tom Hanks really was in an electric car? ha
11:47 AM: **Twiggy**: haha
11:47 AM: **dan**: so...final thoughts...arent we supposed to agree on something?
11:47 AM: **Sarah**: my final thought is....everything entertaining is fake. lol
11:47 AM: **Twiggy**: agreed
11:48 AM: **boo** has left the room.
11:48 AM: **Twiggy**: and Happy Halloween
11:48 AM: **Sarah**: i dont know...the interent seems to be messing society up..even though it has also brought positive things
11:48 AM: **Sarah**: ok im done. bye.
11:48 AM: **Twiggy**: are social skills are lacking
11:49 AM: **Twiggy**: *our
11:49 AM: **dan**: i feel that the internet is not guided by the same perceptions as other mediums. reality, authorship, ownership.. i think this area has yet to be determined as the rapid growth and use continues
11:49 AM: **Sarah** has left the room.
11:49 AM: **Twiggy**: Dan wins the smart sounding closing arguement of the day
11:49 AM: **Sarah Fry** has entered the room.
11:49 AM: **Sarah Fry** has left the room.
11:49 AM: **dan**: haha VICTORY
11:50 AM: **Twiggy** has left the room.
11:50 AM: **dan**: and then there were two....
11:50 AM: **dan** has left the room.
11:51 AM: **Kari**: hahaha ok im leaving
11:51 AM: **Kari** has left the room.