Interdisciplinary Collaboration

Class 16

Agenda

- 3:00-3:03 Announcements
- 3:03-3:13 Quiz
- 3:13-3:35 Interdisciplinary Research
- 3:35-3:50 Final Project Topics Discussions

Announcements

- MI: in subject line
- Topic report sign-up on Google Groups
- Synthesis Paper Presentation sign-up
- Friday Evaluation

Quiz

1. Discuss three challenges that can happen during interdisciplinary collaborations.
2. What discipline-specific expert do you need to meet with for your final project? What are some of the things you will do to make the meeting with your expert easier?

Where are we?

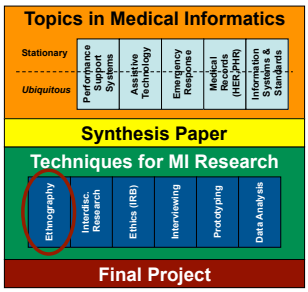

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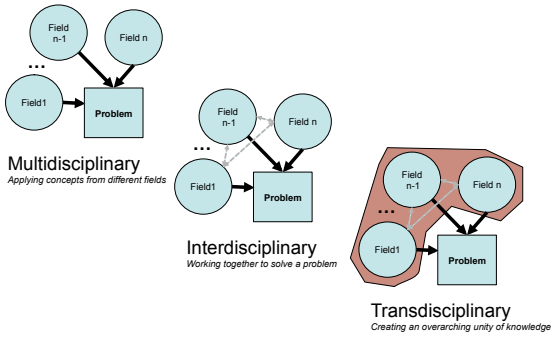
FIG. 3. Key research mode characteristics.

Not to be confused with transdisciplinary or multidisciplinary research…



Benefits of interdisciplinary research?

Challenges with interdisciplinary research?

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- THE PI
- Respecting Fields
- Let's make this work together

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T-cell

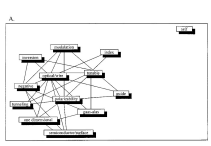
Sero Searching/Sorting

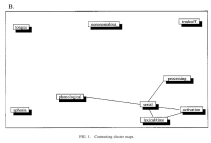
Phosphorus vs. Potassium

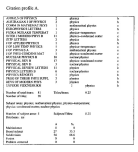
Liter/cc/g

IVR

Publication Issues

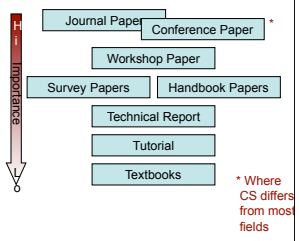






Publication Issues

- Educate your collaborators about your publication process
- Schedule in time for writing
- Identify what can be published in your domain and invite collaborators at co-authors
- Publish early, publish often
- There are more *(young)* pub venues now than ever



* Where CS differs from most fields

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- Develop a relationship with collaborators before doing research with them (if possible)
- The *paper reading bash*
- The *mini presentation bash*
- The *networking mayhem*

Looking forward

- This week
  - Wednesday: Meeting an Expert
  - Friday: Portfolio
  - Final Project Topic Report due Friday, October 10
- Next week
  - Synthesis paper presentations
  - Synthesis paper due Friday, October 17