

OccupyResearch - Conference Call Notes
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Saturday 10/29 Agenda

- I. Overview (short)
- II. Introductions - Name, location, What is your vision for OccupyResearch? - 20 min
- III. Project Sharing/Working group development - Everyone
share/propose the research they want to work on or are already doing locally (30-45 min)
 - o Please think about the following questions:
 - o What is the research question?
 - o What methods are you thinking about?
 - o Why are you doing this research and for/with who?
 - o What do you need?
- IV. Summarize projects/straw poll (quick go round re: shared project interests)
- V. Plugging into your project (how?)
- VI. Next steps

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Who's on the Call (please write in your name if you don't see it)

- Mara, Oakland, CA (DataCenter)
- Stephen Buckley (@transpartisan & @opengovmetrics) Cape Cod, MA
- Peter Chen, Sydney University, Australia (@govt2603)
- Sasha Costanza-Chock, Boston, MA (@schock)
- Kevin Driscoll, LA (USC) (@desconcentrado)
- Jeff Juris, Boston (Northeastern University) j.juris@neu.edu
- Mary Joyce, Meta-Activism Project, New Orleans (@mary_joyce)
- Yvonne Yen Liu, Applied Research Center, Colorlines.com (Oakland, CA), (@yvonnegrphy)
- Jonathan Baldwin, Parsons, NYC (@jrbaldwin)
- Jay Smith Alberta - Athabasca University, Alberta Canada
- Lana Swartz, LA (USC) (@lanalana)
- Catherine Seo, Cambridge, MA (Fielding Graduate University - Media Psychology @catherineseo)
- Carolina Novella (from Barcelona) at UCDavis
- Saba Waheed, Los Angeles, CA, (DataCenter)

- Bobby Wengronowitz, Boston, MA (Boston College) bobbywego@gmail.com
- Joan Donovan (UCSD: OccupyLongBeach; OccupyLA, Occupy San Diego; OccupyOC; @bostonJoan, occupythesocial.tumblr.com; jmdonovan@ucsd.edu)
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- Pablo Rey, Boston, MA (@numeroteca)
- Erhardt Graeff, Boston, MA - Harvard GSE (@erhardt)
- Dalida María Benfield - Wellesley, MA - UC-Berkeley & Berkman Center, Harvard
- Regina Tuma, Montclair, NJ. Doctoral Faculty, Media Psy Program at Fielding Graduate University, Santa Barbara, CA; rtuma@fielding.edu; obspsy@twitter
- Jeff Swift (NCSU)
- Sonya Rifkin, Oakland, CA, (DataCenter) (**Moderating**)
- Chris Schweidler, Boston, MA, (DataCenter)
- Aimée, Los Angeles
- Joshua McVeigh-Schultz, Los Angeles, USC @joshuams, jrncveig@usc.edu
- Mark Dixon, Los Angeles, [occupydata.org](#)
- Michelle Ronayne, Nashua NH, Associate Professor Psychology, Nashua Community College

(See below updated and expanded list)

I. Brief Overview of OccupyResearch.net

After Sept 17th, a few people connected to Occupy wanted to do research as the movement develops, from within and outside, and it'd be good to coordinate--at least to share ideas. Ideally, doing distributed, shared and open research together, especially since there's many people interested in doing similar kinds of research--i.e. collecting tweets, interviews or surveys at camps. We set up a wikispaces at [occupyresearch.net](#). There have been a series of meetings at different locations--3 in Boston, some camps have set up research working groups, some of which connected w/occupyresearch, some not. Different ideas about occupy research. First call for occupy researchers across camps, and three different countries!

<http://OccupyResearch.net> --site for shared research ideas, goals, and evolving concrete proposals

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II. Introductions - Name, location, What is your vision for Occupyresearch? - 20 min

1. **Mara Ortenburger:** (DataCenter, Oakland) Interested in participatory action research as a method to gather info about who is occupying and why -- for sharper analysis and to inform strategy on the ground. Gave instructions for folks to give name, location, and vision.
2. **Steve Buckley:** former federal employee, but still working in Public Engagement, esp. White House's "[Open Government](#)" initiative. (@transpartisan & @OpenGovMetrics) Seeking data beyond anecdotes in measuring quality/quantity of public's engagement in government. ([sbuckley@igc.org](#))
3. **Peter Chen,** University of Sydney, Australia (@govt2603, peter.chen@sydney.edu.au): movement is small here, interested in the way movements move internationally particularly

with re new media, and the transnationalisation of new movements.

4. **Sasha (@schock)**: MIT, been at the camps, interested in open shared movement to help occupy help it understand itself and understand its base, and not reinvent the wheel with re tech, media production, open knowledge sharing.
5. **Kevin Driscoll**, LA (USC) (@desconcentrado): here partly because impact to have research design that matches phenomena, (networked distributed research to match networked distributed movement). Interested in challenges (tech + bureaucratic + privacy) of sharing data in a way that's reliable and allows analysis
6. **Jeff Juris**, Boston (Northeastern University): Distributed open research that reflects values and structure of the movement. Social forum research background. How movement practices, tools, and ideas move from one place to the next. Also survey research to understand who we are.
7. **Mary Joyce**, Meta-Activism Project, New Orleans (@mary_joyce): Publicly aggregating research around occupy, think can also get volunteers to assist with research project
8. **Yvonne Yen Liu**, Applied Research Center, Colorlines.com, Oakland, CA, (@yvonnegrphy). Colorlines.com: online magazine about race and politics, based in Oakland. Interested in two research questions - what is role of race/class/gender in occupy movement, nationally as well as globally; how can we chart the progress of the movement and how does it institutionalize itself, relationship to elders and movement halfway homes (Aldon Morris) from other movements.
9. **Jonathan Baldwin**, Parsons, NYC (@jrbaldwin): How working groups in occupy sites share information between similar working groups at other occupations; experimental comm tech like mesh networks; bridge between internet and physical comm of occupy movement.
10. **Jay Smith**, Athabasca University, Alberta Canada: origins of the movement in relation to broader global justice movement, context, framing, and also stories that people bring to the movement, why they are there.
11. **Lana**: infrastructure and processes set up at camps. Vision for occupy research, most interested in a hub for networking communication more so than as a site for *totally* open data sharing because of trust that you build w/people you interview, IRB approved stuff, questions bout that.
12. **Catherine Seo**, Cambridge, MA (Fielding Graduate University - Media Psychology @catherineseo): content analysis on how the media is handling Occupy, memes that emerge, link to media and social networking. Using Leximancer tool for analysis.
13. **Caroline Novella**, UC Davis: interested in the square as a "tactic" for the movement. (the meaning of the square- occupy versus liberate), the tension between unified-desy unified stories/voices and the glocal dialogue among 'arab spring' 'indignados' and 'occupy' movement. I see this collaborative research project as an opportunity for researchers/occupiers to advance critical reflections.
14. **Saba Waheed**, Los Angeles, CA, (DataCenter): Work w/DataCenter, a movement research center that partners w/movements, tell untold stories.
15. **Bobby Wengronowitz**, Boston, MA (Boston College): research that matches the movement, so it's open and transparent, would like to see a comparative analysis to see where these practices come from, i.e. the GA
16. **Dalida María Benfield**, Wellesley, MA - UC-Berkeley & Berkman Center, Harvard:
17. **Regina Tuma**, Montclair, NJ: Fielding Graduate Univ. Lives in Montclair NJ. Visited camp in

Manhattan. Trying to assemble a survey about how the general public is understanding the Occupy movement. Can people go beyond MSM narratives/representation?

18. **Jeff Swift** (NCSU): Communication, Rhetoric, & Digital Media PhD program. Studying the rhetorical nature of Occupy Wall Street.
19. **Chris Schweidler**, Boston, MA, (DataCenter): researcher at Data Center, interested in understanding movement building around occupy. Vision is for the research itself to be in service of the movement building.
20. **Joan Donovan** (UCSD: OccupyLongBeach; OccupyLA, Occupy San Diego; OccupyOC; @bostonJoan, occupythesocial.tumblr.com): Working closely w/these occupiers to generate resolutions that have been successful at stopping police from coming into the camps. sociologist, want research done now to help occupations become established, and then work on growing the movement.
21. **Sonya Rifkin**, Oakland, CA, (DataCenter) (**Moderating**): In Oakland, involved in Occupy Oakland. Started out w/oral history project. Interested in narratives: who is here, and why are they here? Also using surveys and other research instruments to paint broad picture of why and who.
22. **Pablo Rey Mazón**, Boston, MA (@numeroteca): MIT Civic Media. Living in Boston, come from Spain, interested in linking tools and movements from Spain #15M and Occupy. Working on twitter vs. mass media ([front pages of newspapers](#)). Interested in archive or compilation of data from occupy movement (images, twits).
23. **Michel Angela Martinez**, Los Angeles, CA. National Lawyers Guild/OLA camper (also USC): interested in the legal issues (practical and theoretical) around Oc sites; police/government; legal exceptions; justice motives/goals; know your rights work; tensions btwx transparency and privacy
24. **Erhardt Graeff**, Boston (@erhardt): Researcher at Harvard Grad School of Ed. Interested in massively distributed research project. Currently coordinating a separate research project studying how civically engaged youth become involved and how they use technology. Planning to recruit Occupy Boston folks for interviews. Want to learn from other Occupy Research strategies, and determine how the ongoing research at HGSE can complement the larger Occupy Research project's goals.
25. **Lana Swartz**, LA (USC) (@lanalana): Working closely with many occupy groups in CA (especially dealing with police). Research to help occupy groups become established and help grow the movement.
26. **Regina Tuma**, Santa barbara, visited occupy ws. Fielding university is trying to put together research survey study at how general public is making sense of occupy movement. How people are going beyond what's presented by mass media and forming their own opinion. (rtuma@fielding.edu)
27. **Isham**, Indianapolis. Undergrad media, IUPUI
28. **Lauren (Lo) Benichou**, involve with Occupy Oakland, uc berkely student. Political Science Dept and History Dept, Analysis of movement. How do movements like this one pick up? what makes a strategy efficient? Comparative analysis.
29. **Dalida Maria Benfield**: PhD candidate - Ethnic Studies & Women, Gender & Sexuality @ UC-Berkeley & independent media producer and activist. Collective media production as social justice and popular education organization. Interested in intersectional analysis. Added questions in critical ethnic studies and visual studies section of the wiki. Informed by

movement but also contribute to broader social justice organizing.

30. **Grace Davies**, history, Queens college NY, history of south africa & social sciences. Vision: networks of scholars, community scholars, leaders, who want to connect, also history of gandhian nonviolence and how it can apply to occupy movement.
31. **Liam Martin**, Boston College, interested in how the occupy movement has been so successful in spreading and drawing in bystanders. Question partly inspired by being a grad student recently arrived from New Zealand, and seeing how the occupy movement quickly made it all the way to a small Island 8000 miles away on the other side of the world. More broadly, I'm interested in putting occupy research to work in the service of occupy and other progressive movements, and think this type of cooperative, public research is a great start for doing this kind of work.
32. **Mark Dixon**, from LA. Occupydata.org, expect to go live in a week. For journalists and researchers who are trying to get a handle on the status of the movement. Maps and data about the occupy movement. Point you to free open source tools like scrapewiki, from geo tools like crowdmap and others, open source data that's creative commons, gather data around age and SES, frequency of police incidents and so on, highlight people working in those areas. Contact groups like Amnesty to see if they have data they'd be willing to share. I anticipate the main function of Occupydata.org will be to provide information about work others are doing and links to data and maps, rather than hosting the data or doing my own research. This will be a place to see what's out there, let others know what you're doing, and get access to maps, data, etc.
33. **Joshua McVeigh-Schultz**, PhD student in Media Arts and Practice at USC. theories of platform studies and interactivity design in dialogue w/ritual design. GAs are new models of public ritual. Metalanguage in facilitation committees. How to reimagine civic rituals from the ground up.
34. **Michelle Ronayne**, Nashua, NH, (joined call late) Interested in power structures within camps. How well do they maintain flat power models and stick to grassroots movement. This is particularly interesting in terms of media calls for spokesperson and organization of movement. Would like to do interviews with local camps (Boston and New Hampshire has one-- so does Lowell, MA). Also interested in media interpretations and Facebook (Twitter) discussions about movement.

III. Project Sharing/Working group development - Everyone

share/propose the research they want to work on or are already doing locally (30-45 min)

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o What methods are you thinking about?

o Why are you doing this research and for and with who?

o What do you need?

Additional Q: Data privacy/anonymity/Police investigations of researchers, researcher's strategies / approach to warrants (this is about how you will protect the privacy of your informants. should be required question.)

1. **Sonya Rifkin/Saba/Chris/Mara/Sasha)** www.datacenter.org - survey/census:
 - a. RQ: who is participating?
 - b. **method** - survey, in the camps, but also need to define who else is in the camps, also this is about doing training around research
 - c. **goals - why:**
 - i. Gather data that will provide information within the Occupy movement on who is engaging with the movement.
 - ii. Collect data that will enable movement actors to address sometimes harmful narratives about the movement, developed by people outside of the occupy movement and based on poor/incomplete information, or anti-Occupy Movement sentiment.
 - iii. Use the research tools to engage communities about the Occupy movement, i.e. through the process of collecting data, reviewing findings together, collaboratively designing additional research.
 - iv. Utilize our understanding of the movement, including understanding of participation, relationship building, challenges and opportunities, etc., to inform and support movement building.
 - v. Build the capacity of community members to be able to design and implement research projects through training tools and materials.
 - vi. hold a mirror up to the movement, enable people in the movement to address harmful narratives. Engage the movement itself in gathering data.; Use the research tools to engage communities about the Occupy movement, i.e. through the process of collecting data, reviewing findings together, collaboratively designing additional research.; Utilize our understanding of the movement, including understanding of participation, relationship building, challenges and opportunities, etc., to inform and support movement building.; Build the capacity of community members to be able to design and implement research projects through training tools and materials.
 - d. **need** - clarify goals, audience, tools, design the survey, extensive work on outreach, and would be great to have help from across the country to help with this. survey workbook

2. **Joan/Kevin/Lana** - Research questions about imagination, space and infrastructure
http://wiki.occupyeverywhere.org/index.php/Inter-Occupation_Communication_Field_Report

What is working, and what is needed. Needs assessment built in. Historical document about how the camps maintain themselves. Another value of field reports = reflection, self-archiving, self-narrativizing. Note also about the field report, have folks who aren't trained as researchers who can participate. interested in hearing other ideas about how the movement can document itself. so hope that by putting it on the web don't need to go through people to submit field reports.

Needs people to do it - maybe build a website for folks to submit their entries online, so that can be databased pretty easily. sc - Could also do call-in field reports via VOIP (w/voip drupal/twilio/etc).

1. **Dalida María Benfield** - research cluster around the last four questions in critical ethnic

studies cluster and all of the questions in the visual studies. To prioritize issues that seem to connect with others' projects: building on Yvonne's questions, my questions that intersect with race, gender and visibility. Images circulating across platforms, and how they facilitate or inhibit participation by people of color. How can we create visual dialogue across movements? Methodologies: textual analysis across platforms, interviews, surveys... contact info: dalidamariab@gmail.com, @dalidamaria

2. **Mary Joyce - collaborative public data collection across occupy sites**

(Mary@meta-activism.org) : Basic who/what/when documentation across occupy sites, aggregated publicly with comparability in mind (am not working on this yet but would like to partner with others to do this)

- a. **method:** Sonya's survey seems like big part of this, mixed method....
- b. **goals:**
 - i. shared open resource for scholars wishing to study Occupy
 - ii. also could be useful info to activists themselves
 - iii. experiment in leveraging digital affordances for collaborative open research
- c. **need:**
 - i. collaborative working group to do heavy lifting on management, defining methods, and ensuring comparability (comparable methods across sites)
 - ii. volunteers to implement (ie, to carry out surveys)
 - iii. could be overlap between two groups, probably will be

1. **Yvonne Yen Liu:**

- a. **Two research questions:**
 - i. How is race, class, and gender playing out in the #Occupy movement?
 - ii. How is the movement evolving, coalescing around demands, and building counter-institutions; and what role, if any, has been the role of movement halfway homes (Aldon Morris).
- b. **Methods:** Surveys, interviews, and ethnography by and with occupy participants to understand
 - i. race, class, and gender demographics;
 - ii. experiences, if any, of racism, sexism, or classism;
 - iii. previous social movement experience;
 - iv. trainings received, if any, during participation;
 - v. how has participation in #Occupy changed how participant sees herself (subjectivity) and worldview?

1. **Carolina Novella (cnovella@ucdavis.edu):**

- a. **Research Questions**
 - i. RQ1. What are the different meanings of the square?
 - ii. RQ2. What are the different senses of participation into the movement? -(while examining the crossed roles of the physical space and social media)
- b. **Methods**
 - i. participatory 'history maps': blank sheet of paper with a line. Line is X axis. Graph participation in movement, from 0 to 10. Then discuss the points that

- influenced participation.
 - ii. Performance as research. Working on transforming the research into a performance to bring at the occupy squares, through which to collect more maps, as well as open spaces of reflection on 'why are we in the square'
- c. Goal:
 - i. to understand the tactic of 'embodied- public space occupation' within the movement and its potential outcomes
 - ii. To reflect and amplify the diversity of voices/stories within the movement.
 - iii. To open reflection within action. (reinforce the why's)
- d. Why
 - i. personal choice/passion combined with the opportunity brought by a phd offer.
 - ii. Started the research with another colleague - David Conrad, who is also phd Student at Penn State. We both did our masters together in communication for development.
- e. Needs:
 - i. Feedback?!!
 - ii. Collaboration - if anyone wants to join, please, do!

Sasha (?): we are thinking about an occupy research workbook, and there is an opportunity for us to collaborate on the construction of this workbook - whatever your method is, you can include it distribute more widely, etc. This method for participatory history maps, for example, described in one page with an example, could be included.

1. **Lauren (Lo) Benichou : Can help with French translation. laurenbenichou@gmail.com**

a. **Research Questions**

- i. What makes this movement so popular? Why did it spread so quickly? What are the elements that make this movement more popular than other, since the issues at stake have existed for so long? Is it due to effective strategies (visual, organizational ...)

b. **Method**

- i. Comparative analysis + survey of medias and social network + interviews

c. **Goal**

- i. This research is for academic purpose. Also, I have been involved in the Occupy Oakland and wish to gain and spread a greater understanding of the movement, especially with all the bias media out there. Also, I am a research enthusiast and I love it.

d. **Needs**

- i. I need interviews from other occupy locations. Basic access to data from various occupy locations. I will be in DC in January so I will be able to pick up stuff from Oakland now and from the East Coast next semester.

- e. NOTE: Still in the making. Once I get more data, the whole outline and structure of the research may change.

2. **Online data gathering, archiving, and analysis. (Pablo @numeroteca)** (Tweets, video,

images, web, news, broadcast, etc.)

a. **Research Questions**

- i. What are the available data sources?

b. **Methods**

- i. use platform occupydata.org
- ii. Tweets <https://scraperwiki.com/search/occupy/> and other groups
- iii. Newspaper Front page analysis. Gathering from kiosko.net
<http://www.newseum.org/todaysfrontpages>

c. **Needs**

- i. Mark Dixon with occupydata.org
- ii. other collaborators

d. **Notes**

- i. Question from Regina: Have had issues with access to twitter feeds for analysis; Twitter may not be allowing free access
- ii. Comment: Importance of multilingual access to project; Lauren Benichou willing to help w/French translation and access.
- iii. Link to additional resources:
<http://occupyresearch.wikispaces.com/Data+mining>
- iv. Image gathering/ archive?

Kevin Driscoll - currently have access to the “firehose” (\$\$\$) and collecting tweets on a few 100 keywords. Have a complete data set since ~Oct 12. Working on an exemption to licensing so that we can share this data with others. Especially important to merge data bc it is very difficult to acquire a complete corpus of relevant tweets. Analysis is very rudimentary at this point: frequency, keyword discovery, collecting links. Duration of access to firehose is uncertain because of cost. Very interested in a distributed search method that will coordinate multiple clients and use firehose as a benchmark to test this. Also, simple search client (non firehose) here: <https://github.com/driscoll/quickndirty>

Contact: pablo@meipi.com,

1. **Occupy Research workbook (Sasha)** - a shared resource to print, publish, distribute both on and off line, an Occupy Research workbook / guide that 1. gives an overview of how to do movement based research / occupy research / research justice, 2. provides concrete examples and tools (eg Field Report, Interview structure, Survey sheet, etc, 3. provides info about how to upload / share research to open/collaborative spaces.
1. **Camps Resource Spreadsheet (Sasha)** - Simple spreadsheet/DB of camps, infrastructure, ICTs used, etc.
Expand with more columns: <http://www.occupytogether.org/directory/>
http://wiki.occupyeverywhere.org/index.php/Inter-Occupation_Communication_Field_Report
 - a. Important to add timestamps for reports because these resources may come/go

1. **Interview Transcript Database** - A shared database where people can upload interviews (video, audio, text) and/or transcripts

1. **Peter Chen (peter.chen@sydney.edu.au +61 432 845 766)** - Charting the Movement in Sydney

- a. Will be undertaking field interviews using a small team with the Sydney Occupy movement on 5 November (advertised rally), looking at
 - i. Who are the participants
 1. Demographics
 - ii. Motivation for participation
 1. Understanding of the movement
 - a. Concerns / issues
 - b. Objectives / goals
 - c. Relationships with international movements
 - i. Connections with
 - ii. Understandings of
 - iii. Learnings from
 - iv. Inspiration vis
 - iii. Mobilisation factors
 1. How mobilised
 - a. Institutional, individual, ideational
 2. Media use (read and write)
- b. Concerns:
 - i. Internationalisation and comparison with similar but differently constituted movements (e.g. The Indignants, etc.)
 1. ensuring meaningful comparability internationally
- c. Needs:
 - i. Quick instrument development / delivery
 1. will bleed from / share with workbook
 - ii. Finding matching research in Melbourne, Perth, etc.

2. **Jeff Juris (Northeastern U., Boston, j.juris@neu.edu)- process proposal:** distributed network of local research teams (distribute surveys, comparative ethnography, semi-structured interviews); groups meet and organize locally and then coordinate with the broader network via delegates to make the chats and conference calls more efficient; local groups can focus on as many of the issues raised by the larger group as capacity allows (examples of protocols for participant observations, interviews, and surveys from the world and u.s. social forum process already on occupy research website); additional work groups could also form around specific kinds of research

Boston Folks: Please Contact me at j.juris@neu.edu, bobbywego@gmail.com (Bobby Wengronowitz at BC, please include on these emails)

1. **Regina Tuma(NYC/NJ area rtuma@fielding.edu; twitter: @obspsy)/Catherine Seo (Cambridge/Boston area catherine.seo@gmail.com @catherineseo) (Fielding Graduate University).** Working from idea of the “thinking society” in social representation theory; looking at idea that people are not so passive in relation to media content. We will be doing survey research; we are sampling various terms in media (formal/informal including how protestors represent themselves). We are looking at how people describe the protestors; what is aim of movement; who is part of the movement (hippies; communists; my neighbors; family members). Will need ideas for how to get surveys out to various groups. BTW, also interested in exploring tweets about the movement. We are also looking at other questions separate from this survey study. For example, comparing narratives from Occupy literature to formal media narrative about the movement.

2. **Jonathan Baldwin, Parsons, NYC (@jrbaldwinn)**

- What methods are you thinking about?
 - Study technical and social interaction between community members, flow of information and artifacts between nodes and clusters inside and between other occupations through the Internet, with RSS & Twitter feed analysis, RL surveys.
- Why are you doing this research and for/with who?
 - Thesis on decentralized community infrastructure and economies, and how these can augment social aspects of wireless mesh networking/community networks.
- What do you need?
 - Perspectives from different angles on information economies and social interactions, rituals between members online and offline.

16. **Joshua McVeigh-Schultz (USC @joshuams jrmcve@usc.edu)**

- question(s)
 - **GA Research:** How do occupy participants conceive of the history of the GA (relationship to participatory democracy / anarchist consensus tools)? How has the human mic model been recontextualized in local contexts? What kinds of local challenges emerge and what kind of solutions get developed in facilitation committees or within the GA itself? How are occupy members/GA facilitators thinking about national/global context of GA model?
 - **Platform Design:** Could those of us with coding skills or design experience assist in creating platforms to help facilitate a GA across multiple sites? What platforms would support emerging rituals of participation?
 - **Game Design:** What role could serious games or Big Games play in supporting new rituals of participation?
- methods
 - Participant observation. Action research methodology. Designing new platforms in collaboration with occupy members. Game design (ARG/Big Games/serious games) in the context of occupy.
- why/who
 - **Platforms:** For the platforms development path, I'd be interested in finding collaborators and tool builders. The [Question Tool](#) is something that might be extended

to support multi-sited GAs.

- i. See also: <http://backchan.nl> (I've used this in classes + at events - Kevin D)
- ii. There are people talking about a platform for Global GA
- iii. see <http://occupyresearch.wikispaces.com/tools+and+practices> - there are multiple hackathons, design projects, people coding, lots of platform making going on in diff locations, 5 different map projects, 5 different logistics tools projects, many decisionmaking projects, etc.
- **Games:** We are planning to demo a new version of a game called [Clean Up Wall Street](#) at Occupy LA on 11/6 in collaboration with game designers at USC. We designed this last year before the occupy movement emerged, but now we are wanting to adapt it to local contexts (Collaborators: Jeff Watson, Veronica Paredes, Kristy Kang, Susana Ruiz, Adam Liszkiewicz, Anna Lotko, Simon Wiscombe).
- needs
 - Coders/designers interested in collaborating on platform building to support multi-sited GA
 - Participants interested in prototyping, designing, and documenting games deployed in occupy contexts.

17. Jay Smith - jayathabasca@hotmail.com or jays@athabascau.ca Interested in relationship to other movements, immediate such as suggested by Peter Chen with Indignados, but in the broader context of Global Justice Movement, the World Social Forum, other social forums. Interested in the culture of the movement, the framing of the movement and how people connect to it through their narratives and stories, such as who are they, why are they there, what organizations are they associated with, how has the recession affected their communities, etc. I have also conducted an initial network analysis of the movement using Issue Crawler. Intend to conduct interviews. Will conduct online research, for example, looking at blogs, etc., participant observation as well with Occupy Edmonton.

18. Isham - occupyyourmind.wikidot.com. Issue - not a trained researcher. Don't know about methods. We have academics in our area, but we need to understand what we're doing first.

Related question: How can non-academic Occupiers make connections to academics/researchers in their areas?

19. Sonya--Additional survey consideration: designing a survey of people not affiliated with occupy, which could serve to inform people about occupy through the research process, while mining for leverage points for movement building

IIIB. Risk, Data privacy, anonymity, IRB

How are folks handling IRB (ethics board) with a complicated research project like this?

[perhaps a question folks can consider in the context of their projects]

[comment - don't know feasible IRBs are given the context of what's happening, including issues around the recording the commission of a "crime" - e.g. sleeping on private property]

Need for consent

Privacy of participants in occupy movement

This seems especially challenging for sharing video/audio/transcripts of interviews

IV. Next steps

Also share info & discuss on [the listserv](#) (email-list): See “subscribe” link at [OccupyResearch.net](#)

Facebook group

- through mailing list, shared wiki, and calls, keep in touch. think about doing additional calls focused around particular projects.

Coordinate calls via listserv--break into working groups, with coordination at higher level

Proposal: newsletter or other coordination at a regular level from working groups to entire group

Use the listserv and update the wiki to coordinate working groups and plan other full-group calls

VI. Additional Next steps

- join mailing list <https://www.autistici.org/mailman/listinfo/occupyresearch>
- add info to wiki
- weekly call?
- subgroups: around projects, and around camps

VII. Relevant links/resources that come up in convo

- Field Report
http://wiki.occupyeverywhere.org/index.php/Inter-Occupation_Communication_Field_Report
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