

Extreme Ethnography

How I became a grad student to be a better Librarian

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So I went ~~back~~ to Grad School



Hey it's old man Ribaric

- Bachelors in Comp Sci, 2001
- MLIS, 2003
- Masters of Comp Sci, 2017(?)

How?

- Stalking potential supervisors
- Sabbatical Application
- Applied at Brock
- Change of circumstances, change of plan
- 4 Classes done part-time
- Fun Time Thesis Time

(and Why?)



IMPOSTER SYNDROME!1!

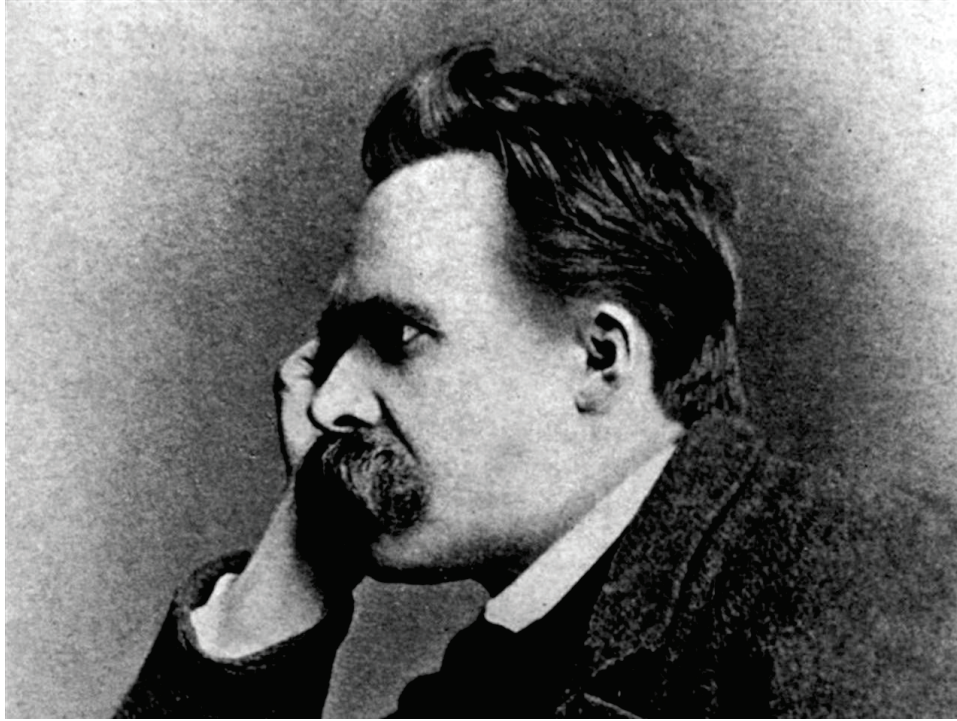


Picture of Tim Ribaric after completing Library orientation lecture

1. Believing that one has fooled others into overestimating one's own abilities.
2. Attributing personal success to factors other than one's ability or intelligence, such as luck, extra work, charisma, or evaluator's misjudgment.
3. Fearing exposure as an imposter.

Clark et al.

The good before the existentialist crisis...

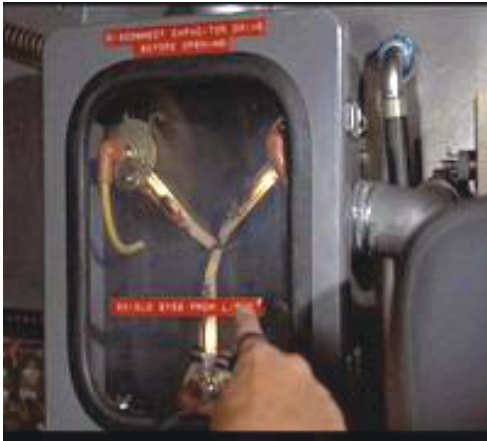


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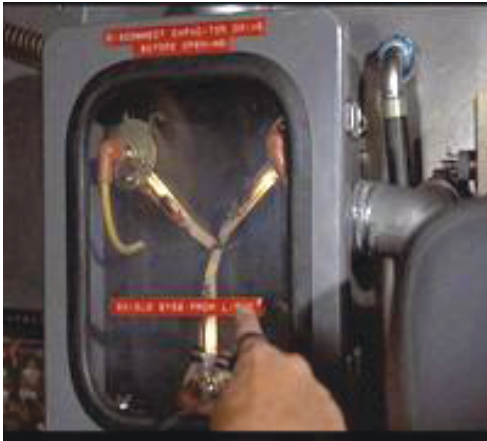


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New Hotness:

"You need to find information on evolutionary strategies for disease gene association heuristics..."



Positive Outcomes: Collection Development



- Faculty of 8 Profs
- 4 teach Grad classes
- Was in class with 3 of those Profs

Success one thumbs up at a time



brandon_cheshire 12:40 PM

is there a pdf of the textbook? its not at the bookstore

nvm



tribaric 2:44 PM

Library has a copy: <http://catalogue.library.brocku.ca/record=b2110121~S0>



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Positive Outcomes: Here's my Killer Hook

Citations -> Zotero -> BibTex -> Thesis.tex

Instruction becomes instantly useful as it speaks to exactly what the student experience is, and to what it needs.

Outcomes: Pragmatism my old friend

All things I had to do to circumvent barriers:

- SciHub
- Eduroam Tourism
- Asking a buddy
- Bought a danged book
- Join IEEE as a student for less \$ to get access to IEEE Library

I cannot begrudge anyone who does similar

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I toiled, submitted, revised, survived peer review

I crossed fingers, formatted, learned the devilry
of Latex

I got accepted

I signed my life away



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Try this at home?!



- Absolutely
- Empathy is created through shared experiences
- You probably should

Let's get serious for a second

- Library School probably isn't enough anymore
- "But Tim I don't think Librarianship requires a second Master's degree"



Thanks!



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