The Interdisciplinary Studies Program

ISP 255:01: Technology and Culture

The Ties That Bind

Fall 2016, Tuesday 3:15-5:45pm

In the early 1980s an unsatisfied artist questioned, “How do I say I’m lonely to an answering machine?” What is an answering machine? Good question. What role does the answering machine play in this expression of loneliness? Great question. How do we go about connecting our innermost thoughts, feelings, and questions with others via layers upon layers of technological mediation? An even better question – and the one we will be exploring in this course. Drawing from interdisciplinary scholarship, popular culture and our own everyday experiences, our task in this class will be to delve into the circuits of abstraction, interpretation, observations, and mediation that separate I from You. In so doing, we will learn to use tools from the social sciences and the humanities that will help us to explore and express the dilemmas of connection/disconnection that are so evident in our lives.

Professor Chris Head (Psychology) and Chris Campanioni (English)

Students taking this course can apply 3 credits towards any one of the following options:

- **Scientific World** (Gen Ed, Flexible Core)
- **Psychology Major** (students can apply up to 6 credits of ISP classes towards Part 3 of the Forensic Psychology major)
- **Minor in Interdisciplinary Studies**

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