**10/17 Lab: Distant-Reading *The Little Review* with Voyant Tools**

The Voyeur toolset (<http://voyeurtools.org>) allows readers to perform multiple analytic operations on a single text or a corpus. You can either upload files, point it toward a URL or multiple URLs, or use a pre-existing corpus.

It charts word frequencies within and across documents, providing a word cloud visualization, an ngram graph, and other tools.

Today’s workshop will introduce students to Voyeur Tools as a way of distant-reading *The Little Review* as a corpus. The principles might be applied to your own ideas for a final project or independent study.

*Little Review* Corpus

<http://voyeurtools.org/?corpus=1329252640907.4758>

*Little Review* Text File Archive

<http://personal.utulsa.edu/~jsd652/little-review/little-review-voyeur.zip>

Instructions and tutorial videos can be found here: <http://hermeneuti.ca/voyeur>

**Data Preparation**

I took the TEI XML files of *The Little Review* from the MJP Lab area. Then I ran each one through a command line program called sed (string editor), using Terminal on the Mac. The sed argument I used strips all the tags from the XML document and provides the plain text in the Terminal window.

sed -e 's/<[^>]\*>//g' LittleReview073\_9.2.tei.xml

I then copy-pasted the text into a plain text document in TextWrangler, and saved it with a descriptive file name that would keep the files in order, as well as indicate the volume and issue numbers and dates.

LittleReview073\_9.2\_winter1922.txt

I then uploaded these to my personal web space at TU, created a list of URLs, uploaded them into Voyeur, and obtained the corpus URL listed above.

What terms did you search?

**Writeup:** Blog post (1-2 paragraphs) due Monday 10/22 – How did graphing the *Little Review* corpus help you “read” it? What did you find when you went into the archive to look at items that corresponded to interesting spikes or dips?