

# Digital Humanities

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Seminar Series

## **Distinguished Lecture Series - Spring 2013**

Wed. Jan. 23, 2013 - 4:30 pm  
Alexander Library Teleconference Lecture Hall  
169 College Avenue, New Brunswick NJ

### **Alan Liu**

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### ***The Meaning of Digital Humanities***

This talk focuses on one of the central problems posed by digital humanities: the relation between quantitative analysis and interpretive meaning. Liu reflects on the “meaning problem” in DH by closely studying an exemplary case of humanities “data mining” set against a broad picture of how such methodology registers changes in the contemporary humanities. While the talk develops the meaning problem around the example of literary text analysis, it also situates this and other disciplinary branches and methodologies of DH relative to each other in an attempt to map out the current shape of the field.



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