

Spring 2009 IMT600 Independent Study Proposal – Peter Ellis

Abstract/General Description:

This independent study is the continuation of my independent study from Winter quarter, in which I wrote two substantive research papers on the intersection between environmental sustainability and information management. This quarter builds on that work by providing more space for revising and publishing that work while also contributing substantively to two new papers – one focusing on the Global Textbook Project and environmental sustainability and another book review. I intend for this independent study to end with the submission of the bulk of these papers to academic journals.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the publication process for academic research papers.
- Make substantive contributions to the academic literature on green IT, sustainability, and information management.

Textbooks and/or Resources Required:

- Doppelt, B. (2003). *Leading Change Toward Sustainability: A Change-Management Guide for Business, Government, and Civil Society*. Greenleaf Publishing. (ISBN: 1-874719-64-0). 272pgs.
- AtKisson, A. (2008). *The ISIS Agreement: How Sustainability Can Improve Organizational Performance and Transform the World*. Earthscan. (ISBN: 978-1-84407-415-0). 322pgs.

Activities:

- Continued revision of the four papers currently written from IMT581 and IMT 583 in Winter quarter and IMT600 in Spring quarter.
- A new paper focusing on linking environmental sustainability with the Global Textbook Project work undertaken by Kevin Desouza in his management courses.
- Write a book review on a book related to environmental sustainability (pulled from the list of textbooks above).

Expected Outcomes/Project Deliverables:

- At least three papers submitted for academic publication.
- A book review of one of the textbooks listed above.

Evaluation/Assessment Method:

Credit/no credit will be based on faculty's assessment of the quality of the student's writing; specifically, the preparation of top-tier material ready for academic publication.