Tech Stories: CUNY Students Using Technology

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Undergraduate Scholarly Habits Ethnography Project

Where are students doing their academic work?

 Why do they choose those places? How do they make them work?

What tools do they use or need?

The Study













30 student interviews at each college:

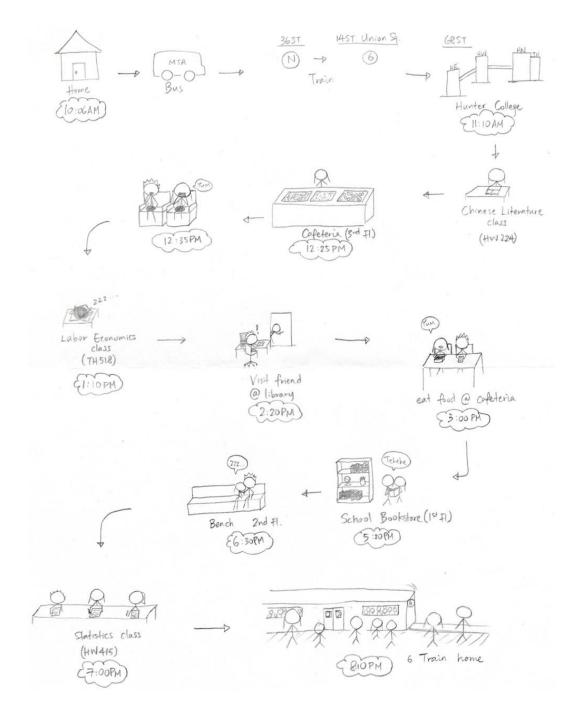
- Photo Surveys
- Mapping Diaries
- Retrospective Research Process Interviews

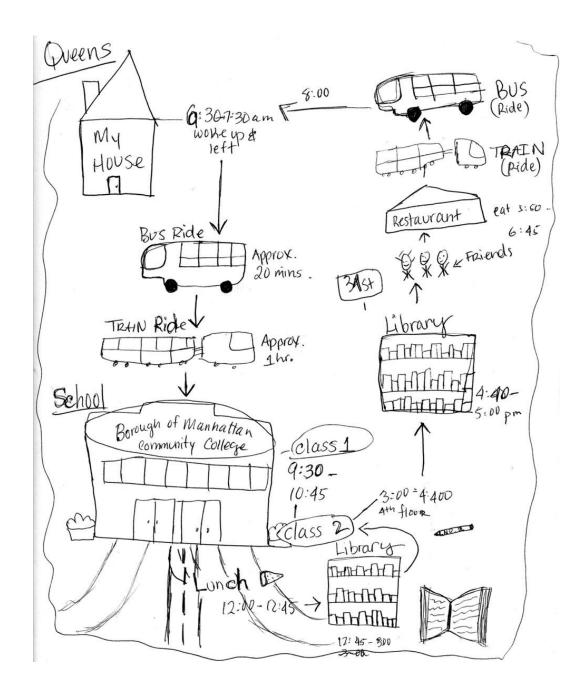
10 semi-structured interviews with faculty at each college









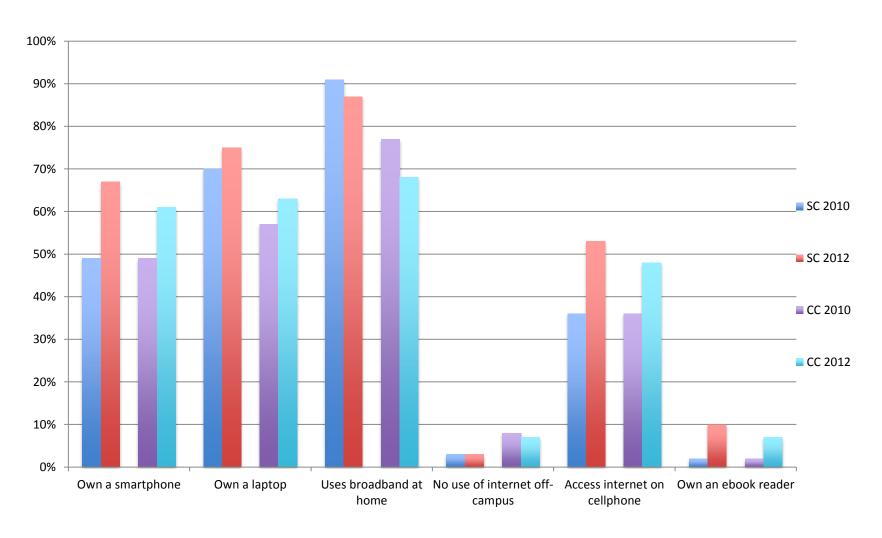








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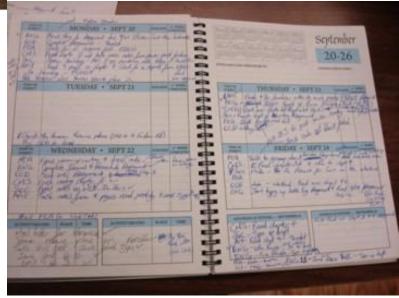
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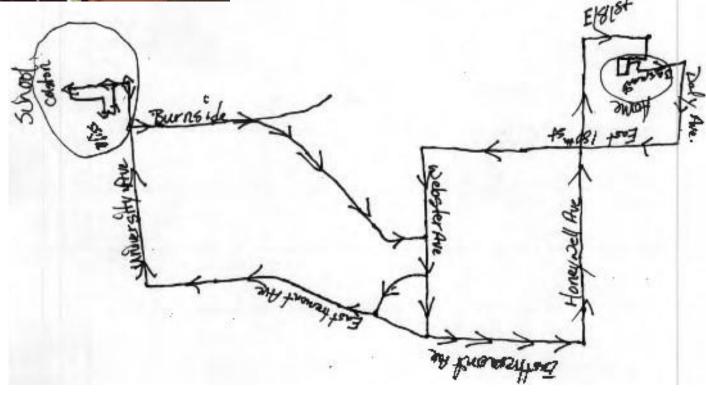








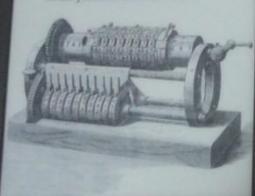






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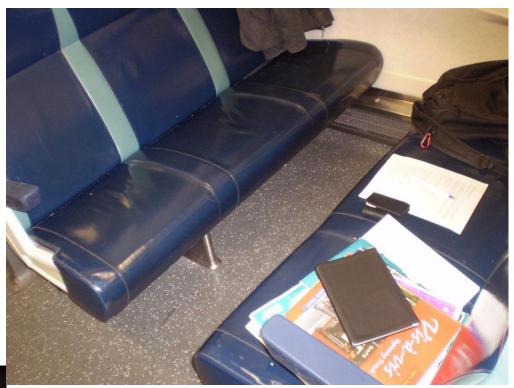
Slide and release the power switch to wake





Maybe once a week.
Because it's heavy. Plus
my books. It's heavy. It
kills my back. Because
I'm in school from 11:00
until 8:30.







What do you usually do on your commute?

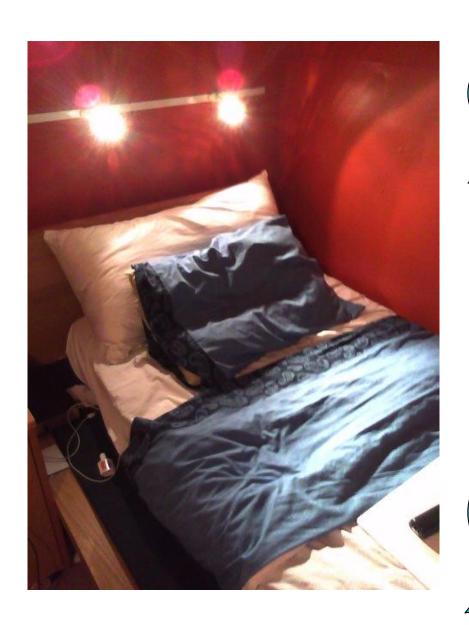
While I'm on, riding on the train?

Yes, on the train or the bus.

My homework. Because I have long days. So, I do my readings . . . Sometimes I type papers on my cellphone.

Really? Wow. On the train?

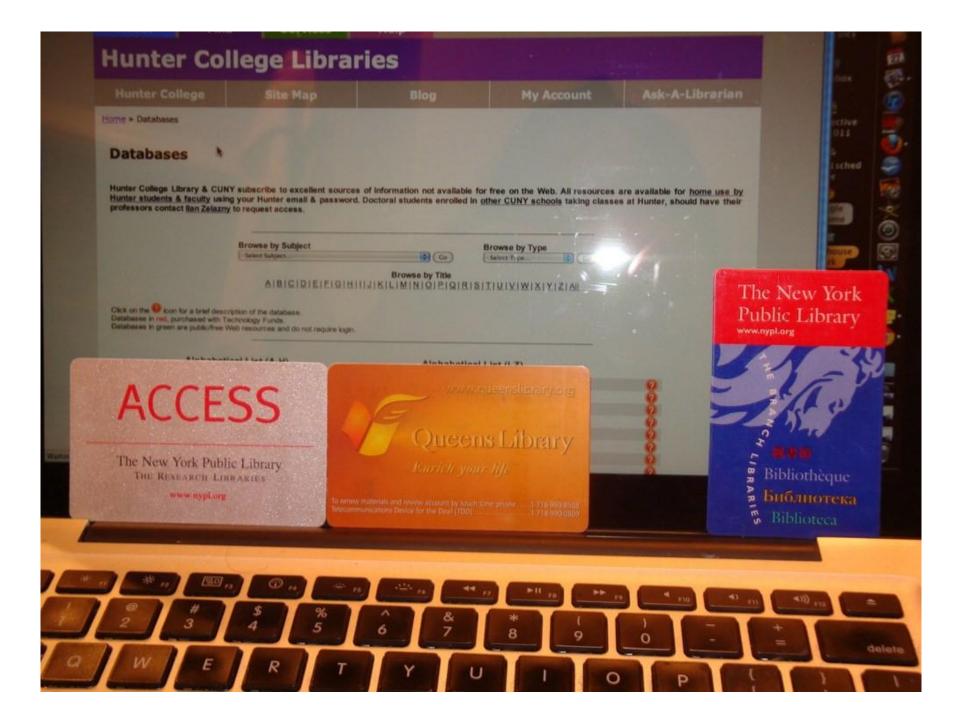
Mm-hmm. And then I upload it. I send it to myself as an email. Then I'll upload it once I get to school. Then, you know, attach it as a, copy as a Word document, into a Word document. And that's what I do.



I did it on my phone at one point. I was, like, in bed and I was, like, Googling certain topics.

So you were at home, in reach of a computer, but you did it on your smartphone?

Yeah. 'Cause it was, like, 3:00 AM and I was ready to go to bed and I... I didn't plan on looking it up, but this instinct said "Google this on your phone."





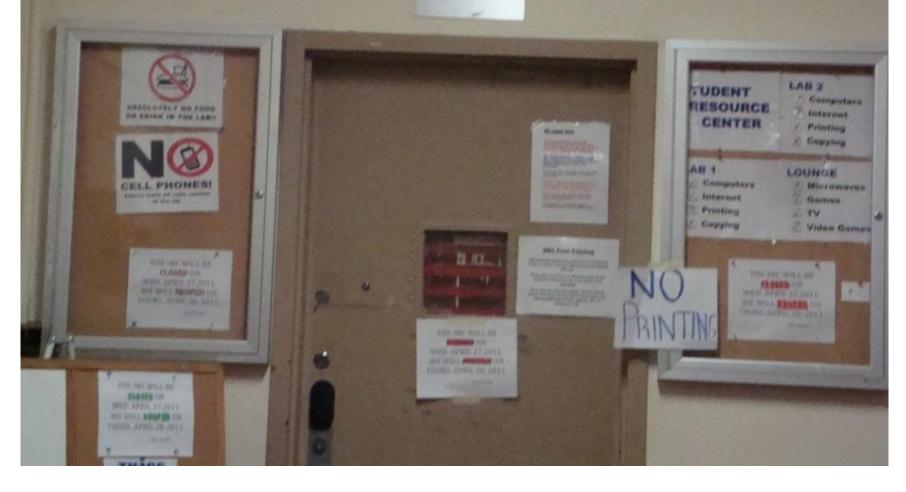
It says it's a 'Learning
Resource Center' but in
actuality it's a 'Hang Out
With Your Friends and Look
at Your Cousin's Wedding
Pictures Center'. . . 'on
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Thank you!

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