SPRING 2017 TECHNOLOGY & DEMOCRACY RESEARCH (GEOG 650)



Tuesdays 3:30-6:30

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Are our technological choices open to democratic participation? How are the relations between technology and democracy being reconfigured, and how might they be? GEOG 650 Technology & Democracy Research is a research-oriented experiential learning course. Students explore political, cultural, and geographical dimensions of technological change around key social and environmental issues. During Spring 2017, course themes will include geographies of energy, water, and waste, with a focus on North Carolina settings. Students produce digital atlases, including original maps and reproductions of archival images, and publish them on websites created through UNC's Digital Commons initiative. Bringing together a combination of seminar, research workshop, and experiential and service learning approaches, student research groups work together to produce and communicate research that addresses important questions impacting North Carolina communities. *Fulfills experiential education requirement.*