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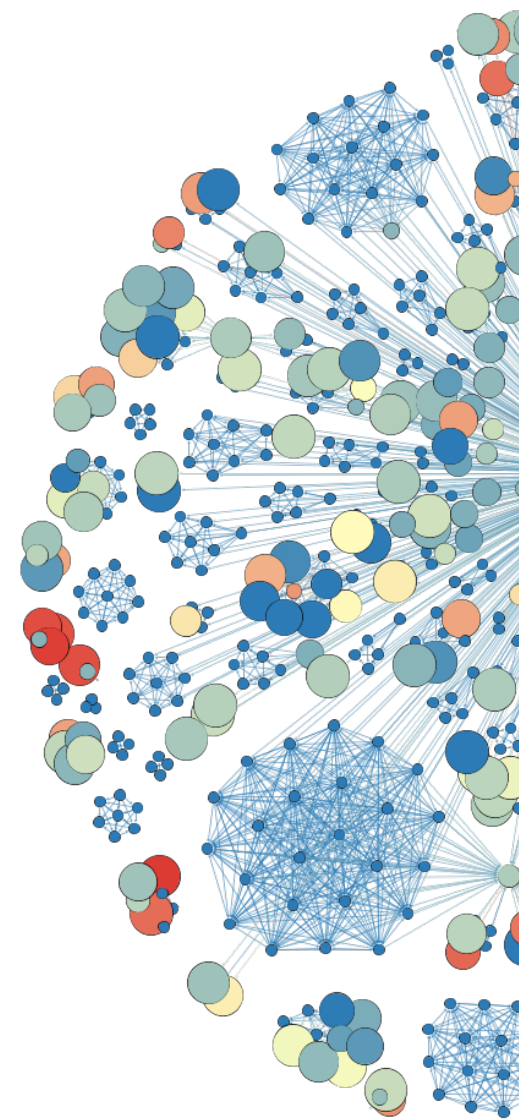
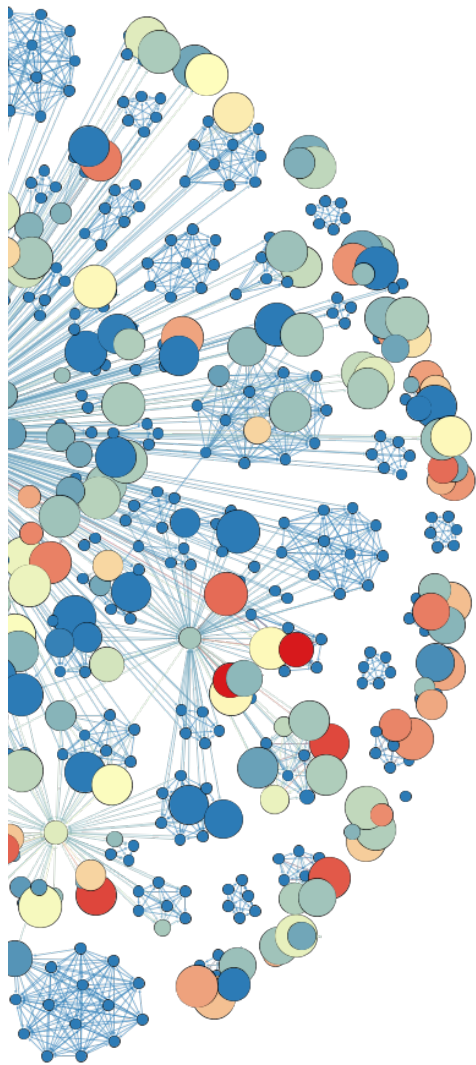
Discovery and Digital Curation of Textual Archives

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**Monday, October 8th at 4pm
in Dwinelle 7205**

In this talk I will introduce examples of "at-risk" textual archives from the ancient Near East. By exploring two ancient sites which have yielded large bodies of textual and material culture through illicit excavations, I will describe the latent archival organization found in the hoards of cuneiform tablets. Then, I will describe the computational methods that I and my colleagues have used to restore these archival boundaries within their respective corpora. These methods incorporate a combination of network analysis and ML classification models together with close reading for supervision. The result is a series of interactive color-coded network graphs, available for scholarly collaboration.



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