

## FTS-100-349

First Term Seminar  
It's Just Noise/Music

## Introduce Yourself

- Game: signal boost
- Inspired by the web series from Geek and Sundry of the same name.
- Objective:
  - Give a brief introduction, say your name, where you're from.
  - Say one interesting thing about yourself. Something not a lot of people know about you:
    - I play the violin
    - I enjoy playing video game
    - I've been to Cuba

## Introduction

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- Assistant professor of Computer Science
- **Office Hours:** Monday, Wednesday 4:00pm - 5:00pm; Saturday 6:00pm - 7:00pm; **Sunday 6:00pm - 7:00pm (specially reserved for FTS-100 students only).**
- Visitors are welcome whenever my office door is opened, even outside scheduled office hours. If you would like to meet with me, please email me to schedule an appointment.

## Signal Boost

- The actual boosting: list three things that you enjoy
  - They could be anything: a movie, a book, a website, an animal (e.g., I love bulldogs)...
  - Ideally (but not necessarily), these 3 things should tell us something about yourself:
    - I love video games, in particular, I love Japanese RPG games, so I will talk to you about Earthbound.
    - I love classical music, here is a piece I enjoy.
  - Try to relate your boost to yourself:
    - This book talks about being nice to people. It is something I can relate to.

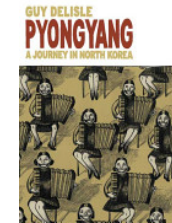
(There's a point to this, I promise)  
Let's watch 2 episodes of



## My Boost



- Critical role
- Pyongyang: A Journey in North Korea by Guy Delisle
- The beginner's guide



## Now, your boosts:

- Take 15 minutes to write down your boost and make a mini presentation.
- Your boost should be about 5 minutes (so not too painful, you can do it)
- Don't be afraid to use the Internet right on the spot and search for resources right on the spot.
  - Let us listen to a song, or read the cover of a book, or see a movie poster...

## The Point

- We get to know a little about you and what makes you tick.
- But most importantly:

What do you want to do for the rest of your life?

- What are you passionate about.

## Now

- In the same order, tell me what you are thinking about for your major.
- If you have no idea, tell us some of the choices you are thinking of.
- If you really have no idea, say “I don’t know”
  - And that’s okay! This is a great time to figure out what you want to do for the rest of your life.
  - It is an important decision, and an unreasonable one to be expected to make at this point.
  - But you have to make it, and we will help you.

## Homework

- Read the syllabus
- Look through the course web site:  
<http://homepages.gac.edu/~lyu/teaching/fts100-f16/index.html>
- **Let’s look through the course web site now...**
- Make sure that you understand the course components. Write down questions.

## First Day of School

- Let’s talk about it
- Ask me any questions
- What I think are important:
  - General attitude
  - Hard work
- What I hope this course can be for you:
  - Critical thinking
  - Reading, writing, and presentation skills
  - But most importantly, a safe space and a support group

## Library Resource Guide

- You will need to use the library a lot for this course.
- Especially for the last few projects.
- The library was kind enough to start a resource guide for us:
- <http://libguides.gustavus.edu/FTS-Yu>