Audio assignment

An important part of any multimedia presentation is the audio. You took your first step - still photography. Now you take the next step - audio recording.

We want you to do the following for this assignment:

- Interview **one** person related to your story. It would be good to have a short phone conversation prior to meeting with them in person to ensure they are a good interview.
- When you arrive gather 1:30 of natural/ambient sound. Do not rush over for the interview and grab the first 1:30 of natural sound you can find. The sound needs to reflect the place where you are going to do the interview.
- Record no more than 10 minutes of the audio interview (remember, you have to edit this stuff!)
- Using audio tracks in Audacity edit your interview into a **:45 - 1:00** clip.
- It will smooth out the edit if you lay each edited interview clip onto track 1 or track 2. Go back and forth between the two tracks. This allows you to slide the edited interview pieces around to make it sound more natural. Use headphones during the edit.
- Put the audio clip that contains the natural sound on the third track. You must have this in your finished piece.

- Do not include your asking the questions in this piece, only the person you interview. REMEMBER TO USE ONLY NONVERBAL RESPONSES TO THE PERSON YOU INTERVIEW. NOD YOUR HEAD TO ACKNOWLEDGE WHAT THEY ARE SAYING. DON’T SAY SOMETHING LIKE “WOW.” IT WILL RUIN THE SOUND BITE.

- The audio must have an intro written in Word (like a caption on a photo) explaining what a listener is going to get if he/she pushes the play button. The name, title, etc., of the person speaking will go in that intro and that gives you more time in the audio for the person to say more interesting things.

- Audio (or video) intro type should end with the length of the clip in parentheses. That way a user knows how long it is before they click play. For example, a 45-second clip’s intro would end with what comes after this sentence. (0:45)

- Upload the audio clip and the word document onto Blackboard. If you do this inside a folder remember to compress it as a .zip file. Your files must be there by the start of your first lab session next week.