Chat Log: REVIEW PART 2

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7:54 PM: Hal: Hi Dr. Packard, how are you
8:00 PM: HOST: Good! we had a good field trip to Fossil Rim
8:01 PM: Hal: yall have good weather?
8:02 PM: HOST: yes, it was great weather!
8:02 PM: Hal: excellent
8:02 PM: HOST: rained on me while we were picking up the vans but cleared up in time to load the passengers
8:02 PM: Hal: had a ton of rain here yesterday morning. needed it though
8:02 PM: HOST: It was fun to meet some of our DE students in person!
8:03 PM: Hal: i apologize i was late to chat last wednesday. had a series of crises, albeit minor ones
8:04 PM: HOST: Apology gracefully accepted. Things DO happen. The red deer harem master had just been deposed. We met him with a cut below his eye
8:04 PM: Hal: oh wow, i bet that was interesting. very appropriate for the course subject matter
8:09 PM: HOST: yes, the harem was taken over by another male of about the same size
8:09 PM: HOST: we saw one smaller male chased away from the harem, he did not return
8:10 PM: HOST: got some good video of the roaring behavior and hear roars from 3-4 directions
8:10 PM: Hal: what other species did yall see
8:10 PM: HOST: we saw and heard the fallow deer stags, their vocalization is more of a belch
8:11 PM: Hal: that’s awesome
8:11 PM: HOST: the fallow deer females were in much smaller groups, half a dozen compared to several dozen
8:13 PM: HOST: the white-tails were not active, females lying under thick brush
8:13 PM: Hal: wonder why that was
8:14 PM: HOST: in the morning we focused on species identification: wildebeest, roan, blackbuck, addax, sable, gemsbok, oryx, zebra, giraffe
8:15 PM: HOST: picked up a few more species on the way out: aoudad, cheetah, white rhino...oh yes and the dreaded ostrich and emus
8:15 PM: HOST: blesbok, kudu, bongos
8:16 PM: Hal: oohh, sounds spectacular. cheetahs would have been my fav
8:16 PM: HOST: yes, they are so sleek and graceful when they walk
8:17 PM: HOST: getting slimed by the giraffe was also popular
8:17 PM: **Hal**: lol, i've never had the pleasure. I did get spit/spat on by a camel once at the vet school
8:18 PM: **HOST**: yes, the camellids are famous for that little trick....the llamas and vicunas did not stay long at Fossil Rim
8:19 PM: **HOST**: You will be able to see the videos that the students took as soon as I find enough time to post them on Vimeo.
8:19 PM: **Hal**: cool, looking forward to it
8:20 PM: **HOST**: so...do you have any BLOG Q's you would like to review this eve?
8:21 PM: **Hal**: no, i feel pretty good so far. need to wrap up and post the most recent ones.
8:21 PM: **HOST**: I apologize that I have not gotten coaching comments to you on A2
8:21 PM: **Hal**: chat attendance seems to have declined a bit
8:22 PM: **Hal**: oh, no rush. whenever you get to it is good for me. Have plenty of other stuff to work on. It's not due until a week from friday if i remember correctly
8:22 PM: **HOST**: Actually it is due this Fri
8:23 PM: **Hal**: oh lol, well good thing you mentioned that
8:23 PM: **HOST**: How about if I go do some comments for you and then we can chat about them?
8:23 PM: **Hal**: sure, that'll work
8:23 PM: **HOST**: OK
8:31 PM: **HOST**: I am getting a block on opening the file downloaded from explorer, let me go try chrome
8:31 PM: **Hal**: ok. take your time
8:34 PM: **HOST**: The Chrome download works
8:34 PM: **Hal**: i have better luck with chrome
9:07 PM: **HOST**: I am posting it now
9:08 PM: **Hal**: ok, i'll go check
9:10 PM: **HOST**: sorry we do not have much time left to chat about it
9:11 PM: **Hal**: oh no problem. O3 looks like i just need to add some detail such as inferences
9:12 PM: **HOST**: I need to go write some letters that I promised to send out before the end of the day today!
9:12 PM: **Hal**: ok, A3 comments make sense
9:13 PM: **HOST**: good, run with it!
9:13 PM: **Hal**: ok, thanks for getting that feedback to me. good luck with the letters
9:13 PM: **HOST**: have a good evening!
9:13 PM: **Hal**: you too. thanks again.
9:13 PM: **Hal** has left the room.
9:13 PM: **HOST**: you are very welcome
9:13 PM: **HOST** has left the room.

**Wednesday, October 17, 2012**

8:01 PM: **HOST**: have you seen any interesting behavior lately?
8:01 PM: **Hal**: I'm wondering if the tech dept at tamu had some budget cuts or something. or whoever maintains the internet stuff. The other night (late), library databases were all down for ages. It was quite frustrating
8:01 PM: HOST: welcome to the wonderful world of cyberspace!
8:01 PM: Hal: lol, true
8:02 PM: HOST: what would you like to chat about this eve?
8:02 PM: HOST: This is our week to review Part 2
8:02 PM: Hal: hmm, let's see.... i saw 2 of my cichlids, a Laetecara curviceps and an 
Apistogramma borelli do the mouth lock behavior
8:03 PM: HOST: cool! even though they were different species?
8:03 PM: Hal: *referencing interesting behaviors I've seen
8:03 PM: Hal: yes, i was kind of surprised
8:03 PM: HOST: were they symetric or asymmetric?
8:03 PM: Hal: clear as day, they were circling and what not and then they squared off and 
locked mouths. it was pretty neat
8:03 PM: Hal: asymmetric
8:04 PM: HOST: guess they had read the book!
8:04 PM: Hal: the borelli is about half the size of the curviceps
8:04 PM: HOST: did the smaller one de-escalate?
8:05 PM: Hal: after they released the mouth lock, the smaller one kind of swam off, but it kept 
turning around like it was looking at the other one. pretty bold behavior i thought, for the little 
guy
8:05 PM: HOST: yes! I have just been doing a literature search on personality and there are alot 
of references on boldness vs. shyness in fish
8:06 PM: HOST: they have even gone so far as to study personality in anemones and crabs
8:06 PM: Hal: in anemones!? wow, how interesting
8:07 PM: HOST: from what I hear it was a pretty lame study, good one to practice critical 
thinking skills
8:08 PM: HOST: I am writing up the results of our summer grad course, so needed to get back 
into the personality research
8:08 PM: HOST: What would you like to chat about tonight?
8:09 PM: Hal: oh yeah, another observation....i have a different tank where i'm trying to breed 
mosquito fish Gambusia affinis is the sci. name i think. anyway, i had 3 females in there and 2 
males. I intended to only put one male but accidentaly added the 2nd. So i figured i'd see what 
happened. One male seemed more aggressive/dominant with chasing, etc. One morning i woke 
up and the less aggressive male was dead, presumably killed by the other .... or died from stress 
induced by the other
8:10 PM: Hal: let me check my spotlight ques real quick to see if i have any ques
8:12 PM: Hal: no, doesn't appear that i have any questions at the moment. If you'd like, i can let 
you get back to your writing and i'll go round up some dinner
8:13 PM: HOST: How are you doing on your wolf inquiry?
8:13 PM: HOST: BLOG2 and A2 are both due Friday
8:13 PM: Hal: pretty good. i'll have it done by fridday
8:13 PM: HOST: good.
8:14 PM: HOST: how about your open inquiry? it should be about half done by now!
8:14 PM: Hal: i need to post my discussions for unit 6 too
8:15 PM: Hal: I'm almost done with it, or at least done with a rough draft. I need to go back in
and add some details with respect to what is the cause, function, etc.
8:15 PM: HOST: Great! looking forward to seeing the draft
8:16 PM: Hal: should i submit the rough draft after i finish it, for you to take a look?
8:16 PM: HOST: yes please
8:16 PM: Hal: ok, excellent. i will do that for sure
8:17 PM: Hal: i appreciate the feedback on the various assignments, postings, etc. It's quite a help
8:18 PM: HOST: I have found it is the most effective way, to provide direct feedback. Folks can listen to lecture, do the reading and still not "get it". Maybe not efficient use of my time...but this is student centered learning philosophy.
8:20 PM: HOST: Is there anything else you would like to discuss before we sign off?
8:20 PM: Hal: i think that philosophy is more effective than others, although probably quite time-consuming for instructors.
8:20 PM: Hal: no ma'am, I think i'm good for now
8:20 PM: HOST: have a good evening!
8:20 PM: Hal: you too. thank you
8:20 PM: Hal has left the room.
8:29 PM: Hank has entered the room.
8:30 PM: HOST: Hi Hank!
8:30 PM: Hank: Hi Dr. Packard
8:30 PM: Hank: I have a few questions for you if you don't mind
8:31 PM: HOST: what would you like to chat about?
8:31 PM: Hank: as usual with me these are more logistics related things
8:31 PM: Hank: Will you walk me through accessing Web of Science
8:31 PM: HOST: sure, I am on it now
8:32 PM: HOST: Do you have it open, or would you like to start at the library page?
8:32 PM: Hank: is that the texas a&m library page?
8:32 PM: HOST: library.tamu.edu
8:33 PM: HOST: which browser are you using?
8:33 PM: Hank: can we start there?
8:33 PM: Hank: I am on IE
8:34 PM: HOST: OK. let me go there
8:34 PM: HOST: Do you see on the left column [Popular Databases]
8:35 PM: Hank: yes
8:35 PM: HOST: Good, use the pull down menu
8:35 PM: HOST: I guess you can click on it and it stays open now
8:35 PM: Hank: Ok, I went to web of science
8:36 PM: HOST: good, got it open?
8:36 PM: Hank: yes
8:36 PM: HOST: did you select your institution?
8:36 PM: Hank: I did that earlier I guess bc it didn't prompt me this time
8:37 PM: HOST: interesting!
8:37 PM: Hank: what is the advantage of using WOS over the main library.tamu.edu search feature?
8:37 PM: HOST: so are you seeing the window with "WEB OF KNOWLEDGE" across the top and a couple search boxes?
8:37 PM: Hank: yes, thats what I see
8:38 PM: HOST: the main library feature searches best for books
8:38 PM: Hank: But those would still be appropriate sources for blog entries and things like that, right?
8:38 PM: HOST: Web of Science picks up all articles, downloads them to endnotes and helps you find pdf's that are not in the library collection
8:39 PM: HOST: Book are not appropriate for BLOG because we do not all have access to read them
8:39 PM: Hank: ah
8:39 PM: HOST: when you use WOS, you are reassured that the articles are peer reviewed
8:39 PM: Hank: can we briefly go over the right way to cite a WOS article?
8:39 PM: HOST: sure
8:40 PM: HOST: lets find a couple articles first
8:40 PM: HOST: what do you want to look for?
8:40 PM: Hank: bighorn sheep
8:41 PM: HOST: ok. do you want to look for a behavior concept? with bighorn sheep as the example?
8:41 PM: Hank: I'd like to try and find some relevant information for the blog entry on "intense conflict"
8:42 PM: Hank: I'm sorry I meant "intense combat"
8:42 PM: HOST: ok. so lets put in the top box on WOS "bighorn sheep"
8:42 PM: Hank: ok
8:43 PM: HOST: lets put in "intense combat" in the second box , and change the info tab on the right to "topic", not "author"
8:43 PM: HOST: I got no records
8:44 PM: Hank: hmm me either
8:44 PM: Hank: I'm not totally committed to bighorns
8:44 PM: HOST: lets try conflict
8:45 PM: HOST: quite a variety!
8:45 PM: HOST: lets check #8
8:46 PM: Hank: ok so bighorn sheep in the first box and conflict in the second?
8:46 PM: HOST: Fiesta Bianchet is the author there and I know he has done alot of work on this topic
8:46 PM: HOST: yes, make sure you have both of the right hand boxes set to "topic"
8:46 PM: Hank: ok got it
8:47 PM: Hank: yes there is a lot of options here
8:47 PM: Hank: ok, I feel more comfortable using it now
8:47 PM: Hank: thank you!
8:47 PM: HOST: there are three more pages, so lets scroll to the bottom of the page and look for more
8:48 PM: HOST: didn't find anything on page 2...did you?
8:48 PM: Hank: #20 might have something
8:49 PM: **Hank**: yes I think #20 will work
8:49 PM: **HOST**: good eye! lets grab that one for our marked list
8:50 PM: **Hank**: how do I do that?
8:50 PM: **HOST**: do you notice when you go from one page to the next, the ones that you marked are saved on the marked list
8:50 PM: **Hank**: yes, ok
8:50 PM: **HOST**: I can see that we are picking up "weaning conflict" as well as male male conflict
8:51 PM: **HOST**: some good refs that will be useful for you in Part 4 about foraging and anti-pred
8:51 PM: **Hank**: ok
8:52 PM: **HOST**: OK. now lets go to our marked list and I can show you how to mine that
8:52 PM: **HOST**: do you see in the grey bar on the top where it says "Marked List (2)?
8:52 PM: **Hank**: I'm there
8:53 PM: **HOST**: scroll down below the blue to no. 1
8:53 PM: **HOST**: that looks pretty hot....Times cited is 29
8:53 PM: **Hank**: wow, is that good?
8:54 PM: **HOST**: yes, not as hot as no. 2, which was cited 96 tuens
8:54 PM: **HOST**: times
8:54 PM: **HOST**: Lets click on the 29 and see what that gets us
8:55 PM: **Hank**: The "web" part of this tool is coming into focus for me now. Very cool
8:55 PM: **HOST**: you can see how concepts are tested in a variety of species
8:56 PM: **HOST**: no. 9 looks cool, lets grab that one
8:56 PM: **Hank**: ok
8:57 PM: **HOST**: no. 10 also
8:57 PM: **HOST**: I will show you another trick
8:57 PM: **Hank**: ok
8:57 PM: **HOST**: click on no. 10
8:57 PM: **Hank**: ok
8:57 PM: **HOST**: then click on view related records
8:57 PM: **Hank**: got it
8:58 PM: **HOST**: that is the way I find most of the good stuff
8:58 PM: **HOST**: you can click on the numbers on the right, which are the shared references....more good stuff
8:58 PM: **Hank**: that is awesome!
8:58 PM: **Hank**: I am excited to use this for my cichlid research
8:59 PM: **HOST**: then you can mark the info that you want in the marked list and export it to endnotes, or send it to yourself by email
8:59 PM: **HOST**: sorry, I gottta go!
8:59 PM: **Hank**: No prob! Thank you SOOOO MUCH
8:59 PM: **Hank**: super helpful
9:03 PM: **Hank**: good night, thanks again
9:03 PM: **Hank** has left the room.