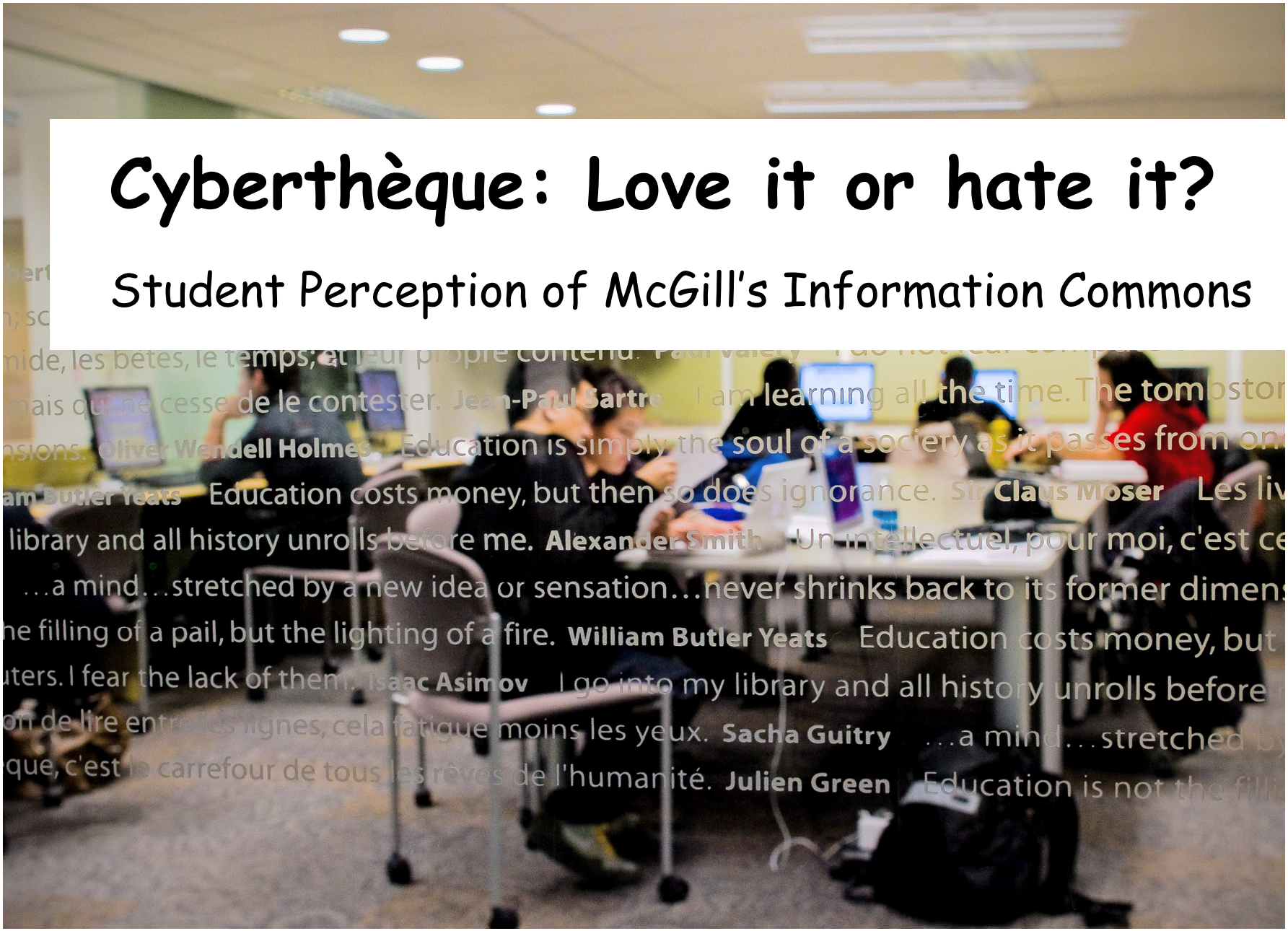
Cyberthèque: Love it or hate it?

Student Perception of McGill's Information Commons



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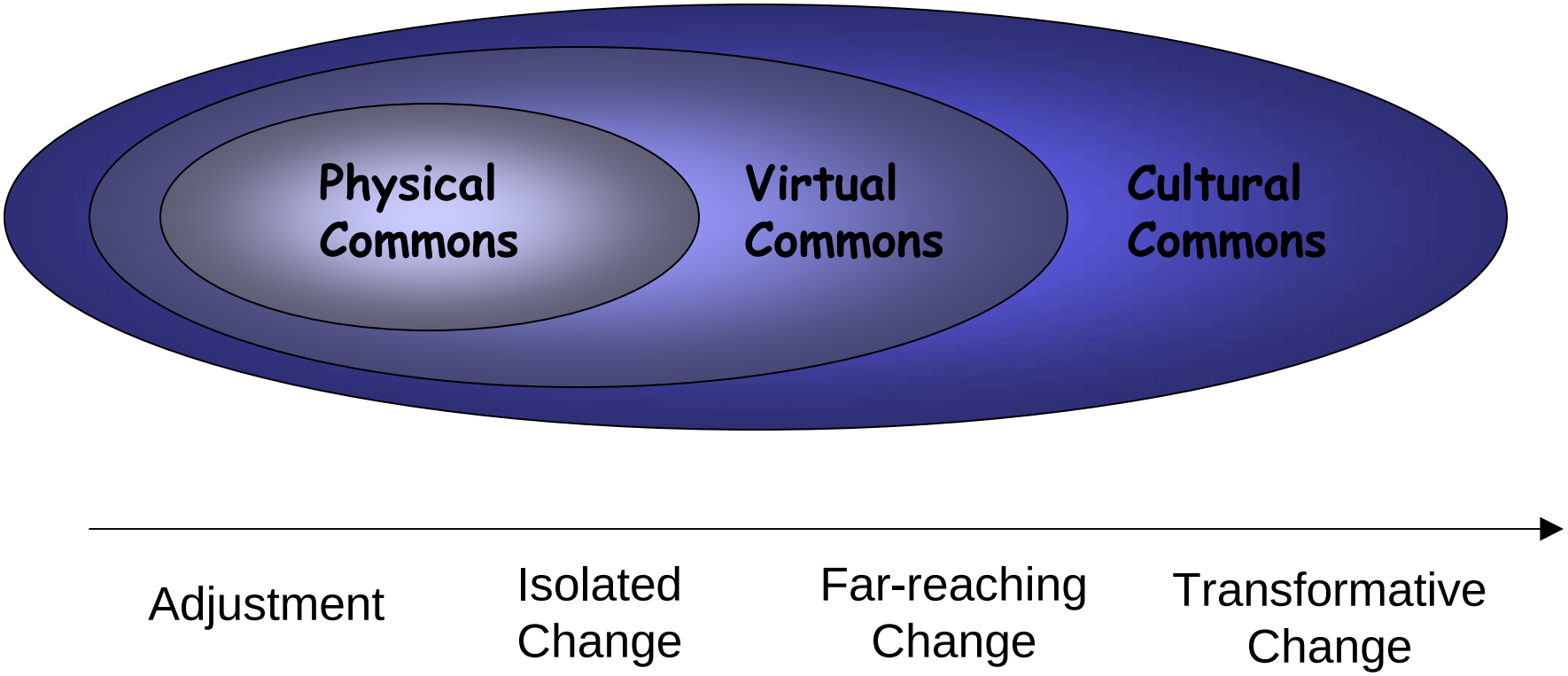

Physical Commons
Virtual Commons
Cultural Commons
Adjustment
Isolated Change
Far-reaching Change
Transformative Change

Focus Groups

- 18 students……and 4 dozen cookies
- 10 library service members
- 8 questions

Information Services

- Identity: library or computer lab?
- Integrated service
  - quick basic response & one-stop-referrals
- Enthusiastic greeters, not rovers

Group Study Space

- Top attraction
- Booking system
  - Tragedy of the Commons
- Space configuration
  -“Not totally soundproof?”

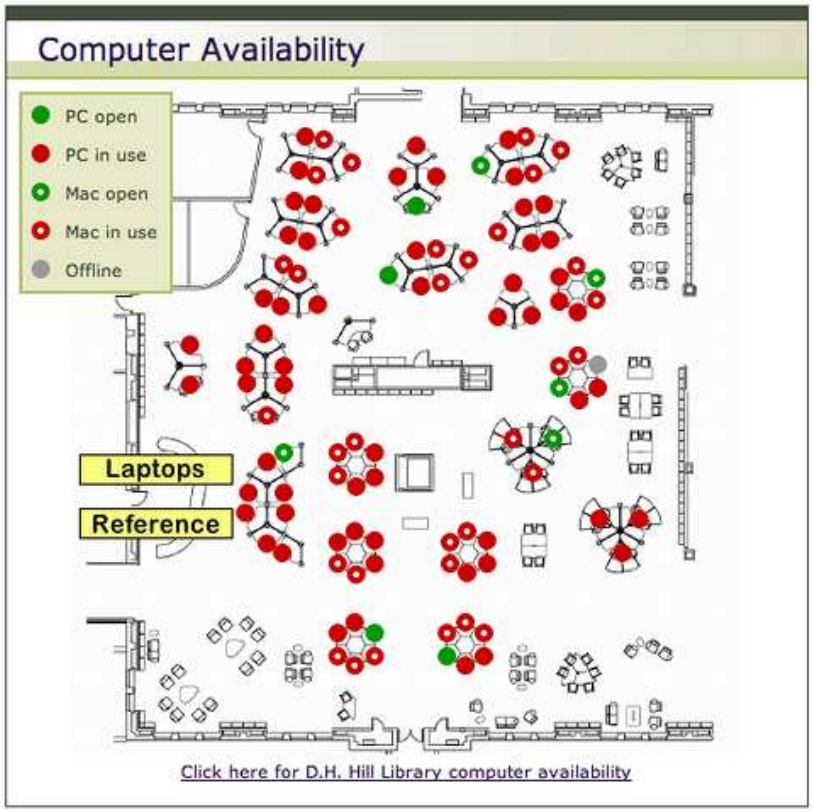
IC as a Social Space

- Does social = food?
- User's dilemma

Other Considerations

- Signage

- Resource Availability



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