

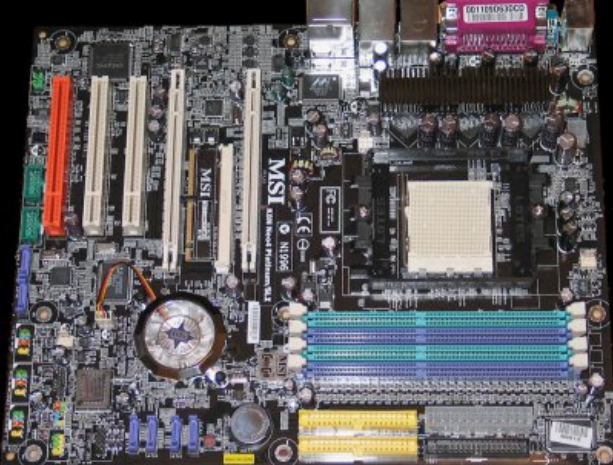
ENG 277 – Blog Carnival (20%)

In addition to maintaining our own blogs, we'll spend some of our time reading and reviewing and engaging disability blogs. A blog carnival involves writing short summaries on several blog entries pertaining to a theme, and we'll be doing just that. For this assignment, you will need to choose a theme related to disability – perhaps access, or media, or learning disabilities, or education, or parenting, or – the potential themes and topics are endless, really. Once you've chosen a theme, you'll need to find 10 to 12 blog entries that somehow relate.

You can choose whichever blog entries you'd like to analyze, no matter how long or short—but if you're not sure where to start, see the **Links** page on our Carmen course site.

Your task will be to summarize each entry very briefly (read: a very, very short paragraph) and then show us how it relates to your theme. We'll spend nearly two class periods, in groups, discussing your findings as well as blog-related issues. You'll hand in your final blog carnival write-up via your own blog, and you'll also include one more piece: either a visual (e.g., a diagram, a photo) or aural (e.g., a brief audio description, a song) element that represents what you've learned about this topic, as well as a brief description/transcription of your visual or aural representation.

An example of a visual “map”:



“technology” and representation?

- Brueggemann: lipreading, reading, letter writing
- Siebers: ?
- Kleege: finger spelling, braille, plagiarism, tactile modes, the table, rooms, vibrations, wind, Teacher
- Sarah: straw with slits, phone calls, letters, staff (Hertz)
- Grigely: postcards/letters (when used critically)

- Brueggemann: phone, sign language, finger language (Mabel)
- Siebers: initially -- elevators, a car, a seat on public transit; now -- ladders, stairs
- Kleege: argues that Helen is too accommodating
- Sarah: L-dopa [reportedly], nursing home (Hertz)
- Grigely: uncritical use of certain modalities, e.g., creating visual art about blind people