Week 15 Journal Entry 15

Watch this video and think about how the career of digital forensics investigators relate to the social sciences. Write a journal entry describing what you think about the speaker's pathway to his career.

While the trajectory to his career today isn't what we now might consider traditional, where someone would typically go and take courses, graduate, and then find a career in the field, I don't know that I can entirely say his path takes me by surprise. In accounting, one has to be able to perform analysis of financial records and numbers, often with digital files, and the details are so complex that one has to be meticulous. Digital forensics is complex and requires great attention to detail as well. It seems that the career move was almost lateral in a sense. He had a little bit of background working with computers in a setting that wasn't necessarily related to work, and this led to accounting blending with IT for a large accounting firm. From there he got into digital forensics more specifically. Often, opportunities come up this way. Certain skill sets are needed, and even if one doesn't primarily work in Information Technology, that individuals' skill set can still be valuable for the field.