



“ETDs for Beginners” Pre-Conference Workshop: USETDA 2015

The successful implementation of electronic thesis and dissertation programs on campus can at first, seem to be a daunting task. This United States Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Association primer will prove extremely helpful in assisting you through this process. Armed with a team of experts, the “ETDs for Beginners” session will introduce you to concepts such as the myriad of free resources available through the USETDA and the NDLTD. Topics will include ETD implementation and political strategies, discussion of various models of homegrown ETD systems versus pre-packaged open source and commercial repository systems, ETD office automation strategies, the role of University libraries and graduate school in ETD program implementation and archiving, intellectual property issues, ETD Lifecycle Management as well as explore the usefulness of and approaches to consortia and networking to build ETD programs. This 3-hour workshop is open to rookies as well as veterans who would like a refresher on latest basic ETD concepts and resources. Get more out of attending the USETDA Conference by attending this free session.

- Tuesday, September 29th from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Location: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Austin, TX
- Session Organizer & Moderator: John Hagen, Renaissance Scholarly Communications / Board Member – USETDA

9:00 – 9:10 **Introduction to USETDA and Brief History of the ETD Movement**
John Hagen, Board Member – USETDA

9:10 – 10:00 **ETD Implementation Overview**
John Hagen, Renaissance Scholarly Communications

- Topics include ETD/IR terminology, program implementation planning, setting time lines, establishing initiatives, campus collaborations with graduate school, libraries and information technology divisions, appointing implementation committees, outreach and advocacy promotions, navigating politics, reviewing / selecting IR systems, providing resources and technical support for students, metadata, archiving/preservation, intellectual property and copyright issues, working with consortia, ETD Lifecycle Management, creating a roadmap to successful implementation and best practices.

10:00 – 10:30 **ETD Submission Systems**
Austin McLean, ProQuest

- Topics include ETD Administrator and ETD/IR program services
John Hagen, Renaissance Scholarly Communications
- Topics include ETD-db (NDLTD), OpenETD (Rutgers University), Vireo (Texas Digital Library)

10:30 – 10:45 **Break**

10:45 – 11:05 **Preservation Strategies**
John Hagen, Renaissance Scholarly Communications

- Topics include cooperative distributed and digital preservation services for ETDs and digital collections, the ETD Lifecycle Management and how institutions can participate.

11:05 – 11:20

ETD Metadata / Union Catalog / IR Consortium Networks

John Hagen, Renaissance Scholarly Communications

- Topics include breakdown of ETD metadata fields, its importance in uniform application and usage for distributed collections as well as best practices for integrating multi-institutional IR networks.

11:20 – 11:45

Participation in State-wide / Regional ETD Associations and Digital Library Consortia

Shelley Barba, Texas Tech University – TxETDA

Kristi Park – Director, Texas Digital Library

- Topics include rationale for sharing resources and best practices, how to form ETD networks with colleagues in your region and tips on how to organize state-wide / regional ETD Associations and activities / How to participate in Digital Library Consortia.

11:45 – 12:00

Discussion / Wrap Up

Moderator, Panelists and Audience