



United States Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Association

USETDA 2011

**USETDA 2011: The Magic of ETDs...Where Creative Minds Meet*
May 18-20, Orlando, Florida**



Join the US ETD Association May 18-20, 2011, in sunny Florida for our inaugural national conference!

USETDA 2011 is designed for ETD professionals from graduate schools, libraries and others who work with ETDs or ETD programs. Our focus will be on relevant and current ETD issues with an emphasis on sharing practice-based resources from around the U.S.

Participants will have opportunity to submit proposals for presentation; attend pre-conference workshops; learn best practices for copyright, ETD operations and more; and, network with colleagues from around the nation.

Make plans now to experience the magic of ETDs in 2011 in the Magic Kingdom!

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It's conference time!

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2011 Conference Invitation

The United States Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Association (USETDA) planning committee is pleased to invite you to our inaugural conference **"USETDA 2011: The Magic of ETDs... Where Creative Minds Meet"***, to be held May 18-20, Orlando, Florida.



[Conference registration](#) is now open at the ultra-low rate of **only \$95**. USETDA 2011 will be held at the fabulous Holiday Inn – Walt Disney World® Resort in Orlando, Florida—discount [lodging](#) is now available for **only \$95 per night**.



Additionally, you may join USETDA while registering for the conference at a 50% discount (\$25 for individuals or \$50 per institution) during our introductory offer. [Membership](#) benefits include exclusive members-only access to USETDA communications (listserv, newsletters and special promotions), professional and community resources and networking opportunities, as well as discounts to future USETDA events. USETDA 2011 Conference is open to all – we welcome our neighbors to the north, south and all around the world!

The early bird discount registration rate will only be available through April 18, 2011. Don't miss out on this low-cost high-impact learning and networking opportunity – [join USETDA and register](#) for the conference today!

About the Conference

USETDA 2011 is designed for ETD professionals from graduate schools, libraries and information technology sectors who work with ETDs or ETD programs. Our focus will be on relevant and current ETD issues with an emphasis on sharing practice-based resources from around the U.S. The mission of USETDA is to provide information on best practices, develop and disseminate important information on ETD initiatives, support the development of state-wide ETD associations, bring ETD professionals together at the local level to network and improve ETD operations, educate and make others aware of ETD issues, and support the expansion of the NDLTD and other international ETD initiatives.

Searching for innovative new ways to **engage your students**? Looking to **increase efficiency** by making technology work for you? Take your ETD program to the next level. This year's program includes an outstanding lineup of speakers and presentations!

Keynote presentations:

Georgia Harper – “ETDs, Open Access and Intellectual Property Issues”



Georgia is Scholarly Communications Advisor for the University of Texas at Austin Libraries, where she focuses on issues of digital access. She was Senior Attorney and manager of the Intellectual Property Section of the Office of General Counsel for the University of Texas System until August 2006, and currently represents the Office of General Counsel as outside counsel for copyright.

She is author of the online publication, [The Copyright Crash Course](#), that provides guidance to university faculty, students and staff concerning a wide range of copyright issues and is freely accessible to all universities and colleges.

She has conducted local, state, regional and national workshops and seminars on copyright issues and has been an advisor to the Council on Library and Information Resources, the Association of Research Libraries, the Association of American Universities, and the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges and the American Council on Education. She was named a fellow of the National Association of College and University Attorneys in June 2001, and in 2010 received the inaugural Georgia Harper Copyright Literacy Award from the Center for Intellectual Property at University of Maryland, University College. Her [C.V.](#) provides more information.

Ms. Harper graduated with High Honors from the University of Texas at Austin with a B.S. in Education and with Honors from the University of Texas at Austin's Law School with a J.D. degree.

Greg Grossmeier – “Creative Commons and Open Access in Higher Education”



Greg is Copyright Specialist at the University of Michigan (U of M) Library and where his time revolves around giving presentations and answering copyright and publishing related questions for faculty, staff, and students. In addition to answering these questions he is also tasked with maintenance of the copyright website and promoting Open Access Publishing at the University. In addition, he consults with the Open.Michigan initiative on Legal/Policy matters around Open Educational Resources.

Greg is also a Fellow for Creative Commons where he provides expertise on topics such as Open Educational Resources and continues his involvement with the Free/Libre Open Source Software community. He helps coordinate the Open Knowledge Foundation's working group on Open Science Data which focuses on encouraging scientists to share their research data so that others may study, use, and build upon it. As the Founder and current Leader of the Ubuntu Local Community Team (LoCo) for the state of Michigan Greg plans events to encourage Ubuntu adoption and participation in its development.

Greg holds an MSI in Information Policy from the U of M School of Information and a BA in Anthropology from the University of Minnesota.

Notable special interest sessions:

Pre-conference workshops:

"Retrospective Digitization", Gail Clement, Texas A&M University and Christy Shorey, University of Florida



"How to Create a Highly Functional ETD Office", Angela McCutcheon, Ohio University

"ETD Preservation", NDLTD-MetaArchive Cooperative

Breakout sessions (sampler):

David Fenza, Executive Director of the *Association of Writers and Writing Programs* will participate in a panel discussion "Publish or Perish? A Panel Discussion on the Quandaries of Creative Writing, ETDs and Open Access," and will be joined by two creative writing students with various perspectives.

USETDA and Establishing ETD State Associations, Laura Hammons, Texas A&M University and Angela McCutcheon, Ohio University

Managing Consortial ETD Repositories, Thomas Dowling, OhioLink and Ryan Steans, Texas Digital Library

Long-term preservation of ETDs: what do you do when your file formats become obsolete? Lydia T. Motyka, Florida Center for Library Automation

Developing Copyright Literacy Standards for Graduate Education, Gail Clement, Texas A&M University

Exploring the web-based Survey of Earned Doctorates, Mary Ann Latter, Survey of Earned Doctorates

Creative Partnerships to Advance Graduate Research in the Digital Age – collaborations between University Libraries, Graduate Schools and Information Technology Sectors to support graduate education and research, John Hagen, West Virginia University

Focus on institutional repository systems and services including open source and commercial providers:

IR Vendor Breakout – overviews and demonstrations of various IR systems

Technology Fair / Poster Exhibition – representatives from IR and technology providers will be available for more in-depth consultation including **Adobe, BePress, Eprints, ETD-db and ProQuest/UMI.**

Participants will have opportunity to attend over 24 special interest breakout sessions; ([see full Conference program](#)). Learn best practices for intellectual property issues, ETD operations and more – and network with colleagues from around the nation.

Special events:

Wednesday evening poolside opening reception at the Holiday Inn – Walt Disney World® – appetizers and hosted bar



Thursday evening *exc*
House – Butler-
passed hors
d'oeuvres, hosted
bar and music by the
*Caribbean Crew
Band*



Discount tickets available to Walt Disney World

Make plans now to experience the magic of ETDsin 2011 in the Magic Kingdom!

We hope to see you in sunny Florida this May!

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Call for Proposals

The USETDA 2011 Conference planning committee invites session proposals for our upcoming [conference](#) to be held at the Holiday Inn – In the Walt Disney World® Resort in Orlando, Florida on May 18-20, 2011. The theme for this inaugural conference is "The Magic of ETDs...Where Creative Minds Meet”* Proposals will be accepted **January 18 – February 28, 2011.**

Session Tracks

The focus of the USETDA Conference is to support ETD professionals by encouraging the sharing of best practices, enhanced productivity, improved internal/external communications, and the formation of state-wide ETD associations. The program committee encourages proposals (pre-conference workshop, single-session presentation, panel session or poster format) which align with these goals, including:

ETDs and technology

New and innovative tools and practices; software use such as Adobe, LaTeX, and Microsoft; use of social media for communication; IR/ETD workflow management software; and, ETD template

ETD operations (Library and Graduate School)

Sharing of best practices; efficiencies, cost savings, and productivity, cataloging, reviewing practices, and workflows; and, retrospective digitization approaches

Copyright and Open Access

Lessons learned, current practices, workshops, guides, tools

ETD initiatives

Centralized/decentralized ETD processing; starting-up ETD programs; mentoring for ETD professionals; student training; USETDA state-wide associations; and, creative commons licensing

Enhancing the ETD profession

Leadership and management training and skills development; and, use of assessment tools for ETD professionals and managers

ETD education

Student training using podcasts, workshops, etc.

ETD research to practice

Operationalization of research to enhance the ETD profession; case-studies; and, action-research or action-learning experiences

The USETDA's goal with this inaugural conference is to engage ETD professionals across the US to share ETD best practices, discuss current challenges, enhance operations in the workplace, find relevant solutions, and to find ways to support and enrich the ETD professional field. To do so, the [conference program](#) will include a mix of invited presentations, as well as selections from proposal submissions. Share your knowledge and expertise with colleagues by submitting a proposal for USETDA 2011!

Submission Instructions

Visit the USETDA [Call for Proposals](#) Online Submission Page to submit proposal abstracts. Acceptance notices will be sent in mid-March.

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Conference Registration

USETDA 2011 Early Bird registration has closed. Registration (at the rate of \$120) will remain open through **May 4**, with no on-site registration option available.

Additionally, institutions and individuals may join USETDA while registering for the conference at a 50% discount of only \$50/\$25, respectively, during our introductory offer (regular membership is \$100 per institution/\$50 per individual annually). Membership benefits include access to USETDA communications (listserv, newsletters and special promotions), professional and community resources as well as discounts to future USETDA venues. Register [online](#) now. Registration rates, with and without USETDA membership dues, are provided below.

- Access the Online Registration System
- [Access the Paper Registration Form](#)

Conference Registration	Rate
Early-bird registration plus discounted USETDA membership dues (institutional/individual) – through April 18	\$145/\$120
Early-bird registration only -through April 18	\$95
Late registration plus discounted USETDA membership dues (institutional/individual) – April 19-May 4	\$170/\$145
Late registration only – April 19-May 4	\$120

USETDA 2011 Conference Registration Map

View [USETDA Registrations](#) in a larger map

Hotel Information

USETDA's 2011 Conference will be held at the **Holiday Inn – in the Walt Disney World® Resort** in Lake Buena Vista (Orlando area), Florida.

Hotel Rate

The conference rate is \$95/night single/double plus tax. To receive this rate, conference attendees must book before **May 4, 2011**.

Our block may fill before this date, so book early to assure a space. All meetings will take place at the conference hotel.

Come Early/Stay Late! The conference room rate of \$95 will be available up to 3 days before and 3 days following the main conference dates for those who wish to take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy all Orlando has to offer.

Hotel Reservations

Reservations can be made by clicking on the link or calling the number below:

- [2011 United States Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Association Conference](#)
- 1-800-HOLIDAY (refer to group code USE).

Hotel Address

1805 Hotel Plaza Blvd, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

Phone: 407-828-8888

Fax: 407-827-4623

•**Looking for roommates?** Check our discussion board on [Facebook](#).

Map of Lake Buena Vista, Florida

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Transportation To and From Hotel

Orlando International (MCO)

- Distance: 17.0 MI/27.36 KM NORTH EAST to Hotel
- Shuttle Charge (one way): \$ 21.00 USD
- Taxi Charge (one way): \$ 50.00 USD
- Time by Taxi: 25 minutes
- Take I-4 East toward Orlando for 3.8 miles Take exit 72 and merge onto 528 East for 10.3 miles Take exit 11 toward International Airport for .7 miles Merge onto Airport Blvd W and the destination will be on the right hand side

Train

- Station Name: Kissimmee
- Distance: 11.2 MI/18.02 KM SOUTH EAST to Hotel
- Taxi Charge (one way): \$ 25.00 USD
- Turn right on Pleasant Street, Left on West Dakin Avenue, Right at West Emmett Street, Left onto John Young Parkway, Turn right on US 192, turn left onto SR 535,

Turn left onto Hotel Plaza Boulevard and the hotel will be on the left.

Driving Directions

- FLA TURNPIKE TO I-4 WEST TO EXIT 68. TURN RIGHT OFF EXIT AND PROCEED TO HOTEL PLAZA BLVD, TURN LEFT. HOTEL IS THIRD RESORT ON THE LEFT

Complimentary Local Area Shuttle

- To and from local area theme parks only

Special Events and Optional Activities

Opening Reception - Poolside

Wednesday, May 18

5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Join us Wednesday evening poolside for the opening reception at the Holiday Inn – Walt Disney World®

Two complimentary drinks and snacks will be provided.



EXTRAORDINARY EVENT
The Private Dining Room of Fulton's
Fulton's Crab House



Join us on Thursday, May 19 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on the third deck of Fulton's for an exclusive event. Butler-passed hors d'oeuvres, drinks (6-8 p.m.), and music by the *Caribbean Crew Band* will be provided to registered participants at the USETDA Conference. Additional guests can attend at the cost of \$40 each.

Fulton's is within walking distance of the hotel and features an outdoor deck with magnificent views of beautiful Lake Buena Vista and the Marketplace.



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