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USETDA 2018 Conference Climbing Ever Higher – Summit on Scholarly Communications in Graduate Education



The USETDA has announced USETDA 2018, the 8th annual conference will be held September 12th – 14th at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Denver, Colorado, hosted by the Auraria Library and Brigham Young University.

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USETDA 2018 will provide excellent educational opportunities for professionals from graduate schools, libraries, academic computing and others who work with electronic theses and dissertations (ETDs), institutional repositories, graduate students and scholarly communications. Our goal is to offer relevant, practice-oriented content to support ETD productivity improvement, ETD professionals, advance ETD operations and encourage the formation of regional ETD associations and networking communities as well as to provide useful and innovative resources, standards, and technology for the development and support of ETD programs. Proposals are welcome from library, graduate school and information technology professionals, graduate students and faculty as well as library and information systems / services representatives.

The conference theme "Climbing Ever Higher – Summit on Scholarly Communications in Graduate Education" will focus on the impact and implications of connecting scholars and research from across the country and around the world. We will examine the present use and availability of ETDs and related initiatives while also exploring new and emerging ETD practices, needs, and influences impacting administrative, graduate school and library professionals.

Our keynote speaker will be [Maureen McCarthy, PhD](#), Director of Best Practices and Advancement at the *Council of Graduate Schools*. McCarthy has led CGS [Future of the Doctorate](#) projects including the [Future of the Doctoral Dissertation](#) workshop and community discussions. For complete details visit our [program overview](#) Web page.



Conference information is available by following the resource links at the top of this Web page or in the right side-bar index.

Important Dates

- Call for proposals
 - Announcement: January 16, 2018
 - Initial Deadline: March 2, 2018
 - Extended deadline: March 16, 2018
- Presenter notifications: April 16, 2018
- Early bird registration: April 16 – July 23, 2018
- Regular Registration: July 24 – August 24, 2018
- Conference Dates: September 12 – 14, 2018

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Countdown to

USETDA 2022 Conference

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It's conference time!

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Promotional Materials

- [USETDA 2018 Conference Promotion.pptx](#) (presentation)
- [USETDA_2018_ad.pdf](#) (flyer)

Information about Denver

- [Welcome to Denver](#)

USETDA 2018 Conference Promotion Video



Accommodation

The USETDA 2018 Conference will be held September 12 – 14, 2018 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Denver, Colorado. The group discount rate is (US) \$209 per night (includes complimentary breakfast). To book your reservation at the Embassy Suites Hotel visit our [Accommodation Webpage](#).



Call for Proposals

Click [here](#) to view the USETDA 2018 Conference Call for Proposals Web page and to submit your paper, presentation, panel session or poster proposal online. Note: the submission deadline has been extended through March 16, 2018.

CFP Resources

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Conference Invitation

The US Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Association (USETDA) will hold their 8th annual conference September 12th – 14th at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Denver, Colorado, hosted by the Auraria Library and Brigham Young University. USETDA Conferences are an excellent educational opportunity for professionals



from graduate schools, libraries, academic computing and others who work with electronic theses and dissertations (ETDs), graduate students and scholarly communications.

Registration is now open for the USETDA 2018 Conference. The discount member registration rate of \$269 is available through August 24, 2018 and the hotel conference rate is \$209 per night (includes breakfast). Complete registration information is available [online](#).



This year's program includes keynote speaker Maureen McCarthy, PhD, (Director of Best Practices and Advancement at the Council of Graduate Schools).

[Maureen McCarthy](#) is the director of Best Practices and Advancement at the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS), the only national education dedicated solely to the advancement of graduate education and

research. McCarthy has led CGS projects on the [Future of the Doctoral Dissertation](#) and broadening professional development for humanities PhDs ([#NextGenPhD](#)), and serves as co-PI of Understanding PhD [Career Pathways](#) for Program Improvement. She recently authored a guide on [promising practices](#) and a [review of prior work](#) in humanities PhD professional development and has co-authored reports on [holistic review](#) in graduate admissions, PhD [career pathways](#), and [doctoral learning outcomes](#). Maureen earned her PhD in English from Emory University.

Broadening notions of PhD career paths, team science, and big data: so much about doctoral education is changing. Should dissertations change too? In her keynote address, McCarthy will discuss how new approaches to doctoral training may shape the PhD dissertation of the future, and how university policies can encourage or inhibit innovation.

Program Highlights

The conference [program](#) includes 3 conference [workshops](#), 18 breakout presentations including user group meetings, 2 plenary sessions, a poster presentation session (5 posters), a technology vendor fair as well as a variety of networking opportunities. You will be able to view author/title/abstract information as well as presentations in the [Conference Proceedings](#). For an overview of the activities visit our [Conference at-a-glance](#) program schedule.

Before, during and after the conference you can enjoy and experience the many sides of [Denver](#).

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to learn more and share your experiences with colleagues at USETDA 2018! To register visit our [registration information](#) Web page.

We hope to see you in Denver at USETDA 2018.

Kind Regards,
USETDA Conference Organizing Committee

Conference Resources

USETDA 2018 Conference [Website](#)

The USETDA 2018 Conference Website provides portals for CFP submissions, registration, proceedings and conference venue information. The relevant links are listed below:

- [Conference Overview](#)
- [Call for Proposals](#) (January 17, 2018 – March 2, 2018)

- [Track Policies](#)
- [Program Overview](#)
- [Presentations \(Proceedings\)](#) (forthcoming)
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Dine Around

Join us for Dinner out in Denver!

The Local Organizing Committee for ETD2018 invites you to join us at some of our favorite dining locations to sample the great food and drink that Denver has to offer. Dinner is on your own, organized in groups. This is an opportunity for a casual night out with other conference attendees to share a meal and some great conversation.



The Dine Arouns will take place the evening of Thursday, September 13th. A local Denverite will be attending each of the Dine Around events and will make a reservation for the group as well as coordinate the where and when for meeting and traveling to the Dine Around location.

Everyone is responsible for getting themselves to the Dine Around locations — by walking, car, taxi or other public transportation. Dine Around groups will meet in the Embassy Suites lobby at 6:00 pm with their group leaders. Each group will take public transportation to and from destinations with their group leaders.

- Sign up at the ETD2018 registration desk upon check-in the morning of Wednesday, September 12th.

Dine Around Restaurants

Freshcraft : a fresh-focused continental eatery with an expansive beer menu and one of the best chicharrones in town (walking distance from hotel)

Wynkoop Brewing : Denver's first true brewpub, Wynkoop was founded by former Denver mayor and current Colorado Governor, John Hickenlooper. (walking distance from hotel)

Rhein Haus: Rhein Haus is a sprawling beer hall with typical Bavarian fare and if the mood strikes, lots of bocce courts. (walking distance from hotel)

Bang Up To The Elephant: a quirky dining hall specializing in authentic Caribbean food right in the heart of Denver's Capitol Hill neighborhood (lots of vegetarian options, about a 25 minute walk from the hotel through downtown and Civic Center but the Free Mall Ride can cut that time in half).



Registration Information

USETDA 2018 – Registration Information



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Please review the following information before registering. You will find our [Registration Checklist](#) and [Rates Chart](#) listed below.

Early Bird registration will be available April 16, 2018 through July 23, 2018 at the rate of \$169 for members or \$299 for non-members. **Regular registration** (at higher cost) will remain open from July 24th through August 24th. To register follow the [registration checklist](#) below.

Membership: USETDA members receive a considerable conference registration discount over non-member rates to attend the annual conference. Institutional, Association and Consortium membership provides the discount registration rate to all persons at the member institution, association or consortium. Individual membership is intended for individuals independent of organizations or for use where your institution may not yet offer or support an ETD program. Complete information is available on our [membership](#) Web page.

Conference Workshops: We are also pleased to offer intensive learning experiences through our conference workshop series. For complete descriptions visit the [conference workshops](#) Web page.

Program: Visit the Conference [Program Overview](#) Web page.

Registration Checklist

1. Check the status of your [USETDA membership](#) for registration discount eligibility

2. Review the USETDA Conference [Rates Chart](#) (below) to confirm applicable fees
3. Complete the [Online Registration Form](#) and pay fees
4. Reserve your [Hotel Lodging online](#) to receive the discount conference rate at the Embassy Suites Hotel of \$209 per night (rate includes complimentary cooked to order breakfast and guest room WiFi access). Hotel reservation and payment is separate from the above conference registration process.

USETDA Conference Registration and Membership Rates Chart

Rates Chart 2018		
Membership Enrollment Fee (Annual)		
Institutional	\$100	
ETD Association (covers multiple institutions)*	\$75	*Per member institution plus \$100 base fee
Library Consortium (covers multiple institutions)*	\$85	*Per member institution plus \$100 base fee
Individual	\$50	Intended for individuals independent of organizations or for use where your institution may not yet offer or support an ETD program.
Registration Options		
Early member registration (through July 23, 2018)	\$169	
Early non-member registration (through July 23, 2018)	\$299	
Regular member registration (July 24 – August 24, 2018)	\$269	
Regular non-member registration (July 24 – August 24, 2018)	\$399	
Related Conference Event Fee (if applicable)		
Workshops	\$0	Workshop descriptions
Welcome Reception Guest (only if bringing guest)	\$50	
		*Contact USETDA for multi-institutional arrangements.

Payment Terms:

Payment is expected at the time of registration. We accept all major credit cards and PayPal for payment. Instructions for wire transfer and invoices are available upon request at info@usetda.org.

Cancellation Policy:

You must notify the Conference Organizing Committee in advance of the conference date at info@usetda.org. Cancellations will be subject to a 25% service fee. No refunds will be issued for cancellation requests received after September 4, 2018. Cancellations will be processed within 60 days after the end of the event.

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Sponsorship

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USETDA 2018 is for professionals from graduate schools, libraries, academic computing and anyone else working with electronic theses and dissertations (ETDs). Our goal is to offer relevant, practice-oriented content to support ETD professionals, advance ETD operations and efficiency, and encourage the formation of state-wide ETD associations in the United

States.

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Sponsorship Options

The USETDA offers a variety of conference sponsorship options to help support our mission as well as to promote your brands, products and services. You will find the USETDA 2018 Conference sponsorship options listed below. Please take a few moments to consider which level of support you could offer and the benefits we provide. Sponsors are welcome to submit a research-based program for consideration in the [Call for Proposals](#) (not intended for product demonstrations). Responses to this sponsorship invitation should be sent no later than July 31, 2018.

About USETDA 2018

USETDA 2018 is the national conference for ETD professionals from all areas: graduate schools, libraries, and information technology specialists. Our focus is on relevant and current issues with an emphasis on sharing practice-based resources from around the U.S. We anticipate between 100 – 150 people will attend the conference; most of our constituents are from colleges and universities in the United States. Our [corporate and non-profit sponsors](#) include colleges and university graduate schools and libraries, institutional repository and archival system providers, digital technology applications companies, bookbinders and other library related services. As part of the conference activities we host a Technology Fair, where vendors can host exhibits and interact with our audience. Additionally there are opportunities to participate in the conference during plenary and breakout sessions as well as through advertising and distribution of your promotional materials at the venue and online. We offer a variety of accommodations to suit your promotional needs.

USETDA conferences are a fantastic venue for you to reach out to your constituents. Please consider showing your support by sponsoring this important event.

USETDA 2018 Sponsorship Options

Platinum Sponsor \$5,000

- Logo depicted on the front cover of the Conference program
- Mention in all conference literature as a Major sponsor
- Logo displayed on the USETDA Conference Web site*
- One full-page color advertisement in the Conference Program (camera ready, 7.5 inches wide by 10 inches high)
- Three complimentary conference registrations for representatives
- 2-table display in the conference exhibition area

- Presentation from the sponsor (20 minutes) during a plenary session**
- Welcome address at a conference reception
- Opportunity to include leaflets in conference delegate packs

Gold Sponsor \$2,000

- Logo depicted in the Conference program
- Mention in all Conference literature as an Associated Sponsor
- Logo displayed on USETDA Conference Web site*
- Half-page color advertisement in the Conference Program (camera ready, 7.5 inches wide by 5 inches high)
- Full-table display in the conference exhibition area
- Welcome message at a conference lunch
- Two complimentary conference registration for representatives
- Opportunity to include leaflets in conference delegate packs

Silver Sponsor \$1,000

- Logo depicted in the Conference program
- Mention in all Conference literature as an Affiliated Sponsor
- Logo displayed on USETDA Conference Web site*
- Quarter-page color advertisement in the Conference Program (camera ready, 3.75 inches wide by 5 inches high)
- Half-table display in the conference exhibition area
- Welcome message at a conference breakfast
- One complimentary conference registration for a representative

Bronze Sponsor \$750

- Logo depicted in the Conference program
- Mention in all Conference literature as an Affiliated Sponsor
- Logo displayed on USETDA Conference Web site*
- Quarter-page color advertisement in the Conference Program (camera ready, 3.75 inches wide by 5 inches high)

*Indicates the conference website information will stay online after the event.

**The USETDA Board provides [guidance for sponsored presentations](#) during conference.

As an additional benefit all sponsors receive a complimentary one-year USETDA membership.

USETDA is a public 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. Contributions to the USETDA are tax deductible for individuals and organizations.

Contact Person:

John H. Hagen, Executive Director

www.usetda.org/usetda-conferences/usetda-2018/sponsorship/

USETDA 2018 Conference Sponsorship Resources:

- USETDA 2018 Conference [Information](#)
- USETDA 2018 Conference [Sponsors](#)
- Download USETDA 2018 [Sponsorship Options Contract \(pdf\)](#) / [\(docx\)](#)
- USETDA 2018 Conference Registration / Sponsorship [Online Payment](#)

Travel Information

USETDA 2018 Venue

Embassy Suites by Hilton Denver
Downtown Convention Center
1420 Stout Street
Denver, Colorado 80202
USA
Tel: +1-303-592-1000



Transit Information

Ground transportation from Denver International Airport

TYPE	TYPICAL MINIMUM CHARGE
Bus Service	Call Hotel for information
Limousine	80.00 USD
Super Shuttle	34.00 USD
Taxi	60.00 USD

Driving Directions Denver Airports

There is a [commuter rail line](#) (University of Colorado A Line) going from Denver International Airport to Union Station in Downtown Denver. Typically it takes 30 to 40 minutes to travel from DIA to Union Station and costs \$9.00 one way (fares may be purchased with credit card or cash at kiosks located around the terminal). It has storage racks for luggage and other large objects and is easily the least expensive option for getting into Denver proper. Once at Union Station, visitors can easily get to the conference hotel by boarding the [Free 16th Street Mall Ride](#) bus (signs directing passengers to boarding areas are located throughout Union Station) to Stout Street. Once at Stout Street, Embassy Suites is two blocks south on the corner of 14th Street and Stout Street.

Public Transportation

Denver's public transportation options are furnished by the Regional Transportation District (RTD). It includes an extensive light rail and commuter train system, as well as over 125 bus routes. For more information on their services, please visit the [RTD site](#).

Welcome to Denver



Welcome to Denver, where 300 days of sunshine, a thriving cultural scene, diverse neighborhoods, and natural beauty combine for the world's most spectacular playground. Looking for what to do in Denver? When you wake up in Denver, adventure awaits. Explore the city's greatest spots. Get local Denver tips on attractions, activities, scenic sightseeing, biking and tours, golf & other destinations. Whether you're a local, here for the weekend or more than a week, discover the best things to do in Denver during your trip. For trip information and ideas for activities click [VISIT DENVER, the Convention and Visitors Bureau](#).

Local Attractions

Tours

On Wednesday 9/12, there will be a tour of [Auraria Library](#) and historic [Auraria Campus](#). The tour will last about an hour (maybe a bit longer) and will begin at 10:15ish AM. We'll meet in the lobby of the conference hotel at 10 AM and will walk a few blocks to campus. We will definitely be back in time for the conference lunch at noon.

Although noted in the conference program, the tour of the Denver Mint has been cancelled due to changes in the Mint's tour schedule. We do however encourage you to explore some informal tours that are excellent ways to explore Denver:

- [Denver Beer Trail](#): Denver and the Front Range are often referred to as "the Napa Valley of beer." Denver alone has around 60 breweries. Check out the [Denver Beer Trail printable guide](#) for a list of key breweries and maps of key areas.
- [16th Street Mall](#): the Mall is a mile-long pedestrian corridor (with a free bus calculator) that stretches from Broadway to Union Station and boasts a veritable carnival of restaurants, shops, and venues and its people-watching is unparalleled.
- [Colfax Avenue](#): technically the longest commercial road in America, Colfax Avenue was once referred to in Playboy Magazine as "the longest, wickedest street in America." It's replete with music venues, dive bars, restaurants, and is home to the first and largest [Cathedral](#) of its type west of the Mississippi.



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Legal Cannabis

In 2012, Colorado became the first state to legalize recreational use of cannabis for adults 21 years and older. Officially, Denver was the first city in the world to legalize recreational cannabis use and institute a framework for regulation and dispensation. There are at least as many dispensaries as Starbucks in the City and County of Denver, and all are open to adults 21 years and older. Purchasing and use is highly regulated and there are several rules that govern where it can be used and how it can be purchased. For example: all purchases must be in cash (with very few exceptions); the maximum amount allowable during one transaction is 28 grams; public consumption is still illegal, but not a criminal offense (with punishments similar to open consumption of alcohol); smoking cannabis in a hotel may result in a fee and is generally frowned upon by hoteliers; transporting it across state lines, whether by vehicle or airplane, is a federal crime. In short, if you buy it here, use it here, and be discreet. For more information on local cannabis laws please visit the [City and County of Denver Marijuana Information Page](#).

Welcome to USETDA 2018

The USETDA Board of Directors and the Conference Organizing Committee welcome you to the USETDA 2018 Conference. We look forward to meeting everyone at the [Embassy Suites Hotel](#) for our 8th annual conference on electronic theses and dissertations. We have many exciting activities planned for USETDA 2018 delegates to make the most of their

learning and sharing experiences at the conference.

You will find complete information about the conference on the [USETDA 2018](#) Web page. Program highlights are provided on the [Program Overview](#) Web page.

Registration details are available on



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ur [Registration](#) Web page. Ahead of arrival, you can confirm your hotel reservations by visiting the [Accommodation](#) Web page. To arrange for transit from the airport to the hotel and locally visit our [Travel Information](#) Web page. For local information about Denver and the region and to sign up for a group tour visit our [Welcome to Denver](#) Web page.

The conference program is available [online \(pdf\)](#) and printed programs will be distributed at the conference registration desk upon check-in. Copies of presentations, papers and posters will be available online in the [Conference Proceedings](#) at conference time. For quick reference to the program, visit the [at-a-glance program schedule](#).

Conference Schedule Highlights

All events will take place at the Embassy Suites Hotel – Downtown Denver

Wednesday, September 12th

- The registration desk will open (8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Capital Foyer). Be sure to stop by to check-in and to pick up your conference registration materials
- Pre and post conference [workshops](#) will be offered free of charge. You can confirm your enrollment or enroll for a workshop at the registration desk
- Workshops 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Welcome luncheon (12:00 pm)
- Opening plenary session – Networking Panel Discussion
- Breakout sessions
- Welcome reception (5:30 – 7:30 pm) – cocktails and hors d'oeuvres – sponsored by ProQuest

Thursday, September 13th

- Networking breakfast (8:00 – 9:15 am). Tables will have assigned topics and regions – you can pick your favorite group to sit and chat with while you eat. Make new friends, explore new topics, share your expertise and learn more from colleagues
- Keynote presentation by Maureen McCarthy (Council of Graduate Schools)
- Breakout sessions
- Plenary luncheon (12:00 pm)
- Breakout sessions
- Technology vendor fair and poster session – Visit with conference sponsors to learn more about library products/services; chat with poster presenters to learn about their case studies and ETD/IR services – snacks and beverages will be provided
- User Group Meetings
- Dine Around (6:00 pm) – We will gather for [Dine-Arounds](#) to explore the culinary delights of nearby Denver (dinner is on your own in organized groups) – sign up for the Dine-Around at the Conference Registration Desk

Friday, September 14th

- Workshop and breakout sessions 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at the registration information desk or email us at info@usetda.org.

We hope you enjoy your experience at USETDA 2018 in Denver!

Don't forget to share your experiences, comments and photos via social media...

Tweet #usetda2018



Workshops



The USETDA is pleased to offer intensive learning experiences through our conference workshop series. **Each workshop is 3 hours in length, offered concurrently. You may attend up to one workshop per day offered and you will have the opportunity to enroll during the registration process.** Workshop descriptions and presenter information are listed below. All workshops are offered free of charge to conference registrants.

Pre-Conference Workshops

Wednesday, September 12th, 9:00 am – 12 Noon (Two concurrent workshops offered)

Workshop 1

ETDs for Beginners

Presented by [John H. Hagen](#) – Consultant, Renaissance Scholarly Communications, USETDA Executive Director and guest panelists



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 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 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 session. The complete “ETDs for Beginners” workshop agenda is available [online](#).

Workshop 2

Approaching the summit: An expedition to create the world’s most versatile ETD Submission and Management System



Presented by Stephanie Larrison – Electronic Resources Librarian at Texas State University

Our journey to create Vireo 4 began more than two years ago with hopes for a release in the summer of 2016. However, development of this ETD Submission and Management System has proven to be a more monumental task than originally anticipated. Many times we believed we reached the summit, only to find that our destination was still beyond reach.

The development of Vireo 4 hit a major milestone in Spring 2018 when a beta version was released for the first round of testing. Additional development and testing are needed but the summit is in view.

The purpose of this workshop is to provide an in depth demonstration of Vireo 4 highlighting the versatility of creating custom workflows and vocabularies. With Vireo 4, institutions with decentralized ETD processing can create a submission form, or workflow, that is unique to each college, or department, or degree, or any category that distinguishes the decentralization. In addition, each organization can create a controlled list of terms specific to their needs (ie. a list faculty names, specialties, majors) making metadata collection more efficient and accurate. With full Shibboleth integration, institutions have the ability to import any number of attributes from the university.

This workshop is intended for anyone interested in ETD submission systems as well as current Vireo users. In addition to the more advanced features, the presenters will provide a broad overview of Vireo, describing what it does, what it integrates with, and how it saves time and duplication of effort for students, graduate school professionals, librarians, and repository managers.

Learning outcomes include:

- Familiarity with the basic functions of Vireo from student and staff perspectives
- Familiarity with the new organizational structure of Vireo 4 and the creation of workflows
- Familiarity with the creation and application of controlled vocabularies to select fields

Post-Conference Workshops

Friday, September 14th, 9:00 am – 12 Noon

Using the ETD+ Toolkit to Teach Data Management Skills



Presented by Gabrielle Victoria Michalek – Principal Archivist at Carnegie Mellon University, Katherine Skinner – Executive Director of the Educopia Institute

The vast majority of Electronic Theses and Dissertations submitted to date in most colleges and universities have been comprised of text-based PDF files. However, over the last decade, many colleges and universities report a rise in student interest in submitting other file types

In a survey of 795 graduate students across nine U.S. universities conducted by the ETDplus project team, more than a third of respondents reported that non-PDF files created in their thesis and dissertation research process – including research data, video, digital art, and software code – are either as important or more important than the PDF as research outputs and evidence.

In response the IMLS-funded the “ETDplus” project (Educopia, 2014-17) worked to produce openly reusable and adaptable, student-oriented Guidance Documents and workshop series, and also a prototype tool built in Hydra Sufia that is designed to support student ETD supplementary materials submission.

In the summer of 2017, team members began using the workshop series modules to teach data management best practices related to the ETD creation process at several universities. The lessons learned from their shared experience provided the necessary feedback to tweek how the modules are rolled out and taught to students. In this workshop, participants will learn how best to teach the materials in the toolkit modules and tailor them to the local environment.

While the modules in the ETD+ Toolkit offer practical advice to students and researchers, it is important to understand the student’s research workflow to provide specific help to students. Live workshops often raise important questions and issues that are closely related to the modules, but are not covered in the toolkit materials. The Toolkit modules serve as a springboard for a wider discussion concerning digital literacy and scholarship.

This three-hour workshop will help ETD program administrators and the libraries that support them to understand and address students’ needs to ensure the longevity of their research outputs. Together in the workshop, we’ll discuss current and near-future needs and ways that ETD programs can help to narrow the gaps in knowledge, expertise, and infrastructure for our students.

Workshop schedule:

09:00-09:20 – Welcome, Introductions

09:20-09:30 – ETD Hands-on Activity

09:30-10:00 – Strategically Connecting the Library to Graduate Students

10:00-11:00 – Copyright Module and Other Scholarly Communications Questions

11:00-11:30 – Data Organization, File Formats, and Storage and Use of Other Data and Research Management Tools, i.e. Mendeley, Git Hub, Evernote

11:30-12:00 – Connecting Student Needs to University Needs

Learning Objectives include:

- Broaden and deepen familiarity with emerging methods and tools to support students' digital object management.
- Anticipate the impact of expanding research formats and materials on lifecycle management practices for ETD programs.
- Understand what other institutions are doing to support students in managing (or learning how to manage) their research outputs.
- Future direction of using the Toolkit on campus to support digital literacy and library instruction.

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