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USETDA 2020 Conference
Making Connections –
Scholarly Communication in the Digital Age

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10th Annual Conference on Electronic Theses and Dissertations

Virtual Town Hall Meeting September 23, 2020

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Details for the USETDA online *Town Hall Meeting* are still being determined. For the virtual program, we plan to include a keynote presentation as well as panel discussions in which participants can join in the live discussion. We anticipate that the major hot topic this year will be about making the transition to a home office, including user experiences on best approaches to host virtual consultations and to provide online resources for ETD programs, adaptation stories on how campuses have adjusted their processes for business models from physical to remote access, as well as how to provide new capacities to re-envision the future. Additionally, although we cannot include breakout presentations in the virtual program, we encourage the community to submit proposals on traditional ETD topics and best practices, from which, the presentations (slides, papers, posters, videos) will be included in the online meeting proceedings.

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USETDA 2022 Conference

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It's conference time!

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

Forthcoming Resources

- Welcome to USETDA 2020

Important Dates

- Call for proposals
  - Announcement: January 17, 2020
  - Submission deadline: May 8, 2020
- Presenter notifications: July 17, 2020
- Registration: July 17 – September 22, 2020
- Virtual Town Hall Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 (1:00 pm – 6:30 pm)
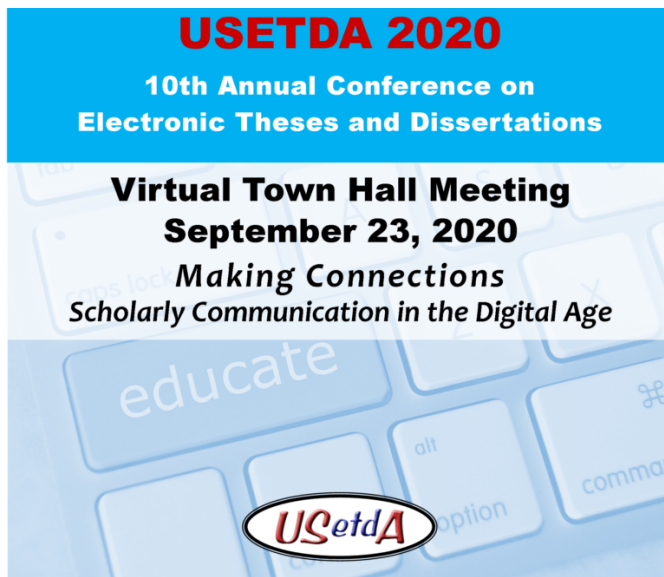
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Call for Proposals

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Click **here** to view the USETDA 2020 Conference Call for Proposals Web page and to submit your paper, presentation, panel session or poster proposal online. Note: the submission deadline will close May 9, 2020.

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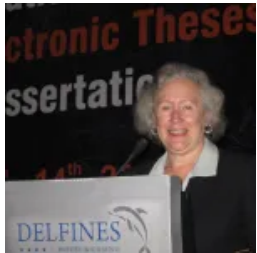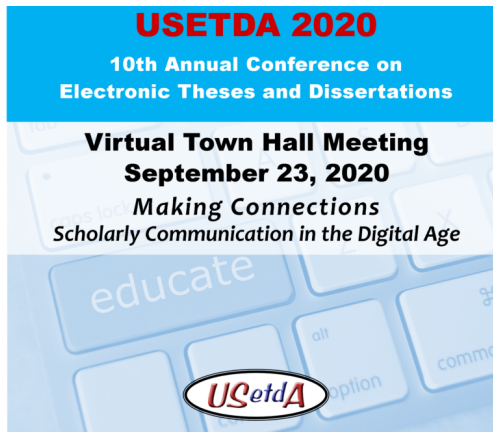USETDA 2020 Conference Update – COVID-19 Statement

CFP Resources

- Code of Conduct
- Poster Guidelines
- Selection Rubric

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Program Highlights

The full program includes a keynote presentation, two plenary roundtable panel discussions, three 20-minute brief breakout presentations, two live poster presentations and nine 40-minute breakout presentations including user group meetings as well as a variety of networking opportunities. Select presentations will be delivered "live" via Zoom during the virtual conference. You will be able to view all of the presentations in the Conference Proceedings. You can view the full program in our USETDA 2020 Conference-at-a-glance.

Networking Opportunities

You will have the opportunity to participate in a number of structured as well as informal networking opportunities to discuss a variety of ETD topics with colleagues and special interest groups including live presentations delivered via Zoom with virtual audience participation and discussion options, user's group meetings and breakout sessions throughout the conference. Zoom sessions will be recorded and archived.

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Registration

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to learn more and share your experiences with colleagues at USETDA 2020! The conference is free to all, but you must register for access. To register visit our registration information Web page.

We hope to see you online at USETDA 2020.

Kind Regards,
USETDA Conference Organizing Committee

Conference Resources

USETDA 2020 Conference Website

The USETDA 2020 Conference Website provides portals for CFP submissions, registration, proceedings and conference venue information. The relevant links are listed below:

- Call for Proposals (January 15, 2020 – May 15, 2020)
- Conference Overview
- Conference Program Overview
- Organizers and Partners
- Presentations (Proceedings)
- Program Overview
- Registration Form
- Track Policies

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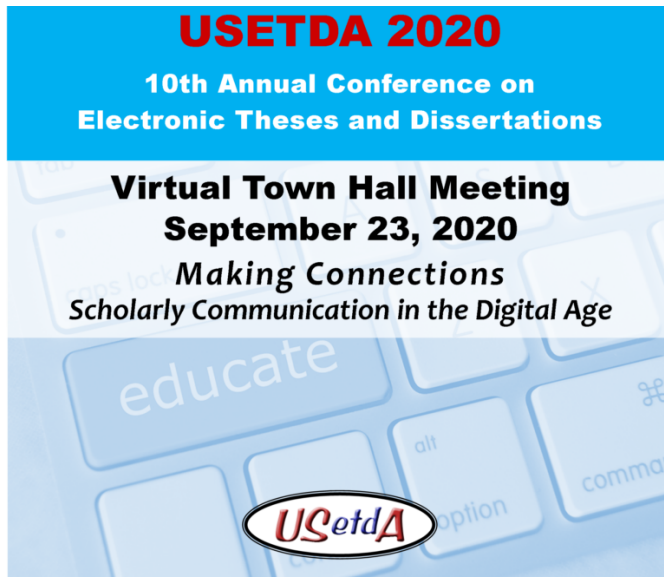
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Because registration for the *Virtual Town Hall Meeting* will be free this year, we would like to encourage membership with the USETDA. Additionally, we are also in the process of adapting our sponsorship options for the virtual venue. All contributions will help sustain the USETDA organization well into the future. Details are available from our Membership Web page.

USETDA Conference Registration and Membership Rates Chart

| Rates Chart 2020		
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.
To become a USETDA member click **here** or join and pay when you register below		
Registration Options		

Regular registration (July 17 through September 22, 2020)	$0

To register click here

Registration is required to participate online.*Contact USETDA for multi-institutional arrangements.

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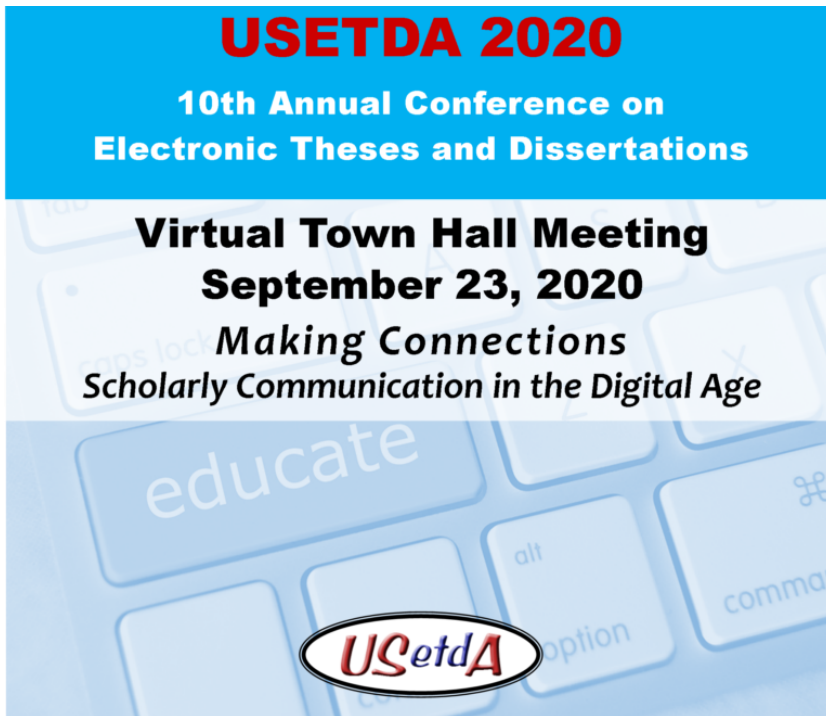
A special thanks goes to the sponsors of the USETDA 2020 Virtual Town Hall Meeting for making this event possible!

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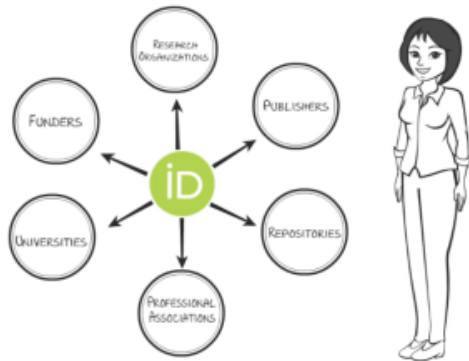
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Sponsorship Options

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 2020 Conference sponsorship options listed below as well as online. 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, 2020.

About USETDA 2020

USETDA 2020 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 over 200 people will attend, with most constituents being from the United States. In past years we have averaged 100 participants attending and had numerous corporate and non-profit sponsors, including colleges and universities, institutional repository and archival system providers, digital technology applications companies, bookbinders and other library related services. Part of the conference is the ETD Technology Fair, where vendors can set up 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 2020 Sponsorship Options

Platinum Sponsor $5,000

- Logo depicted on the front cover of the digital 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 digital Conference Program (camera ready, 7.5 inches wide by 10 inches high)
- Full page display in the virtual conference exhibition area
- Presentation and welcome address from the sponsor (10 minutes) during a plenary session**

Gold Sponsor $2,000

- Logo depicted in the digital Conference program
- Mention in all Conference literature as an Associated Sponsor
- Logo displayed on USETDA Conference Web site*
- Half-page color advertisement in the digital Conference Program (camera ready, 7.5 inches wide by 5 inches high)
- Half-page display in the virtual conference exhibition area
- Welcome message during the electronic town hall meeting (2 minutes)

Silver Sponsor $1,000

- Logo depicted in the digital Conference program
- Mention in all Conference literature as an Affiliated Sponsor
- Logo displayed on USETDA Conference Web site*
- Quarter-page color advertisement in the digital Conference Program (camera ready, 3.75 inches wide by 5 inches high)
- Quarter-page display in the virtual conference exhibition area
- Welcome message during the electronic town hall meeting (1 minute)

Bronze Sponsor $750

- Logo depicted in the digital Conference program
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- Quarter-page color advertisement in the digital 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, USETDA Executive Director

USETDA 2020 Conference Sponsorship Resources:

- USETDA 2020 Conference Information
- USETDA 2020 Conference Sponsors
- Download USETDA 2020 Sponsorship Options Contract (pdf) / (docx)
- USETDA 2020 Conference Registration / Sponsorship Online Payment

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