United States Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Association

USETDA 2021

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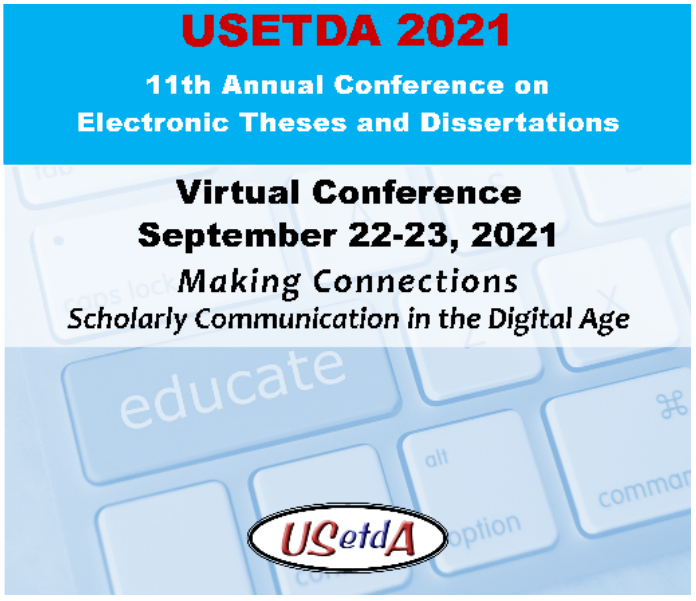
Making Connections – Scholarly Communication in the Digital Age



In an effort to provide a safe meeting environment as well as to preserve the work and funding already put into this year's conference, we sought new opportunities for outreach and engagement. As a result, this year we are pleased to announce USETDA 2021, the 11th annual conference, will be held online as a virtual event September 22 – 23, 2021. Please visit our USETDA 2021 Conference Update – COVID-19 Statement for complete information about this this transition to an online conference venue.

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USETDA 2021 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 "Making Connections – Scholarly Communication in the Digital Age" 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. We will also explore new and emerging ETD practices, needs, and influences that impact administrative, graduate school, and library professionals.

Details for the USETDA online conference are still being determined. For the virtual program, we plan to include a keynote presentation as well as plenary panel discussions in which participants can join in the live discussion. We also plan to offer brief and extended format breakout sessions on a variety of topics, user group meetings and social engagement opportunities. Through our Call for Proposals we will welcome 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, best practices and policies. Presentation materials (slides, papers, posters, videos) will be included in the online proceedings.

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

Forthcoming Resources

- Sponsor Virtual Exhibits
- Welcome to USETDA 2021

Important Dates

- Call for proposals
  - Announcement: January 15, 2021
  - Submission deadline: April 16, 2021
- Presenter notifications: June 14, 2021
- Registration: June 14 – September 21, 2021
- Conference Date: September 22-23, 2021

USETDA 2021 Conference Organizing Committee

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It's conference time!

- Aura Young (University of North Carolina Charlotte, The Center for Graduate Life)*^

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Call for Proposals

Click **here** to view the USETDA 2021 Conference Call for Proposals information.

Note: the submission deadline was April 16, 2021.

In an effort to provide a safe meeting environment as well as to preserve the work and funding already put into this year's conference, we sought new opportunities for outreach and engagement. As a result, we are pleased to announce the USETDA 2021 Conference will be offered as an online virtual event to be held September 22 – 23, 2021.

CFP Resources

- Code of Conduct
- Poster Guidelines
- Selection Rubric

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Conference Invitation

The USETDA has announced their 11th annual conference—USETDA 2021—*Making Connections: Scholarly Communication in the Digital Age*. In an effort to provide a safe meeting environment as well as to preserve the work and funding already put into this year's conference, we are pleased to announce that the USETDA 2021 Conference will be held as an onlineevent, scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, September 22 – 23, 2021 (all times Eastern). Please visit our USETDA 2021 Conference Update – COVID-19 Statement for complete information about this transition. To register visit our registration information Web page.

USETDA Conferences are an excellent educational opportunity for ETD professionals from graduate schools, libraries, academic computing and others who work with electronic theses and dissertations (ETDs). The conference theme "*Making Connections – Scholarly Communication in the Digital Age*" 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.

This year's program includes two keynote plenary panel presentations including audience participation.

Wednesday, September 22nd – "***Publish or Perish? A Panel Discussion on the Quandaries of Open Access and ETDs***." Panelists include Peter Suber – Harvard University Libraries, Gail McMillan – Virginia Tech Libraries, Kathleen Driskell – Chair, Association of Writers and Writing Programs, Maha Bali – American University in Cairo, Shadi Mehraban – St. John's University, Michael Brooks – Bowling Green State University.

Thursday, September 23rd – "***The Survey of Earned Doctorates – Tips on Compliance, Privacy and Institutional Data Resources***." Panelists include Patricia Green and Peter Einaudi, RTI International.

Program Highlights

The full program includes two interactive keynote plenary panel discussions, one 90-minute workshop, twelve 20-minute brief breakout presentations, fourteen 40-minute extended breakout presentations, two live poster presentations including user group meetings as well as a variety of networking opportunities. All presentations will be delivered "live" via Hopin 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 2021 Conference-at-a-glance.

Networking Opportunities

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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 Hopin with virtual audience participation and discussion options, user's group meetings and breakout sessions throughout the conference.

Conference Workshop

We are pleased to offer intensive learning experiences through our conference workshop series. This year's workshop is "Preparing Students for ETD Format Review: A Discussion of Workshop Best Practices". For a complete description, visit the conference workshops Web page.

Registration

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to learn more and share your experiences with colleagues at USETDA 2021! Member registration is only $69 or $169 at the non-member rate. To register visit our registration information Web page.

We hope to see you online at USETDA 2021.

Kind Regards,
USETDA Conference Organizing Committee

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Conference Resources

USETDA 2021 Conference Website

The USETDA 2021 Conference Website provides portals for CFP submissions, registration, proceedings and conference venue information. The relevant links are listed below:

- Call for Proposals (January 15 – March 15, 2021)
- Conference Overview
- Organizers and Partners
- Presentations (Proceedings)
- Program Overview
- Registration Form
- Track Policies

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Program (PDF)

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Registration Information

The USETDA will hold their 11th annual conference September 22 – 23, 2021 as an online virtual event. For complete information about the transition to an online conference venue, visit our USETDA 2021 Conference Update – COVID-19 Statement. This year, in order to engage our participants by providing a virtual user experience similar to a live conference venue, we are pleased to announce that we will host our online event via the Hopin virtual conference system.

Please review the following information before registering. You will find our Registration Checklist and Rates Chart listed below.

Registration will be available June 14, 2021 through September 21, 2021 at the rate of $69 for members or $169 for non-members. 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 options provide the discount registration rate to all persons at the member institution, association or consortium. The *Individual* membership option 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 Webpage.

Program: Visit the Conference Program Overview Webpage.

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 *(form forthcoming)*

USETDA Conference Registration and Membership Rates Chart

Rates Chart 2021		
Membership Enrollment Fee (Annual)		
Institutional (discount member registration rate applies to all staff)	$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		
Member registration rate (through September 21, 2021)	$69	
Non–member registration rate (through September 21, 2021)	$169	
Presenter Rate (Membership encouraged)	$-0-	
Related Conference Event Fee (if applicable)		
Workshops	$-0-	Workshop descriptions (*Webpage forthcoming*)

*Contact USETDA for multi-institutional arrangements.

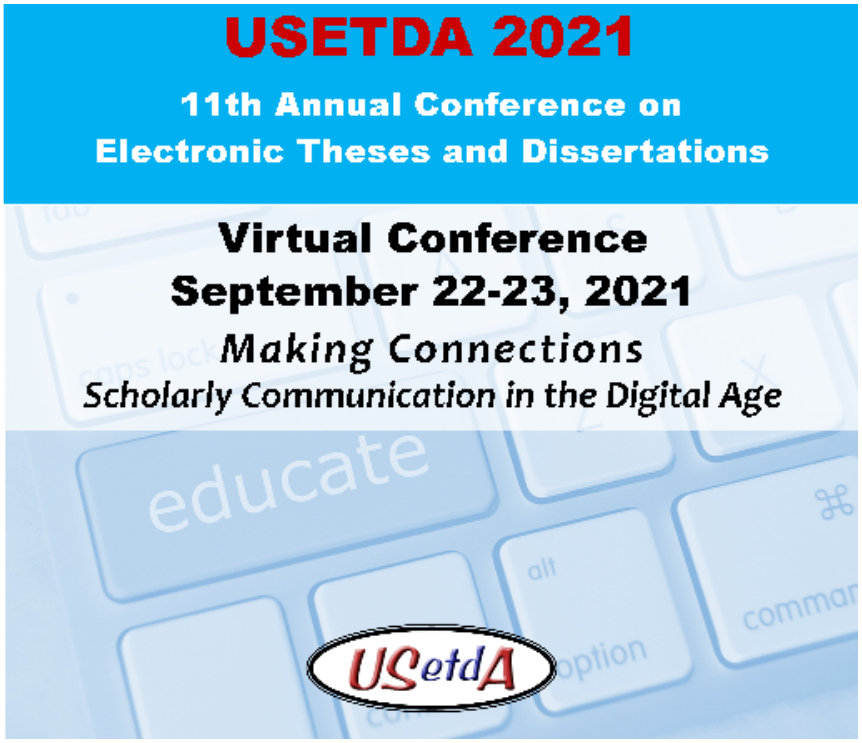
Payment Terms:

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 21, 2021. Cancellations will be processed within 60 days after the end of the event.

USETDA 2021 Conference Sponsors



A special thanks goes to the sponsors of the USETDA 2021 Conference for making this event possible!

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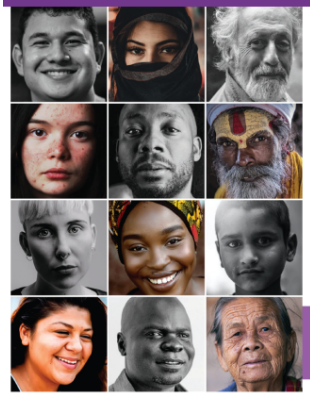

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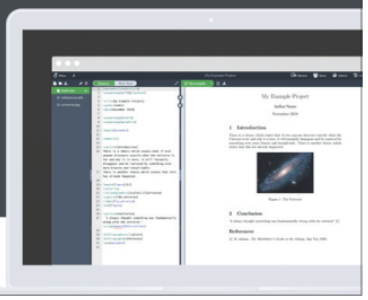

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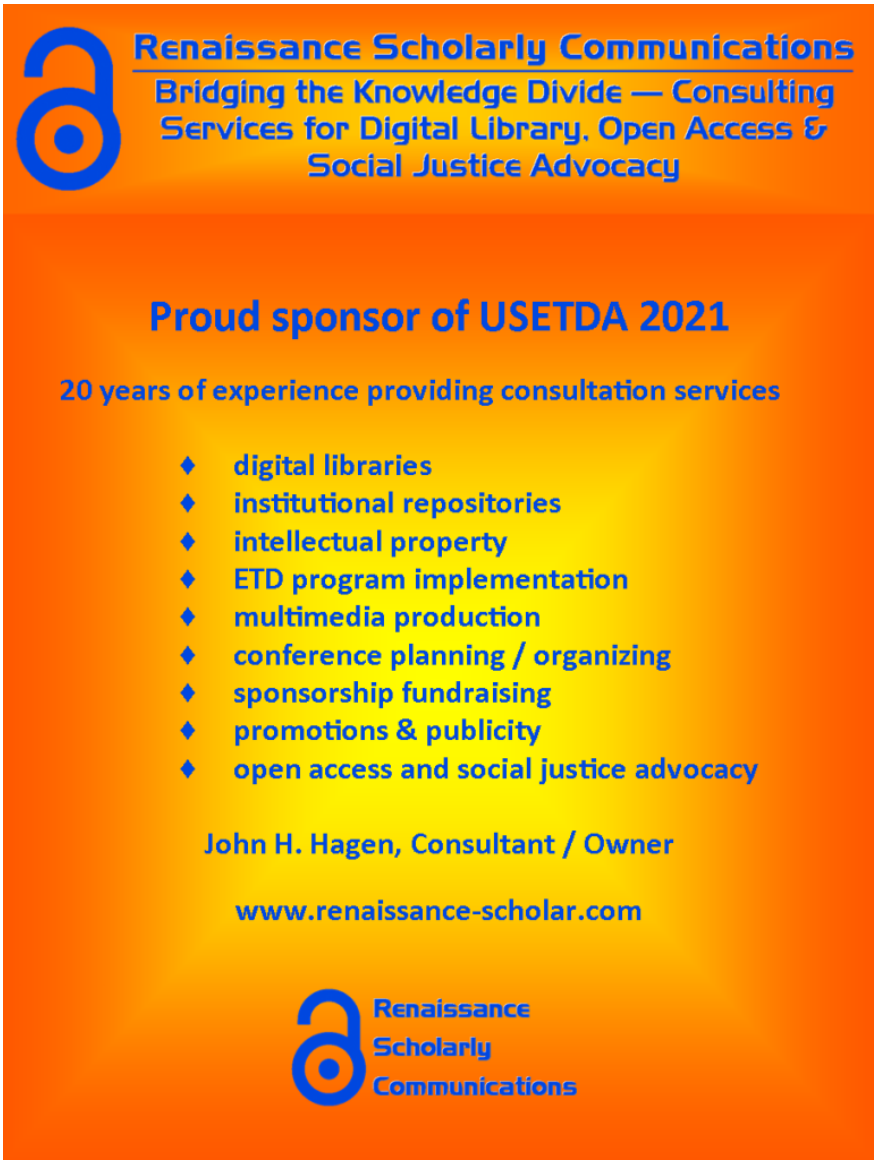
Watch our Vireo User Group video to learn more. bit.ly/2XXChbD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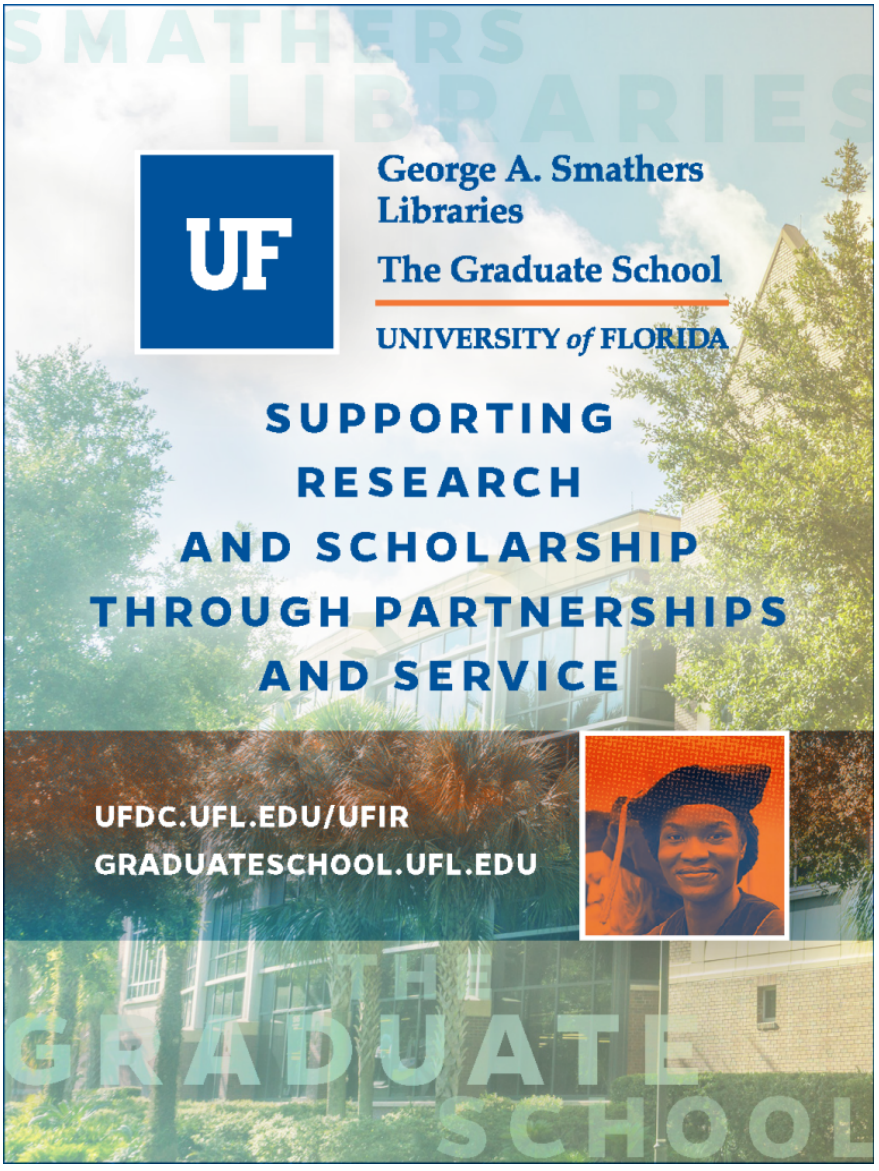

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Sponsorship

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This year, in order to engage our participants by providing a virtual user experience similar to a live conference venue, we are pleased to announce that we will host our online event via the Hopin virtual conference system. This will include sponsor opportunities for virtual exhibits and one-on-one video conferencing with audience participants.

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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 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, 2021.

About USETDA 2021

USETDA 2021 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 includes an 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.

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Platinum Sponsor $5,000

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- Opportunities for one-on-one video conferencing with audience participants
- Presentation and welcome address from the sponsor (10 minutes) during a plenary session**

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- Mention in all Conference literature as an Associated Sponsor
- Logo displayed on USETDA Conference Web site*
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- Half-page display in the virtual conference exhibition area
- Opportunities for one-on-one video conferencing with audience participants
- Welcome message during the electronic town hall meeting (2 minutes)

Silver Sponsor $1,000

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- Quarter-page display in the virtual conference exhibition area
- Opportunities for one-on-one video conferencing with audience participant
- 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.

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The USETDA is pleased to offer intensive learning experiences through our conference workshop series. **The workshop is 90 minutes in length, to be held online via Hopin.** Workshop descriptions and presenter information are listed below. All workshops are offered free of charge to conference registrants.

Conference Workshops

Thursday, September 23rd, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm (Eastern)

Preparing Students for ETD Format Review: A Discussion of Workshop Best Practices

Presented by Cynthia Tindongan – Ohio University Graduate College, Daniel Nygard – North Dakota State University Graduate School and Lusiella Fazzino – St. Johns University Library.

Workshop Description:

A number of Graduate Schools and Libraries hold ETD workshops in order to make the Format Review process efficient and successful. However, crafting an effective workshop can be challenging and specific to institution type.

This presentation will review case studies of workshop practices at three mid-size universities: Ohio University, a rural public university; North Dakota State University, a land-grant public university; and St. John's University, a private Catholic university. We seek common themes in presenting successful workshops and identifying challenges.

Providing workshops is a promising practice that is beneficial to both students and staff in facilitating a smooth completion of the ETD formatting and submission process. Given constraints of time and resources, workshops can be a significant shift in practice. Managing ETDs solely through the review process has proven to be limited whereas workshops have improved outcomes for both Graduate Schools and Libraries.

Session outcomes include a robust discussion of the benefits of providing regular workshops to our target audience of graduate students. Participants should come away with an understanding of how three institutions utilize workshops, accompanied by the input of other participants.

Attendees will have access to our workshop curricula, training materials, and website links.

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