Participant Profiles

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Name and URL associated with your digital scholarship center:
Center for Digital Scholarship - http://library.brown.edu/cds/

If you have a mission statement or some similar description of your center, please share it here:
The Center for Digital Scholarship, a cross-departmental group in the Brown University Library supports digital scholarship for the Brown community and beyond by supporting scholarly and academic activities that are conducted or enhanced through the use of digital technology or that engage with its effects. The Center does this through:

-Building infrastructure, interfaces, tools, and systems that support digital information and scholarly activity at Brown
-Developing new digital projects with and for Brown community members
-Engaging in research and experimental development work on tools and technologies that support our infrastructure and projects and contribute to the broader understanding of digital scholarship and scholarly communication
-Serving as a locus of expertise in digital scholarship, and disseminating the results of our research and development activities.

What kinds of spaces are included in your Digital Scholarship Center? Select all that apply:
✔Staff offices (coming Summer 2015)
Public workstations
✔Collaboration spaces
Service point/desk
Consultation areas
✔Seminar/workshop/classroom spaces
Media production studio
Makerspace
Exhibit space
✔Other (please specify) (Visualization lab)

What services does your center support?:
Consultation on digital technologies
Consultation on digital project management
Digital preservation/curation consultation
Visualization studio

Services offered (additional items) – select all that apply
✔Workshops/Classes
✔Grant writing assistance
✔Data services
Graduate student fellowships
✔Consultation in pedagogy/instructional technologies
Seed grants

What type of staff is involved in the center?:
Librarians
Information technologists

Do you have **instructional technologists** on your staff?
No

Please provide a URL or describe (in a few sentences) one digital project that has had support of the center:
Example: "Garibaldi and the Risogiomento": http://library.brown.edu/cds/garibaldi/

Aside from the digitization of the Garibaldi panorama, CDS staff helped develop the website that repurposes content from the Brown Digital Repository (accessed via API) to allow for more fluid interaction and to place the collections within their scholarly context.

Please provide pointers to additional materials that may be helpful in understanding the structure and work of the center (journal articles, book chapters, web pages, reports, etc.): This site gives more detailed info about CDS activities:
http://library.brown.edu/cds/activities/

Would you like to include **visuals** in your profile? If so, please send them as attachments and submit to CNI along with this profile document.
See attached

If you have **additional information** to add to this profile, please insert here:

During the workshop there was discussion of **definitions** for digital scholarship centers as compared to, or in relation to, other similar programs, such as digital humanities centers. Please share any suggestions or ideas you may have regarding this question:
The main distinction, in my mind, is that Digital Scholarship centers seek to offer a broad base of programs and services to a diverse community of scholars, whereas DH centers are more likely to be driven by particular scholars' research agendas and are more likely to be headed by faculty.