

SCHOLARS' LAB

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The Scholars' Lab is an Information Commons, catering to the research, digitization, interface, and data management needs of humanists and social scientists. We host a wide variety of programs and offer friendly, expert consultation and opportunities for collaboration. Our faculty consultants hold higher degrees in the fields they support, and our staff are trained professionals, deeply involved in the transformation of traditional analytical and interpretive scholarship through new methods and new media. We invite you to visit us and learn how we can help you advance your research and contribute to emerging scholarship in your own discipline.

COLLABORATE, ITERATE, DISCUSS

The Scholars' Lab was designed for both group and solo work, with room for small teams and larger classes. We are eager to partner with scholars in the humanities and social sciences on digital projects. Whether you are a seasoned digital humanist or just curious about the ways technology might transform your modes of inquiry, the Scholars' Lab aims to foster inventive collaborations and spur you to conversation.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

The faculty and staff of the Scholars' Lab are ready to consult privately or offer classroom instruction in: project development and best practices in the digital humanities; electronic text encoding and analysis; scanning of texts and images, including OCR (optical character recognition); geospatial analysis and GIS applications; data mining and statistical analysis; and computer programming and interface design.

A COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS

To nurture excellent, technologically-enhanced work in the humanities and social sciences at U.Va., the Scholars' Lab funds several year-long Graduate Fellows in Digital Humanities. These awards recognize innovative projects that figure in the dissertations of promising early-career academics. Lectures, workshops, colloquia, and other educational events also dot our calendar, facilitating discussion and increasing the engagement of faculty and students with trends in digital scholarship.

THE FUTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY

The Scholars' Lab plays a key role in University-wide cyberinfrastructure initiatives. We are the primary point of interface between faculty in the humanities and social sciences and larger Library and ITC initiatives to develop functional and sustainable digital environments for emerging scholarship. The Lab also lends its support to faculty-led efforts in digital humanities and helps forge interdisciplinary relationships around common interests and methodologies.

OUR HISTORY

The Scholars' Lab was established in 2006, when the staff and services of the Library's famed Electronic Text Center joined with those of the Geospatial and Statistical Data Center and ITC's Research Computing Support Center in a beautifully remodeled space on the main floor of Alderman

Library. Founded in 1992, EText set a global precedent for the creation and use of digital materials by scholars in the humanities. Likewise, GeoStat, founded in 1997, was a leader in the presentation and analysis of statistical and spatial datasets, and ITC's Research Computing Support group has offered guidance in high performance computing, data visualization, and related areas since the mid-1990s. The Scholars' Lab is proud to continue the efforts of these U.Va. landmark centers in fresh and sustainable ways.

VISIT US

The Scholars' Lab is located on the fourth floor of Alderman Library, just past Alderman Café. Learn more about our events and programming at www.lib.virginia.edu/scholarslab or contact us at www.lib.virginia.edu/scholarslab/help.