

Participant Profiles

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Participant I Role in Digital Scholarship Center I co-manage the Scholarly Commons, and am responsible for strategic planning for the Commons, as well as developing partnerships.

Name and URL associated with your digital scholarship center:

Scholarly Commons: <http://library.illinois.edu/sc>

If you have a mission statement or some similar description of your center, please share it here:

The Scholarly Commons provides services to support technology and data intensive research and pedagogy in partnership with faculty, graduate students, and other units on campus. It connects users with experts in the library and elsewhere on campus in order to move their work forward.

The Scholarly Commons is a technology enriched space for faculty, researchers, and graduate students to pursue research and receive expert copyright, data, digital humanities, digitization, scholarly communications, and usability consultation services. Scholarly Commons staff partner with faculty and graduate students in courses and to support research projects. Scholarly Commons services are supported by experts in the Scholarly Commons, subject specialists at the University Library, and partners throughout campus.

The Scholarly Commons also aims to promote conversations about the changing nature of scholarship in all disciplines; to this end, we have begun to bring speakers to campus to promote and provoke discussions. Last semester saw Dr. Victoria Stodden, and in February we will be bringing Heather Piwowar to speak on ImpactStory.

What services does your center support?:

Consultation on digital technologies

Consultation on digital project management

Intellectual property consultation

Digital preservation/curation consultation

Workshops

Other: extensive data services (access, manipulation, capture, management, and curation) and consulting on construction and analysis of surveys

What type of staff is involved in the center?:

Information technology professionals

Multimedia professionals

Librarians

Graduate students

Other: Survey Research Lab, data specialists from other departments

Please provide a URL or describe (in a few sentences) one digital project that has had support of the center:

A slightly different example: In the fall semester we worked extensively with an advanced undergraduate course on Medieval Russian history. The faculty member (John Randolph) teaching the course wanted to build a portion of the class around some basic spatial analysis techniques using, as he described it "spatial data in the chronicles of old Rus' to visualize how churchmen at the court of Kiev imagined Rus's place in the world." Our numeric and spatial data services librarian planned and co-taught a class with Professor Randolph on GIS and spatial analysis; we installed specific software within the Scholarly Commons to support this work; and the librarian, as well as our graduate assistants, consulted with students throughout the semester on their projects. This was the first time we had provided this type of extensive support for a course.

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.):

The Scholarly Commons planning documents provide some useful background:

<http://www.library.illinois.edu/nsm/scholcom/index.html>

See also our blog: <http://publish.illinois.edu/commonsknowledge/> which covers some of the areas that we are working on.