

# Participant Profiles

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Name and URL associated with your digital scholarship center:  
Scholars' Lab, [www.scholarslab.org](http://www.scholarslab.org)

If you have a mission statement or some similar description of your center, please share it here: At the University of Virginia Library Scholars' Lab, advanced students and researchers across the disciplines partner on digital projects and benefit from expert consultation and teaching. Our highly-trained faculty and staff focus on the digital humanities, geospatial information, and scholarly making and building at the intersection of the digital and physical worlds. The SLab hosts workshops and a popular lecture series, and supports emerging scholar-practitioners through Graduate Fellowships in Digital Humanities and UVA's innovative Praxis Program.

What kinds of spaces are included in your Digital Scholarship Center? Select all that apply:

- Staff offices
- Public workstations
- Collaboration spaces
- Service point/desk
- Consultation areas
- Seminar/workshop/classroom spaces
- Makerspace
- Exhibit space

What services does your center support?:

- Consultation on digital technologies
  - Consultation on digital project management
  - Intellectual property consultation
  - Digital preservation/curation consultation
- Workshops
- Makerspace
- Other: Graduate student fellowships and methodological training

Services offered (additional items) – select all that apply

- Grant writing assistance
- Data services
- Graduate student fellowships
- Consultation in pedagogy/instructional technologies
- Seed grants

What type of staff is involved in the center?:

Information technology professionals

Librarians

Information technologists

Graduate students

Undergraduate students

Do you have instructional technologists on your staff?

No, not technically, but do have folks with lots of experience and ability to consult

Please provide a URL or describe (in a few sentences) one digital project that has had support of the center: [praxis-network.org](http://praxis-network.org)

Committed to transforming graduate methodological training, the Scholars' Lab pioneered the Praxis Program ([praxis.scholarship.org](http://praxis.scholarship.org)), a year-long, team-based, funded fellowship that fosters emerging scholar-practioners of the digital humanities. Growing out of significant interest in the Praxis Program, the Scholars' Lab nurtured Praxis Network, an international coalition of 8 like-minded programs from 4 countries.

Praxis Network programs are allied but differently-inflected humanities education initiatives, mainly focused on graduate training, and all engaged in rethinking pedagogy and campus partnerships in relation to the digital. Among other elements, the initiatives emphasize new models of methodological training and collaborative research. Each program exists within a particular ecosystem of disciplinary expectations, institutional needs, available resources, leadership styles, and specific challenges.

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.)

Please see the following selected articles for more information around the ethos and mission of the Scholars' Lab.

Skunks in the Library: A Path to Production for Scholarly R&D

Bethany Nowviskie

Journal of Library Administration

Vol. 53, Iss. 1, 2013

Too Small to Fail, blog post

Bethany Nowviskie

<http://nowviskie.org/2012/too-small-to-fail/>

October 13, 2012

Originally, Praxis, through Prisms; now, A Digital Boot Camp for Grad Students in the Humanities

Bethany Nowviskie

Chronicle of Higher Education

April 29, 2012

<http://chronicle.com/article/A-Digital-Boot-Camp-for-Grad/131665/>

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| 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: