The Process of Discovery

CLIR Postdoctoral Fellows on the Future of the Academy

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The CLIR Postdoctoral Fellowship Program (2004-present)

Since 2004
130 PhDs
117 Postdocs from U.S.
13 Postdocs from Canada
60 Number of Host Institutions

2015 UPDATE:
CLIR POSTDOC PROGRAM

Top Hosts
Institutions that have hosted 3 or more fellows:

1. University of California, LA
2. McMaster University
3. The Johns Hopkins University
4. Lehigh University
5. Bryn Mawr College
6. University of Illinois, U-C
7. University of Michigan
8. University of Notre Dame

Year with most Fellows
2014
CLIR and DLF offer 3 types of Postdoctoral Fellowships

- In Academic Libraries
- In Data Curation for the Sciences and Social Sciences
- In Data Curation for Medieval Studies

Number of Fellows by year:

- 2004
- 2005
- 2006
- 2007
- 2008
- 2009
- 2010
- 2011
- 2012
- 2013
- 2014
- 2015
GOALS

LEADERSHIP
Building leadership capacity for libraries and higher education through establishing cohort unity, community building, and mutual support.

RELEVANT RESOURCES
Providing young scholars relevant resources for further study and training, so that each can set and meet personal professional development goals to build careers as effective “change agents” in higher education or allied domains.

AWARENESS
Broaden awareness of financial, technical, professional, and social changes in higher education in libraries and the academy.

YOUNG SCHOLARS
Introduction of young scholars to professional language and culture related to LIS (now with a special focus on research data curation/data management).

CHANGING ROLES
Helping CLIR understand the changing roles of libraries, campus IT, and other research support units through direct, sustained contact with on-the-ground change.
The 10-year CLIR Survey

- 57% response rate from 89 current and former CLIR Fellows
- Rich responses to both likert and open-ended questions

As a CLIR Fellow, I found the following valuable:
As a CLIR Fellow, I found the following aspects challenging:
“Overall, the experience renewed for me the feeling that collaborative work is important and rewarding, and I was grateful for the chance to be a small part of a crucial conversation about the future of academic libraries.”

“Professionally, it has given me a whole new career that absorbs many of academic skills and interests, plus new perspectives and options. Library-land is not the perfect place for me but I do have work, opportunities, and abilities that are much more relevant to the real world and problems I care about than I probably would have had as a career academic.”
What the heck is a Collaborative Writing Group?
Libraries and the Research Data Management Landscape

Jodi Reeves Flores, Jason J. Brodeur, Morgan G. Daniels, Natsuko Nicholls, and Ece Turnator
IN DATA CURATION FOR THE SCIENCES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

IN DATA CURATION FOR MEDIEVAL STUDIES
Toward a Trackless Future: Moving beyond “Alt-Ac” and “Post-Ac”

Meridith Beck Sayre Mink
Marta Brunner
Brian Croxall
Emily McGinn
**Selected Data Sources:**

Reports by the Modern Language Association—MLA

Reports by the American Historical Association—AHA

Several specific studies:


National Science Foundation. 2013. Survey of Earned Doctorates.

Announcing the Open Peer Review of My “Failure”
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Keep Calm and Carry On: Finding and Building PhD Career Paths
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Alt-Ac and Gender at the 2014 MLA: a Proposal
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UPCOMING TALKS
Following Up on the MLA Action for Allies
8 Jan 16
MLA Convention
Failure and Digital Pedagogy
10 Jan 16
MLA Convention
Mapping and Touring The Battle of Atlanta
18 Mar 16
New England History Teachers Association Fall Conference
Mathematical Analysis of Cultural Expressive Forms: Text Data
23 May 16
Culture Analytics Workshop

ARCHIVES
› November 2015 (1)
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› July 2015 (1)
› April 2015 (1)
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› October 2014 (1)
› September 2014 (1)
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› November 2012 (1)
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› June 2012 (1)
› May 2012 (4)
› March 2012 (2)
• Cultural Reorientation
• Skills Realignment
• Things That Graduate Students Can Do
From top left, clockwise: Fellow Laura Aydelotte confers with librarian at Fisher Fine Arts Library during tour of University of Pennsylvania Libraries; Fellows in discussion session; Program Dean Elliott Shore; the new 2014 fellows; Bryn Mawr staff member Evan McGonagill confers with Rita Van Duinen of CLIR, guest speaker Jeffrey Lancaster, and fellow Plato Smith in breakout session. Photos by Christa Williford and Lizzi Albert.
Pageviews and downloads as of December 11, 2015:

The report landing page:

Pageviews: 1,138
Unique Pageviews: 989
Average time on page: 03:26

Aggregated data from Academia.edu:

Pageviews: 30
Downloads: 6

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We Are All “Rocket Cat”

“It’s rare to see in-depth historical and critical review of important programs within our community...” -- Clifford Lynch, CNI

“The consistent thread of learning to work collaboratively particularly resonated...” -- a CLIR postdoctoral fellow supervisor

“What an excellent record of the value of the program.” -- a former CLIR postdoctoral fellow

Thank you!

http://connect.clir.org/blogs/elizabeth-waraksa/2015/09/10/rocket-cat