Digital Scholarship Services

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Beginnings

• Began in 2003/4 when the University Libraries were approached by Dr. Loren Schweninger
• Race & Slavery Petitions Project
• National Endowment for the Humanities “We The People Project”
• Digital Library on American Slavery

• Anne Finch Digital Archive (NEH)
• NC Holocaust Education, Research, and Outreach Project (NCCH)
Beginnings

• A strong focus on IT resources and services
• An ad-hoc process
• Not part of a regular workflow
• Provided flexibility & ability to be selective about projects
• Limited resources
• No advertising or marketing, only word of mouth
• Digital Scholarship as a suite of services
• What services?
• A new department, or a distributed model?
• Digital Scholarship Coordinator
• Budget cuts
Digital Partners Grants

• Annual award of up to $22,500 in *existing resources*
• Existing hardware & software provided at no cost
• Must be submitted by UNCG faculty member
• Must be hosted on the Library's servers
• Must be Open Access and freely shared
• Build upon the Libraries’ extant digital initiatives
• Projects support a range of scholarly activities rather than creating teaching applications or custom-designed web sites for a specific course.
2016-Present

Digital Partners Grants

- Creates a workflow and a structure
- Marketing and advertising
- Allows for better understanding needs on campus
- Allows for triage
- Creates ongoing relationships
- No new resources
Digital Partners Grants

- Awarded projects vary based upon complexity and available staff
- Award numbers have ranged from 3-7/year
- Wide variety of partners, including Anthropology, Biology, Comp Sci, English, and History
- GIS applications, data hosting, web applications, e-Texts
2016-Present

Where Are We Now?

- Digital Scholarship Services Committee
- Inventory and repackaging of current services (metadata, web development, archiving, data curation, etc.)
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Where Are We Now?

• New services based upon staffing capabilities and faculty needs
• No single coordinator
• New resources
• What is needed, & what is wanted?
2016-Present

Where Are We Now?

• Spaces
• Data visualization tools
• Teaching, presentation, & workshop space
• Infrastructure and resources
• Coffee
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Digital Partners Grants
http://library.uncg.edu/research/support/digital_partners.aspx