

## OhioDIG notes—11/19/14

Theme: “What Do Users Want: A Discussion”

Speaker: Andrew Schocket, director, American Culture Studies, assoc. professor of history and American culture studies, Bowling Green State University.

Schocket will report on results gathered from the Scholars’ Dashboard project--a series of three workshops, teaming humanities scholars, librarians, and technologists in innovative application development to optimize use of humanities collections. The workshop produced technical requirements for a Scholars’ Dashboard which might be considered for any online digital humanities repository.

<http://www.scholarsdashboard.org/>

The second half of the presentation session will allow attendees to discuss their own experiences in reaching out to user communities to solicit feedback, how that data has been used to guide digital programs, and what opportunities remain to learn more about how we can better serve our users.

- Hosts: Lily Birkhimer & Jenni Salamon, Ohio History Connection
- Food: Coffee & cookies will be offered at the start of the meeting. Lunch will be brown bag.
- Site: Ohio History Center, 3rd floor, 800 E. 17th Ave. Columbus, OH 4321

### AGENDA

- 10:00-10:30 coffee social (coffee & cookies);
- 10:30-11:30 presentation and discussion on topic;
- 11:30-11:45 break;
- 11:45-1:00 brown bag lunch: all-attendee updates, "members" meeting, discussion;
- 1:15- optional: small group discussions (user groups, birds of a feather)

There were about 20+ attendees.

### Administrative

Date decided for January meeting:

- Will take place Jan. 22 at the State Library Ohio
- Speaker is Sandra Enimil (head of the Copyright Resources Center at OSU Libraries), discussing "Copyright Considerations"

March meeting will feature an update about DPLA in Ohio following December’s meeting with Emily Gore

- Possible location: OHC, to feature behind-the-scenes tours of the stacks and Digital Services

Nearing 150 subscribers on OhioDIG listserv—post to it!

Events and such can be sent to Marcus Ladd to add to the site calendar at

<http://ohiodig.org/calendar.html>.

- Grants, meetings, conferences—Ohio-ish area

Flickr account now has images from last couple meetings: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/ohiodig/> (but not Nov meeting).

## Member updates

Katrina Marshall (Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County)—Just signed new contract for CONTENTdm collection, which they hope to have up and running December-ish. One of their first efforts will be a yearbook digitization project in partnership with local schools. They are also using early Cincinnati newspapers to test new scanner (part of the DigiHubs project).

Stephanie Bricking (Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County)—Serving as a chair for MAC this upcoming spring in Lexington, KY. There will be a DAS workshop on accession and ingest of electronic records taking place in advance of the conference (info now available on SAA website).

Sasha Griffin (Denison University)—New University Archivist at DU. Projects include university records on CONTENTdm and Preservica, but looking for access plus preservation software. Denison is part of part of the Five Colleges consortium,

Jenni Salamon (Ohio History Connection)—Working on digitizing more newspaper pages with excess funding from most recent *Chronicling America* grant cycle—these new pages will hopefully be available online with the new year. The organization is also looking for new partners around the state to expand efforts to digitize papers.

Gayle Hebert (Toledo-Lucas County Public Library)—The library's new scanners are up and running. One of their first projects will be for one of the library branches celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary—materials include photos, manuscripts, artifacts, etc. They're also now on Ohio Memory, new content coming.

Lisa Long (Ohio History Connection)—Attended Library Leadership Ohio (July 2014), which takes place every 2 years through OHIONET and the State Library of Ohio and aims to gather staff from across library types for a 3-day intensive leadership program.

- Lisa participated in the digitization project planning group. Her project proposal for an online directory of digital library collections has been approved and will be forthcoming. It will be starting with public libraries, but the template could be shared on a wider scale.

Katy Klettlinger (State Library of Ohio)—Katy is now the library consultant in digitization, space planning and strategic planning, but constituents seem to be focusing on/asking about the latter two at the time being. She anticipates more updates and info on digitization to come in the spring.

Bob Schirmer (University of Findlay)—The Findlay archives are still waiting for establishment of an institutional repository (none chosen yet)—digitization is continuing but no single presence for access.

Aaron O'Donovan (Columbus Metropolitan Library)—Renovations are taking place at the Main Library, so Local History is digitizing as much as possible prior to their temporary move to a new location. Their focus is mainly on Columbus and Ohio maps, as the large-format scanner purchased as part of the

DigiHibs project will not make the move. There is discussion of a name change upcoming for Columbus Memory. Video oral histories were donated which focus on the Columbus African American community. These have been digitized and will end up online once streaming v. compression issues have been resolved.

Marcus Ladd (Miami University): Postcard project ongoing—26,000 digitized by outside company (Vendor: PrimeTech out of Dublin, Ohio), with 300-350 going online/week. Ohio cards are expected to be done Spring 2017, to be followed by KY and IN (aiming for about 50,000 online in 2020, with the tri-state area complete). More postcard donations have been incoming. The University Archives is also in the process of moving to ArchiveSpace from a combination of Archon, a homegrown system and FileMaker Pro.

Lauren Mitchell: Intern in Multimedia Services at Ohio History Connection, working on legacy databases needing migration and server issues.

Phil Sager (Ohio History Connection)—Migration using gallery-based application Pwigo, good for exhibits and similar digital content. Working with Toledo to migrate content to Ohio Memory, with ~150,000 items to be searchable through the site. Also working on maintaining a code repository through a combination of GitHub + BitBucket (non-public code) as a better way to streamline workflow.

Lily Birkhimer (Ohio History Connection): Ohio Memory website update work, and two new Ohio Memory partners—Wayne County and Toledo/Lucas Co. Digitization is continuing for Zoar materials.

Stephen Hedges (OPLIN): DigiHubs project is in the marketing phase—working on how to market to the digitization community, other libraries, etc., using word-of-mouth. A successful OLC panel discussion took place in October, which went well (SRO) and got good feedback.

Janet Carleton: Working on Voinovich collection—faculty fellowship is allowing for digitization of relevant materials for classroom use. Currently focusing on environmental issues from the collection (i.e. Clean Air Act), while next fellow will focus on Church and State. Fore-edge painting presentation this afternoon. OU has received a donation of 100+ painted books, making them one of the largest holders of this type of material. Online presence to come....

### **Wrap up—one year in!**

Interesting dynamic of smaller group (today, more similar to original OhioDIG several years back) compared to large groups we have generally been having over the last year—how to encourage more in-depth discussion (like we see with a smaller group) when we have a full set of attendees?

Future of meeting: moving forward, every other month seems to work. May ideas? Hoping for a future Westerville meeting, with tour.

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