Digital Scholarship and Student Work

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UCF’s Student Digital Scholarship: Graduate and Honors Electronic Theses and Dissertations

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Hosting, Supporting, and Preserving

• Goal of sustainable, long-term access and preservation on limited resources

• Graduate ETDs - 2004

• Honors Electronic Theses - 2011
Do you host ETDs in your institutional repository?

• Well...

• What if I don’t have an IR?
  – ETDs/ETHs are hosted by FLVC
  – Link in the catalog
  – Metadata is reconfigured and made available in a CONTENTdm collection for purposes of web searching and harvesting
Can people find our ETDs?

• Always a work in progress – SEO
  – Google, Yahoo, Bing

• Specific ETD sites
  – Networked Digital Library of Theses & Dissertations
  – OATD

• Specific searching in digital collections
  – Author, Advisor, College, Release date

• What if they don’t want to be found?
Should we submit to ProQuest or another proprietary company?

- Mandate vs. **Option**
- Student authors hold the copyright to their works
- They can choose to deposit in any repository or with any proprietary company
- Metadata is online and harvestable, but no **requirement** for depositing materials with ProQuest or others
Will our ETDs be accessible 20 years from now?

- If the past 10 years are any indication – yes!
- If not...
  - Begin with the end in mind – Digital Preservation
  - Florida Digital Archive  
  - Format Migration
- Discussion to move to “digital dissertations” beyond the PDF
Is there validity in retrospective digitization projects?

• YES!
  – Interlibrary Loan
  – Applying to graduate programs
  – Proof of research for employment
  – Lost originals
  – Format obsolete
  – Open Access
Can ETDs inform methods for additional student digital scholarship?

- Definitely!
  - Hosting
  - Digital Preservation
  - Copyright
  - Future use of content
  - Author Rights
  - Embargo periods
  - Open Access policies
  - Data storage
  - Data use agreements
  - Literature review
  - Citation management
Want more info? Contact me!

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