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Local Context and Support Structure

What is DH at Gettysburg?

"Digital Humanities encompasses any humanistic inquiry facilitated by digital technologies. Digital humanists use tools for mapping, data visualization, text analysis, online exhibits, digital collections, storytelling, and more to interpret, analyze, and present research across all disciplines to a broad audience..."

- Adopted by Musselman Library's Digital Scholarship Committee in Fall 2018
Local Context and Support Structure

Library Committee

Initially formed as a working group in September 2015 in order to explore how Musselman Library could take a lead in the digital scholarship conversation on campus, to provide support for faculty and students doing digital projects, and to support creative undergraduate research, the group has been a formal library committee since January 2017.

The committee’s composition has changed over time as members rotate on and off, but it has always included representation from across the library.

The current committee includes 5 people:

- R.C. Miessler, Systems Librarian (Technical Services)
- John Dettinger, Assistant Director of User Services (User Services)
- Amy Lucadamo, College Archivist (Special Collections & College Archives)
- Kevin Moore, Research & Instruction Librarian (R&I)
- Clinton Baugess, Research & Instruction Librarian (R&I)
What Makes Class Support Possible

**Digital Scholarship Summer Fellows (Summer)**

- An 8-week summer program for rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors, which provides a structured introduction to Digital Humanities and a range of tools and methods. By the end of the program, fellows complete an independent, public-facing, academic digital project.

**Digital Scholarship Fellows (Academic Year)**

- Based during the academic year, we hire between 2-4 students who work directly with courses with digital components.
- We often hire from our group of trained DSSFs (but not always). Supervision is distributed across members of the committee. Fellows meet weekly with their supervisor.
- Fellows receive ongoing training -- particularly around designing tutorials and designing class sessions to co-teach with a librarian.
- The fellows are often involved in the assignment design, help to design and deliver class sessions, create supporting documentation and online tutorials, and provide individual or group consultations to students.
- They typically work between 4-6 hours a week (see job description).
What Makes Class Support Possible

Digital Literacy Grant to Faculty

With the financial support of Gettysburg College's center for teaching, we offer a $500 grant to faculty who wish to develop a digital assignment for a specific course. Recipients receive an additional $500 to pay for the time and support of one of our Digital Scholarship Fellows, who are partnered with the course (Full description on the JCCTL website).

Funding

To make this work possible, we have been creative at identifying internal and external funding. As of 2017, our summer program and academic-year classroom support for faculty are funded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Other funding sources have included regional consortia (Pennsylvania Consortium for the Liberal Arts - Arthur Vining Davis Teaching and Learning Award), our campus teaching center (The Johnson Center for Creative Teaching and Learning), Gettysburg College's Provost Office, and Musselman Library.
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Class Projects Supported

Examples of Recent Class Projects from Fall 2018

HIST 301
Introduction to Public History
Dr. Jill Titus

Supported by Librarian R.C. Miessler and DSF Julia Wall

Gettysburg Cyclorama: A Digital Annotation

Begin with "Gettysburg Cyclorama: A Digital Annotation"

http://jilloglinetitus.sites.gettysburg.edu/hist301-cyclorama/history-301/index
Class Projects Supported

Examples of Recent Class Projects from Fall 2018

SOC 250
Digital Cultures and Online Behaviors
Dr. Alecea Standlee

Supported by Librarians R.C. Miessler and Clinton Baugess and DSF Emma Lewis

https://digitalculture.astandlee.sites.gettysburg.edu/2018/
Class Projects Supported

Other Support Provided

• We offer support for students doing independent research during the summer as part of Gettysburg College's Kolbe Fellows Program.

• Two members of the Digital Scholarship Committee are also part of The Jack Peirs Project, a WWI digital history project at Gettysburg College.
Classes and Tools Supported

**Interactive Maps**
- Esri Story Map Cascade
- Esri Story Maps
- Fabula Maps
- StoryMapJS

**Timelines**
- TimelineJS

**Content Management**
- Omeka
- Scalar
- WordPress

**Web Development**
- Copyright
- User Personas
- Wireframing
- Web Accessibility
- Writing for the Web
Classes and Tools Supported

Number of Classes Supported by Department, 2016-Spring 2019
References

Overview of Musselman Library’s Digital Scholarship Summer Fellows Program


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Musselman Library's Digital Scholarship Support to Faculty


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