



## **Distributed Digital Preservation for ETDs Workshop Agenda**

10 June 2009, 9:00 – 11:45 AM  
University of Pittsburgh

This workshop is designed to provide institutions with ETD initiatives with information about preserving Electronic Theses and Dissertations in a dark archive through the NDLTD/MetaArchive DDPN--distributed digital preservation network. Instructors will address important topics, including: What are academic institutions currently doing to ensure the long-term availability of their ETDs? What is distributed digital preservation? How can collaborative partnerships help us to securely preserve our ETDs? What is the MetaArchive Cooperative and how do its members interact? How can institutions best organize their ETDs for collection management purposes that also lead to sound preservation strategies?

Attendees will leave with an understanding of distributed digital preservation and of the roles their institutions may play in the NDLTD/MetaArchive preservation distributed digital preservation network.

### **Agenda**

**09:00 – 09:20**

#### **ETDs and Preservation Needs (Gail McMillan)**

Review the day's agenda, who's participating in the workshop, and results of 2008 "Digital Preservation of ETDs" survey.

**09:20 – 09:45**

#### **MetaArchive and Distributed Preservation (Martin Halbert)**

Overview of distributed digital preservation, LOCKSS, and the MetaArchive Cooperative. What is distributed digital preservation? How does it work? What does it require (hardware, software, tech support, staff and skills needed)?

**09:45 – 10:15**

#### **NDLTD/MetaArchive ETD DDPN Archive (Martin Halbert)**

Gain an understanding of the NDLTD/MetaArchive Dark Archive, including how we use it to implement ETD preservation, the roles and responsibilities of member institutions, and the basics of harvesting and ingest into the Dark Archive.

**10:15 – 10:30**

#### **Break**

**10:30 – 11:00**

#### **Collections Management for Preservation (Gail McMillan)**

Detailed overview of how to prepare a collection for harvesting and ingest into the preservation archive, including organizing and documenting collections, creating collection-level metadata using the conspectus tool, and intellectual property issues.

**11:00 – 11:30**

#### **MetaArchive and its Members: Roles and Responsibilities (Martin Halbert)**

Discuss the MetaArchive Charter and Membership Agreement and information about the three types of memberships that are available along with their associated fees and responsibilities.

**11:30 – 11:45**

#### **New Member Perspective (Bill Donovan)**

Hear about Boston College's decision to join the NDLTD/MetaArchive Dark Archive and its early experiences with the preservation network.



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The NDLTD collaborates with the MetaArchive Cooperative to provide an ETD-specific Distributed Digital Preservation Network (DDPN). The 10 June 2009 workshop will provide anyone in the ETD community an opportunity to acquire the information necessary to join the preservation network, confidently store their ETDs in the Dark Archive for fail-safe retrieval.

The NDLTD DDPN is part of the MetaArchive Cooperative's preservation archives (<http://www.metaarchive.org/>), which employ modified open-source LOCKSS software (<http://www.lockss.org/>) to harvest, cache, and validate files programmatically among the geographically dispersed members of the NDLTD. The MetaArchive Cooperative is an independent, international membership association comprised of institutions that seek an active role in the preservation of their digital collections.

### Workshop Leaders

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*Don't let your institution be one of the 75% of the survey respondents who reported that their institution does not have a formal preservation strategy.*

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