

# Digital Commons North American Conference 2023

## Agenda

Sessions noted with an asterisk (\*) were recorded.

### Day 1- Monday, October 9th, 2023

A Warm Welcome from [Saad Khan](#) \*

Keynote Address by [Judy Verses](#) \*

#### Session 1

**DC IR All-Stars on the evolving IR landscape panel: Greatest challenges, key innovations, and exciting future trends \***

[Ann Connolly](#), [Paul Royster](#), [Todd Bruns](#), and [Lee Dotson](#)

In the past 20 years, institutional repository initiatives have gone from being deemed a total failure to occupying a central position in any successful scholarly communications initiative –how and why have they evolved into such a necessary investment? More importantly, what future challenges are on the horizon for which repositories can be a key solution? And how will IRs need to evolve to meet those future challenges?

In this opening panel, Digital Commons IR All-Stars will share their perspectives on how the environment has changed, what challenges still exist, and what they see for the future.

#### Session 2

**Digital Commons Institutional Repository: NOW – NEXT – FUTURE \***

[Yoga Raghavaraju](#), [Keri Baker](#), [Mary Wu](#), and [Elizabeth Jennings](#)

In this session, customers share how they are using Digital Commons NOW to achieve their IR goals at their institutions followed by an update of new enhancements that are coming up NEXT. The session wraps with a sneak-peek of the FUTURE roadmap of IR.

#### Session 3

Topic Tables & Networking

#### Session 4

**Out of the Archive and into the Spotlight: Telling the Story of Your Institution Through Digital Exhibits \***

[Ann Connolly](#), [Alice Sherwood](#), and [Courtenay McLeland](#)

Your institution holds a wealth of treasures, many of which are probably already in your institutional repository -- how can you tell their stories in exciting, compelling ways to provide even more visibility and access?

In this presentation, Courtenay McLeland and Alice Sherwood will discuss how they've leveraged Digital Commons Exhibits (DCX) to expand the audience of their institution's valuable content by building curated showcases of institutional history, archival materials, and a variety of other collections.

#### Session 5

##### **Digital Commons Journals Conversation: Exploring New Frontiers for Peer Review \***

**Promita Chatterji, Ph.D., Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D., and Sigmar de Mello Rode**

This session will include an update on new enhancements for Digital Commons journals, followed by a moderated panel discussion with leading editors and publishing experts focusing on new advances in peer-review: building international reviewer networks, fostering a constructive review culture, and finding effective tools to help improve review quality.

#### Session 6

##### **Lightning Rounds - Part 1 \***

**A Redesign of Emory Law Scholarly Commons by Andrea Quinn**

**Challenges to Building an Open Educational Resource Collection in the University of Memphis Digital Commons by Kenneth Haggerty**

**Ready, Set, Blast-Off with the Digital Collections of Retired Astronaut Thomas P. Stafford by Phillip Fitzsimmons**

**Tips and Tricks for Customizing Exhibits in DCX by Tabitha Samuel**

In this showcase session, Digital Commons community members share innovative strategies for developing successful Institutional Repository programs. We will hear about building and displaying unique collections, strategies for engaging campus and stakeholders, tips for effective workflows, and more!

##### **Awards Ceremony \***

##### **Networking**

## **Day 2- Tuesday, October 10, 2023**

#### Session 1

##### **Envisioning the Future of Scholarly Communications with Digital Commons \***

**Saad Khan**

In this session we'll take a quick peek at the beginnings of Digital Commons, what defined its present state and what we are doing to further our commitment of providing our customers with best-in-class solutions for institutional repositories & content management, while promoting open-access

scholarship and advancing scholarly communication worldwide through continuous product innovation and superior consultative services. We'll let data do most of the talking as we share our vision for the future of institutional repositories and data management with consideration for supporting OA.

#### Session 2

##### **[Research Data Management using DC Data: Aligning with Funder Data Sharing Policies \\*](#)**

###### **[Traci Snowden](#)**

What constitutes the RDM lifecycle? Why does it matter? For whom does it matter the most? Join this important discussion on the impact of funder data sharing policies and assessing preparedness via Data Management Plan and Tool - Sharing real world use cases featuring Digital Commons Data.

#### Session 3

##### **[Better Together: Provide Comprehensive Showcasing and Research Management Services with Digital Commons and Pure \\*](#)**

###### **[Randy Love, Yoga Raghavaraju, Todd Bruns, Devica Samsunder, and Ashley Sergiadis](#)**

As a publishing and showcasing platform providing global visibility for the full spectrum of your institution's content, Digital Commons is a key part of successful scholarly communications initiatives around the world. A Research Information Management system (RIM) added to DC can help you extend the value of your initiative by unlocking additional insights into your institution's research output. In this session, panelists will share how you can partner with the Office of Research to complement Digital Commons services with Pure, a leading RIM, thereby multiplying the value of your larger scholarly communications initiatives.

#### Session 4

##### **[Lightning Rounds - Part 2 \\*](#)**

###### **[Utilizing Student Workers for Digital Commons Projects by Ellen Amatangelo](#)**

###### **[Playing Nicely with Others: Integrating Multiple Systems for a Common Goal by Abby Stambach](#)**

###### **[Double the fun: A year of two mentorships by Lee Dotson](#)**

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#### Session 5

##### **[To Build or Buy – Tales from a \(former\) systems librarian \\*](#)**

###### **[Emily Singley](#)**

With many open-source solutions available to libraries, we are often faced with the choice of whether to "build or buy" - should we invest in developers, or outsource to a service provider? In this session, a former systems librarian who now works at Elsevier shares her experiences making "build or buy" decisions and advocating for stakeholder support. She will discuss the pros, cons, and the (sometimes painful) lessons learned along the way.

##### **[Closing Remarks from Saad Khan \\*](#)**