The IR as infrastructure

Shifting from repository-centric services to scholar-centric services

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Outline

- What IDEALS is
- How we organized ourselves around IDEALS
- How we are re-organizing ourselves
Origins of IDEALS

- Provost funded

- Joint project between CITES and the Library

- Staffing
Purpose?

Preserve research and scholarship

Disseminate and promote research and scholarship
Scope?

- Research
- Creative works
- Scholarship
- Material reflecting intellectual environment of campus
What type of materials?

Also audio and video
Why DSpace?

http://ideals.uiuc.edu/
http://ideals.uiuc.edu/wiki/
Customizations to DSpace

- Integration with existing systems

- Other important customizations
  - reorganization of the submission workflow
  - statistics
  - embargo
Things that don’t work

- Faculty aren’t going to deposit on their own unless they have real motivation
- Faculty aren’t going to figure out copyright on their own
- No system does preservation
Things that work

- Make sure that your material is indexed by Google
- Work with subject librarians
- Allow departments / centers some control over their own communities
- Mediated deposit (but distributed)
- Copyright consulting services
- Allow deposit into an uncategorized community
- Involve your preservation librarian
So where are we now?

- 4100 items
- 121000 downloads since stats turned on in Dec 2006
- 415 people registered on the system

The UIUC Campus:
- 2,971 Faculty: 1,402 tenured, 570 tenure track, and 1000 other faculty
- 11,431 graduate and professional students
- 16 colleges
What is the purpose of IDEALS again?
Realization

- We shouldn’t be organizing around the IR
- We should be organizing around the services the scholar needs
What does this mean?

- Help dissemination activities even if they don’t benefit the IR
  - Deposit into pubmed central
  - What about other disciplinary repositories?
- Understand the scholarly communication practices of your faculty and departments (**BibApp**)
- Supporting the University Press
- Educating faculty and, especially, grad students
- Supporting other publishing activities on campus
- Making it easier for faculty to publish their works in open access venues
The institutional repository is still key but is core infrastructure rather than the focus.
To enable the rapid dissemination of the research produced on our campuses
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