PROJECT IDEATION + DEVELOPMENT

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Demystifying Digital Scholarship
Scope of the Workshop

DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Transform an idea into a project.
Refine a particular facet of a current project.
Scale down a big (and perhaps costly) project idea.
Scale up a stable project idea.
Deliverables

SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS

As individual researchers, project collaborators, and media and information specialists whose skills and expertise are often sought out by faculty and students, we can leverage the challenges encountered in the development, shaping and sustenance of digital scholarship projects and put forward solutions to mediate obstacles.
WHAT IS IT?

Interdisciplinary + Transdisciplinary

Quality over Quantity

Collaborative + Relationship Building

Knowledge Brokering + Translation

Recombinant + Situated
Digital Scholarship

INTERDISCIPLINARY + TRANSDICIPLINARY

Digital scholarship spans multiple disciplines and university units.

The library plays a pivotal role in the sustenance and shaping of digital scholarship.
Digital Scholarship

QUALITY OVER QUANTITY

Successes can not be tracked by quantifying interactions

A focus on quality defies expectations of fast scholarship
Digital Scholarship

COLLABORATIVE + RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

Digital scholarship takes time

It requires both research work and relationship work

Relationship building = Affective labour
Digital Scholarship

KNOWLEDGE BROKERING + TRANSLATION

Developing relationships and networks with, among and between producers and users of knowledge

Providing access to knowledge sources and knowledge itself

Translating research into action

Closing the gaps between researchers and between researchers and their publics
RECOMBINANT + SITUATED

Knowledge produced from combining disciplinary knowledge and expertise with emerging computational tools, techniques and methods

Researchers come from particular disciplines and bring the research back into those disciplines
Digital Scholarship Projects

KEY FACETS

A project + To project
Tools & Techniques + Research Questions
Seeding + Scaling
Project Documentation
Future Planning + Sustainability
Dissemination + Knowledge Mobilization
Digital Scholarship Projects

A PROJECT + TO PROJECT

project

noun
ˈpräjˌekt/

1. an individual or collaborative enterprise that is carefully planned and designed to achieve a particular aim.

verb
prəˈject/

1. estimate or forecast (something) on the basis of present trends.
2. extend outward beyond something else; protrude.
“EVERYTHING ON PAPER WILL BE USED AGAINST ME”:
QUANTIFYING KISSINGER

A Computational Analysis of the DNSA’s Kissinger Collection Memcons and Telcons

By Micki Kaufman,
doctoral student in US History
at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York

http://blog.quantifyingkissinger.com/
The application of computational tools, techniques and methods intertwined with scholarly inquiry, analysis and critique.

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PROJECT DOCUMENTATION

Process oriented approach to digital scholarship

Iterative

Knowledge translation
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SEEDING + SCALING

Pressure: Funding as a measure and validation of research

Problem: digital scholarship becomes an afterthought

Radical shift: The merits of small

Scalable project development: “If I don’t get the grant, can I carry out facets of the research?”
FUTURE PLANNING + SUSTAINABILITY

Scalable project development: “If I get the grant, are the key pieces in place to carry out the research?”

Project Management - Project Archiving

Planning for obsolescence (tech or collaborations)
What is knowledge mobilization?

Knowledge mobilization is an umbrella term encompassing a wide range of activities relating to the production and use of research results, including knowledge:

- synthesis;
- dissemination;
- transfer;
- exchange; and
- co-creation by researchers and knowledge users.

Please see [SSHRC’s definition of knowledge mobilization](#).