



# Doing MORE with Digital Scholarship

A Canadian Perspective



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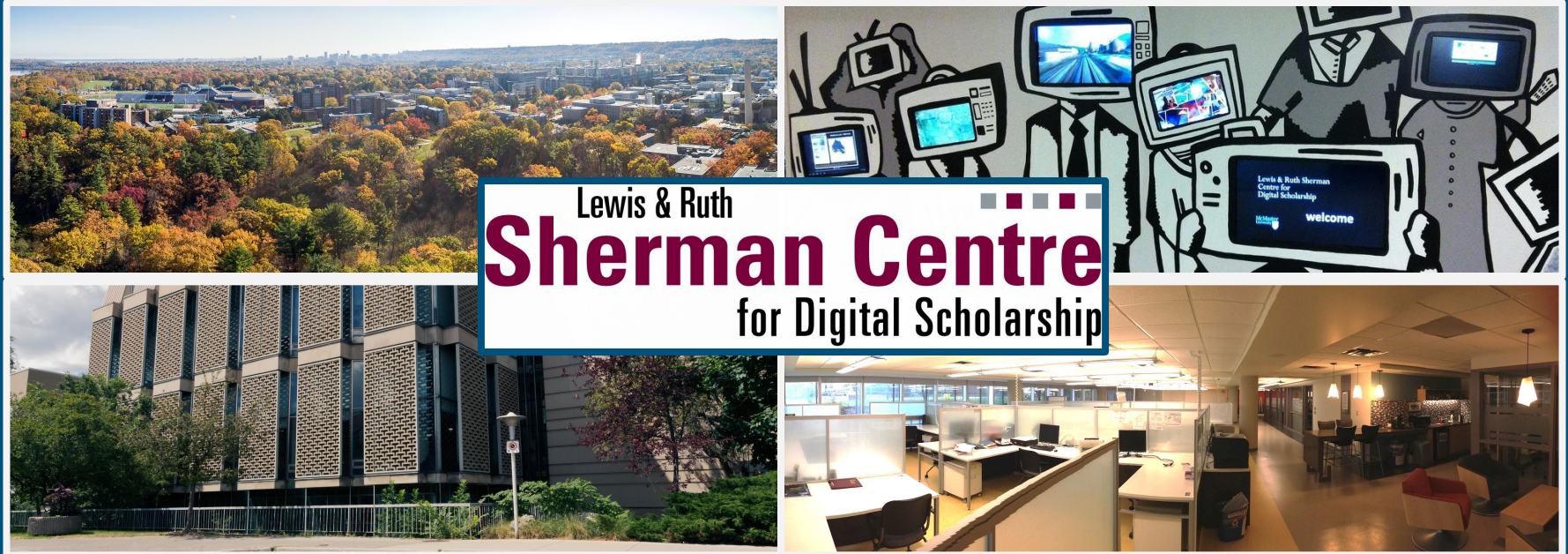
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Digital Scholarship at McMaster University



# Who we are

## Staff



Dr. Andrea Zeffiro

Academic Director



Dr. Jay Brodeur

Administrative Director



John Fink

Digital Scholarship Librarian



Dr. Amanda Montague

Post Doctoral Fellow

# Who we are

## Staff



## + Affiliates

Christine Homuth | Spatial Information Specialist

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Krista Jamieson | Digitization Services Manager

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# What 'Digital Scholarship' means to us

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Digital scholarship is scholarship...

Digital scholarship is inventive...

Digital scholarship is interdisciplinary...

Digital scholarship is collaborative...

Digital scholarship is critical...

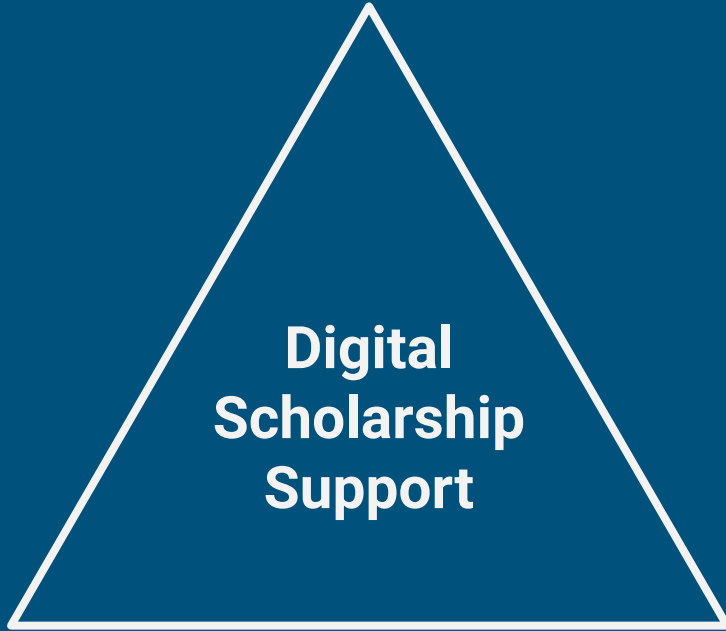
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**Core Programming**

**Digital  
Scholarship  
Support**

**Physical Resources**

**Services & Expertise**





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## Core Programming

- Workshop series
- Visiting scholar series
- Graduate residency program & colloquium
- Undergraduate course
- Scholar-in-residence program

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## Physical Resources

- Collaboration & event spaces
- Resident workstations
- High-performance computer workstations
- Makerspace





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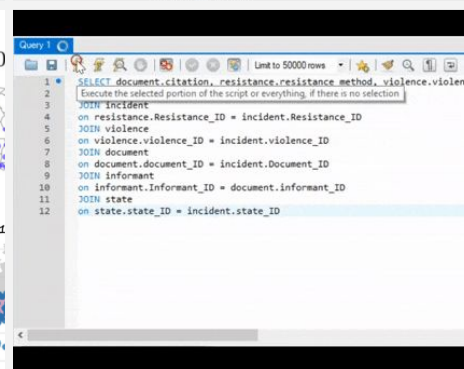
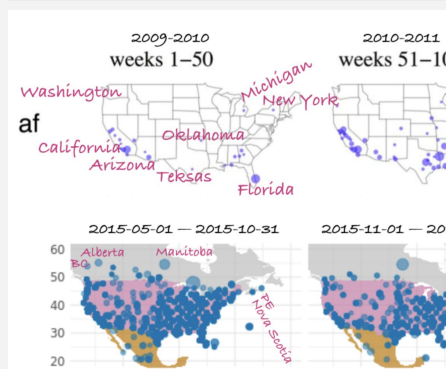
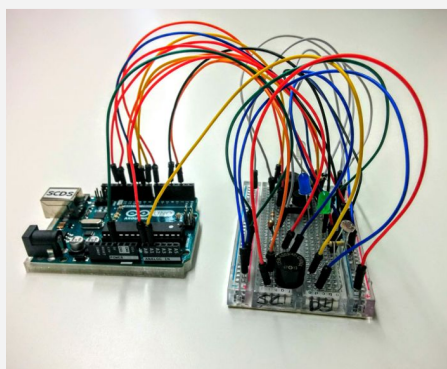
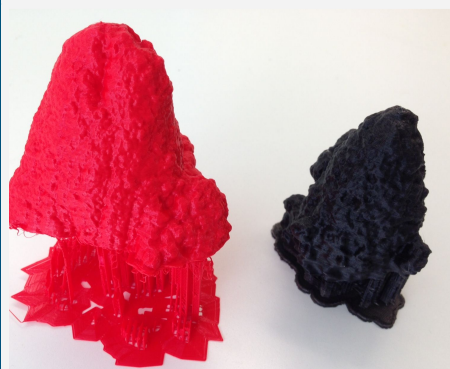
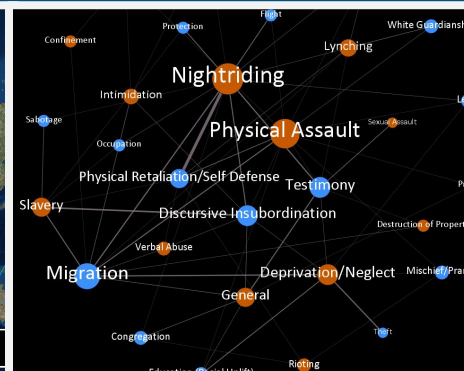
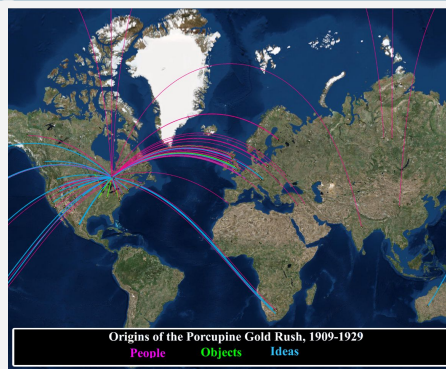
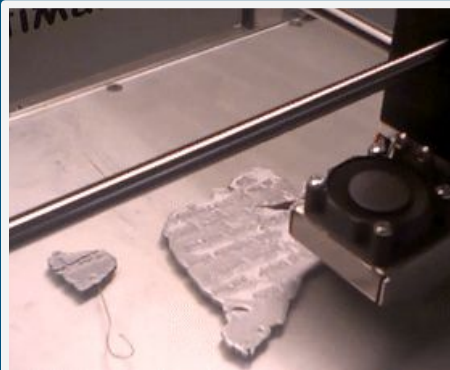
## Services & Expertise

- Project consulting
- Instructional development & support
- Project support & training
- In-kind grant support

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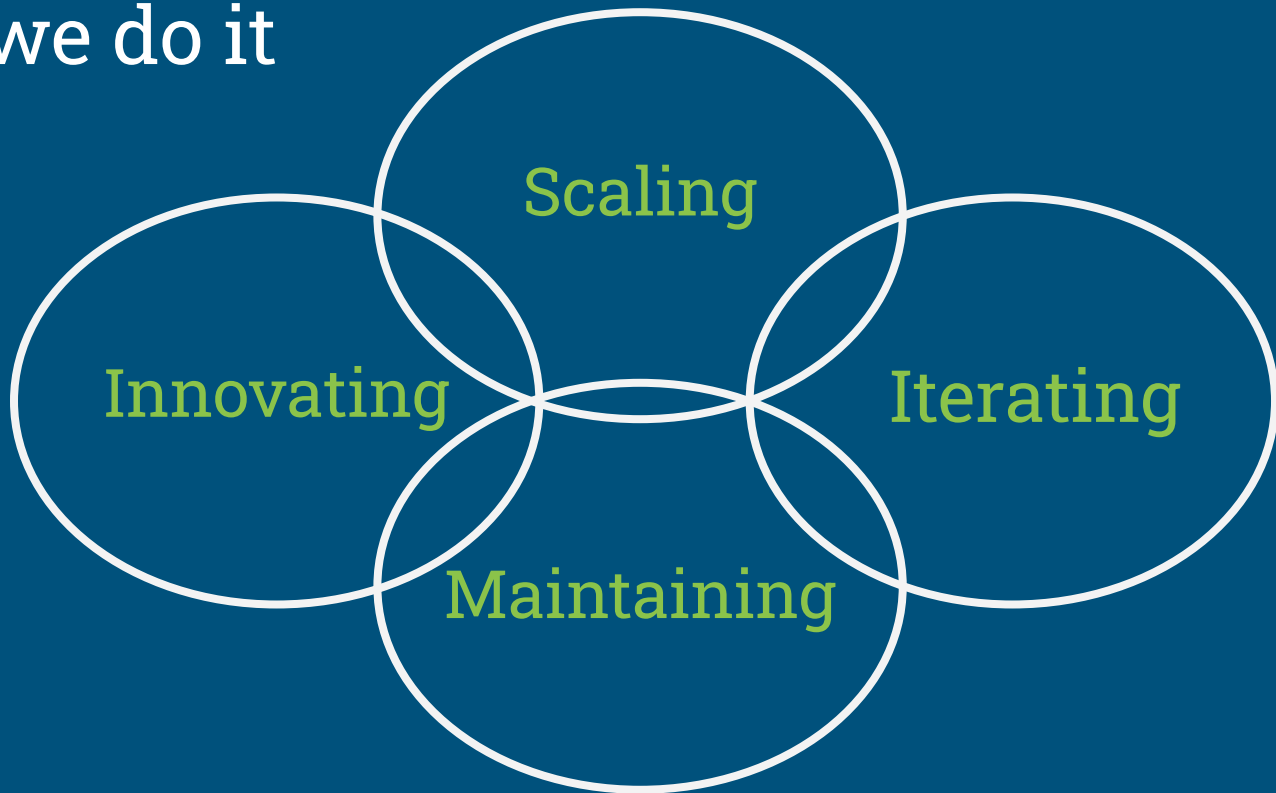


# Supporting a wide range of digital scholarship



# How we do it

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# Innovating ↔ Iterating

## Building big, new things is exciting and important

- Mobilizes teams and motivates members
- Demonstrates success to stakeholders
- Defines your role/niche in the institution

## BUT...

- Innovation requires a support structure
- Context and audience is important!



# Innovating ↔ Iterating

## Improvement is a continual process

- Importance of responsiveness - relationship building

... **BUT** it doesn't always get noticed

- Responsive to broader trends
- Response to community interests and needs





# Scaling



# Maintaining

## Balancing 'building out' & 'building into'

- Understanding current needs; predicting future ones

## Building collaboratively toward common goals

- Helping the community create for themselves
- Engaging with experts
- Building a commons
- Finding common interests with other support units
- Partnering within/beyond the institution





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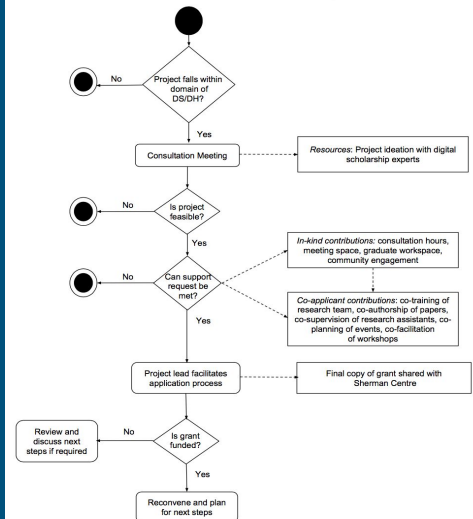


# Maintaining

Maintenance of things, people, and relationships

- Maintenance is not static
- Hidden labour
- Repurposing, revisioning, reusing
- Understand not only how we do things, but why we do them

## Sherman Centre: Grant Partnerships



# Values and Goals

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## Contextual Sensitivity

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