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# Digital Commons Presentation for the Liberty University School of Education

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# Building a School of Education Online Scholarly Community

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## What are our meeting objectives?

- Introduce Digital Commons Team and Project
- Give an overview of Digital Commons
- Discuss SOE desired site structure
- Brief discussion of peer-review journal

## Scholarship and Community

*Collaboration, across time and space, is the fundamental method of scholarship, and without it we can do nothing of value.*

Paul N. Courant, "Scholarship and Academic Libraries (and their kin) in the World of Google," *First Monday* 11, no. 8 2006.

# Team and Project Phases

- Team
  - Dave Barnett, Dean of Libraries
  - Josh Ellsworth, Systems Librarian
  - Carl Merat, Project Coordinator
  - Randy Miller, Outreach and Instruction Coordinator
  - Tyler Veak, Digital Commons Manager
- Project Phases
  - Pilot Phase ~ Few partners ~ 1/07 – 5/07
  - Open Phase ~ All of LU ~ 5/07 -- ?
  - Extend Phase ~ Integrate more collaboration

## What is the “Digital Commons”


- Widely adopted web-based product
- An online “commons” to unify, showcase, and preserve Liberty’s scholarship.
- A full-featured but reasonably simple interface to create online scholarly communities.

## What is in it for you?

- SOE scholarly work highlighted and shared broadly
- Centralized and enduring collections of new and existing scholarship
- Peer-review journal publishing platform
- Statistical reporting on usage
- Library pays for product and supports it

# Google shares and highlights it for us.




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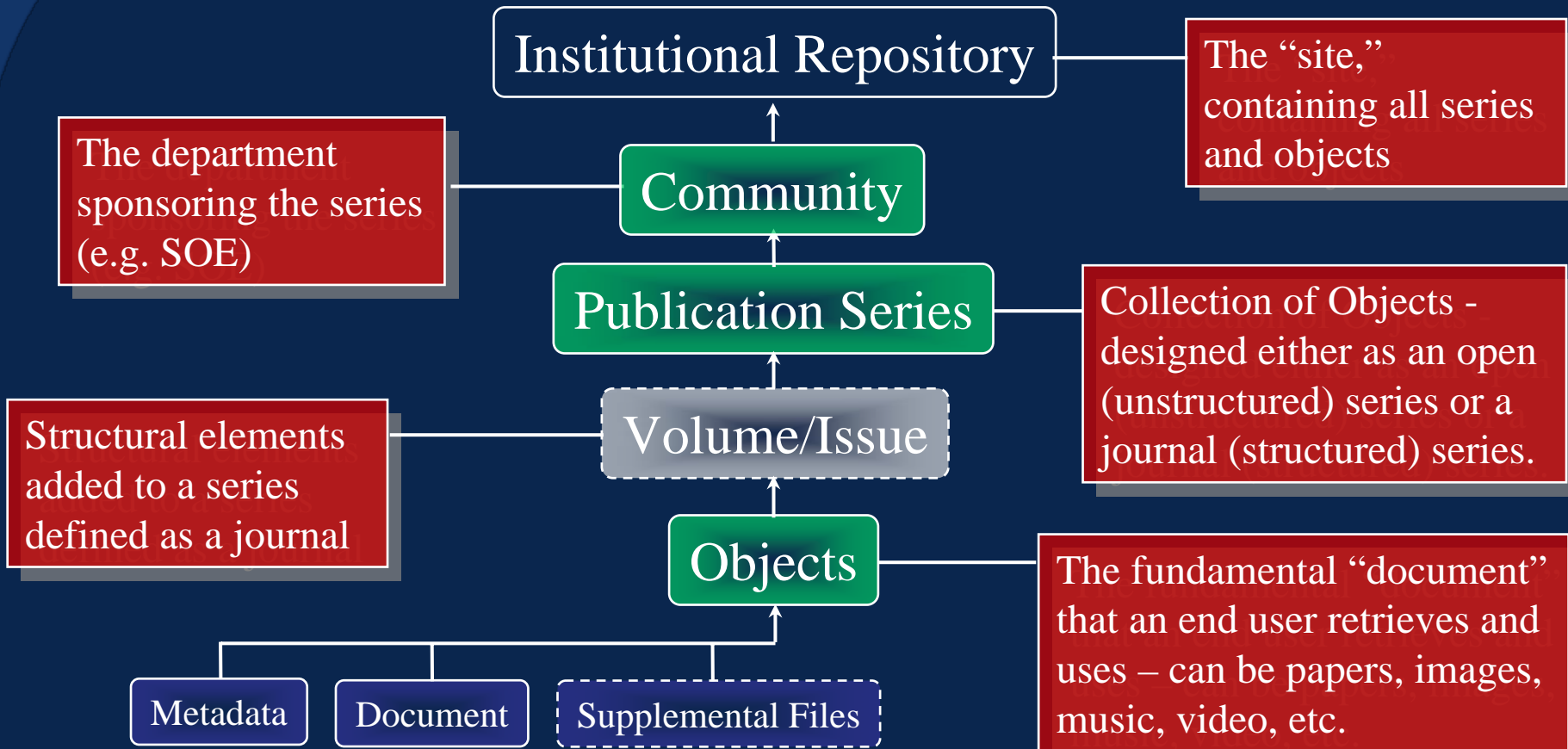
**ABSTRACT:**



## What Digital Commons Isn't:

- An intranet (think \\Molly)
- A place to post sensitive data
  - Access to full text of a primary document can be restricted, but we cannot prevent metadata from being harvested
- A place to temporarily post a document
- A place to post any document for which copyright/ownership is in question

# Four Levels of Site Structure



# Three Faces of Digital Commons

- The **public** interface
  - This is what any interested researcher or user with Web access can see
- The **author submission** interface
  - This is where authors (if you allow them) accept an agreement form, provide the metadata, and upload their submission
- The **administrative** interface
  - This is where you:
    - Manage submissions
    - Create series, communities, and Personal Researcher pages
    - Make changes to the site

# Typical Publication Process

Author/Editor

Series Editor(s)

Users



- Submission is a simple web form – no custom application to download
- Authors, Administrative staff, or Library staff could upload material

- Document is reviewed /revised in the administrative interface
- Editor(s) get an email announcing receipt of new submissions
- Peer review can be integrated

- Documents are published immediately on the site with editor approval

## What should the public see?

- Logo or image
- Introductory text
- Links to SOE or GSOE
- Other sites
  - [Boston College](#)
  - [University of Pennsylvania](#)
  - [University of Nebraska - Lincoln](#)

## How to structure your community?

- School of Education
  - Faculty Publications and Presentations
    - Educational Leadership
    - Curriculum & Instruction
  - Educational Specialist Projects
  - Doctoral Dissertations
  - Journal of Christian Educational Leadership
  - Honors, [curriculum guides](#), working papers, etc.



## A. Pierre Guillermin Library Community

DigitalCommons@Liberty University - Mozilla Firefox

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http://digitalcommons.liberty.edu/communities.html

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## Who will submit content?

- Faculty
- Students
- Peers participating in hosted events
- Peers collaborating in publication
- Alumni
- Journal / occasional papers authors



## How do you submit content?

- Author submits using [web-based form](#)
- Anyone can email a submission to series editor
- Site or series editors can submit

## Who will manage your content?

- Library will assist during the pilot
- Library will populate dissertations
- SOE will need series editor(s)
- SOE journals will need peer-reviewers

## What do we do next?

- SOE determines look, names, structure, administrators for basic community and series
- Schedule a work meeting with Digital Commons production team
- Library creates basic structure and look, then adds administrators and trains SOE for basic series management
  - Site can be hidden while training/building
  - Staff can be administrators

## What do we need to decide?

- What you want the public to see -- look of your community
- The structure --- community, sub-communities and series
- The naming conventions for your communities and series
- Who will submit material and look at the variable interface options
- How you will manage the administration and who is to be involved in each area

## So you want to publish a journal.

- Consider some of the issues by reviewing the “[Starting a Peer-Reviewed Series](#)” at the University of California eScholarship Repository
- Review the [Digital Commons Journal Editors Manual](#)
- Contact Carl Merat or Dr. Veak to begin journal planning and creation process
- ProQuest will train on journal creation and management. They estimate 4 – 6 weeks for set up, which includes time for internal discussions about policy and workflow.

# We are your support team!

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