

DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP SERVICES: PARTNERSHIPS AT PITT AND BEYOND

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Established in August 2014, Digital Scholarship Services (DSS) is a front-end to the University Library System's resources, expertise, and services in support of a broad range of digital and data-intensive scholarly activities. The School of Information Sciences is a partner of DSS, supporting Visiting Assistant Professors Matt Burton and Nora Mattern in joint appointments with the University Library System. DSS is located in Hillman Library's recently opened Digital Scholarship Commons, a space designed to facilitate interdisciplinary exchange and to raise the visibility of digital work created at the university.

DSS works with collaborators across campus by supporting undergraduate and graduate teaching in digital methods, facilitating research through research data management, and helping cultivate a growing community of digital humanities scholars on campus. Collaborations extend beyond the university's borders: DSS actively supports the Western Pennsylvania Regional Data Center, the city and county's data portal being developed in partnership with the University of Pittsburgh; it has shared digitization expertise and discussed digital collection strategies with the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh; and it works collaboratively with Carnegie Mellon Libraries on the development of research data management and digital humanities services across the region.

For the past two semesters, DSS has been hosting a joint workshop series with the School of Information Science. The workshops, which feature SIS faculty and doctoral student instructors, covered topics such as data science and data visualization for non-technical audiences, data cleaning with OpenRefine, a primer on Personal Digital Archiving, and how to build an online digital portfolio. These workshops have been attended by students, faculty, and staff across the university raising the visibility of iSchool faculty and doctoral students' work and expertise. In addition to collaboration around teaching, DSS has ongoing research partnerships with the School of Information Sciences, including projects investigating research data management needs on campus and scholarly workflows in the digital humanities.
