Expanding Library Capacity and Facilitating Reuse through a Consortial Data Repository

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Texas Data Repository

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Launched in late 2016 as a platform for publishing and archiving research data produced by the faculty, staff, and students of higher education institutions in Texas.

Adopted by 11 members, representing institutions of widely different sizes and means. Liaisons from each make up the TDR Steering Committee.

Utilizes Harvard’s open-source Dataverse platform.
TDR Steering Committee

- Jessica Trelogan, Past Chair, University of Texas at Austin
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- Adam Townes and Santi Thompson, University of Houston
- Edward Warga, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
- Amanda Zerangue, Texas Woman’s University
- Courtney Mumma, Deputy Director, Texas Digital Library
Working Groups

Training & Outreach
Provide resources to administrators, librarians, and researchers.

Assessment
Compile reports and data from institutions, groups, and individual users.

Contributions here help overall Dataverse community.
Dataverse

https://dataverse.org/
Capabilities for TDR

» Supports research data management efforts.
» Small scale data repository with discovery, sharing, and publishing tools.
» Any discipline, any type of file allowed.
THE BIG DATA GAP
Texas Tech University

Solving the Problems of Not Enough and Too Much

» Difficulties with depositors’ lack of interest and protecting their data
» HIPAA & FERPA requirements
» Library working with Central IT & HPCC on a Research Data Management System to address big data needs
Gaps in the Research Data Preservation

- The preservation of large scale data sets is currently unaddressed
- Advanced computing and University IT see preservation of large scale datasets as outside their respective scopes
- Dataverse/TDR could fill this preservation gap, but current functionality and storage limits prohibit preservation of large scale data
Pushing Limits and Breaking Things

» Vigorous outreach campaign was a huge success -- can we handle it?
» Addressing scale through partnerships
  • Internal: skilling up liaisons, spreading effort
  • External: campus partners, Texas partners
» Researcher deposit model takes burden off me, but…
  • Quality? Enforcing policy limits?
THANKS!
Any questions?

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