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## **Abstract**

Systems Librarian R.C. Miessler, College Archivist Amy Lucadamo, and senior Lauren White, discuss how Musselman Library has been involved in digital scholarship conversations and activities at Gettysburg, and invite discussion on how a campus-wide model for digital scholarship could emerge.

## **Keywords**

digital scholarship, digital humanities, Musselman Library, summer fellowship

## **Disciplines**

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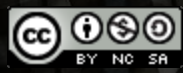


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at Gettysburg College

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# WHAT IS DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP?



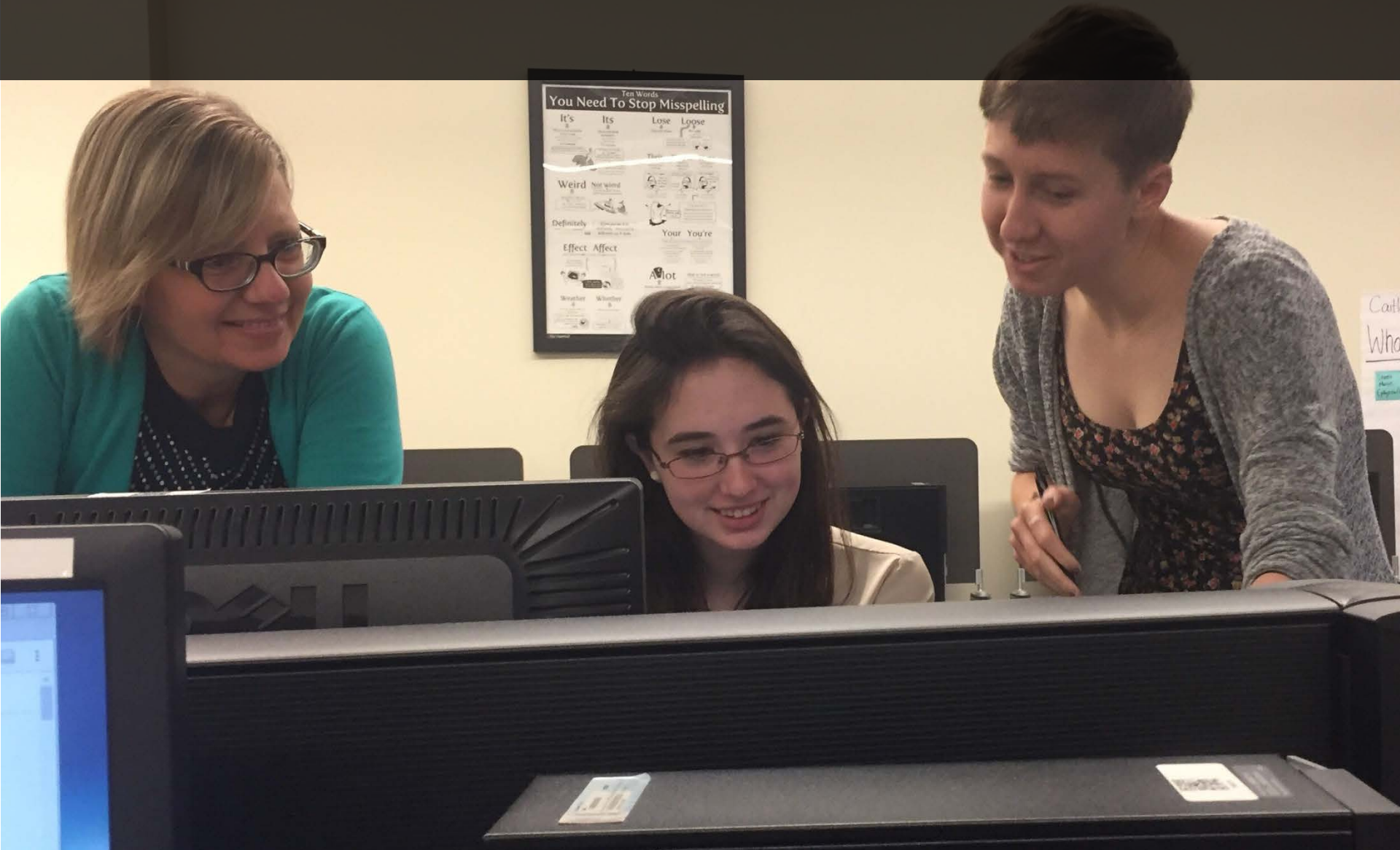
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# WHAT IS DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP?

... applying technology to scholarship to interpret, analyze, and present it in new ways.



# THINKING DIGITALLY



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“...we should aim to help students develop the expertise that will allow them to combine and create technologies to develop new and dynamic solutions.”

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Developing communities of digital scholarship practice to support the work of Gettysburg students and faculty.

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A dispersed model for digital scholarship has helped build relationships and create projects, and there is value in considering new ways to coordinate our activities.





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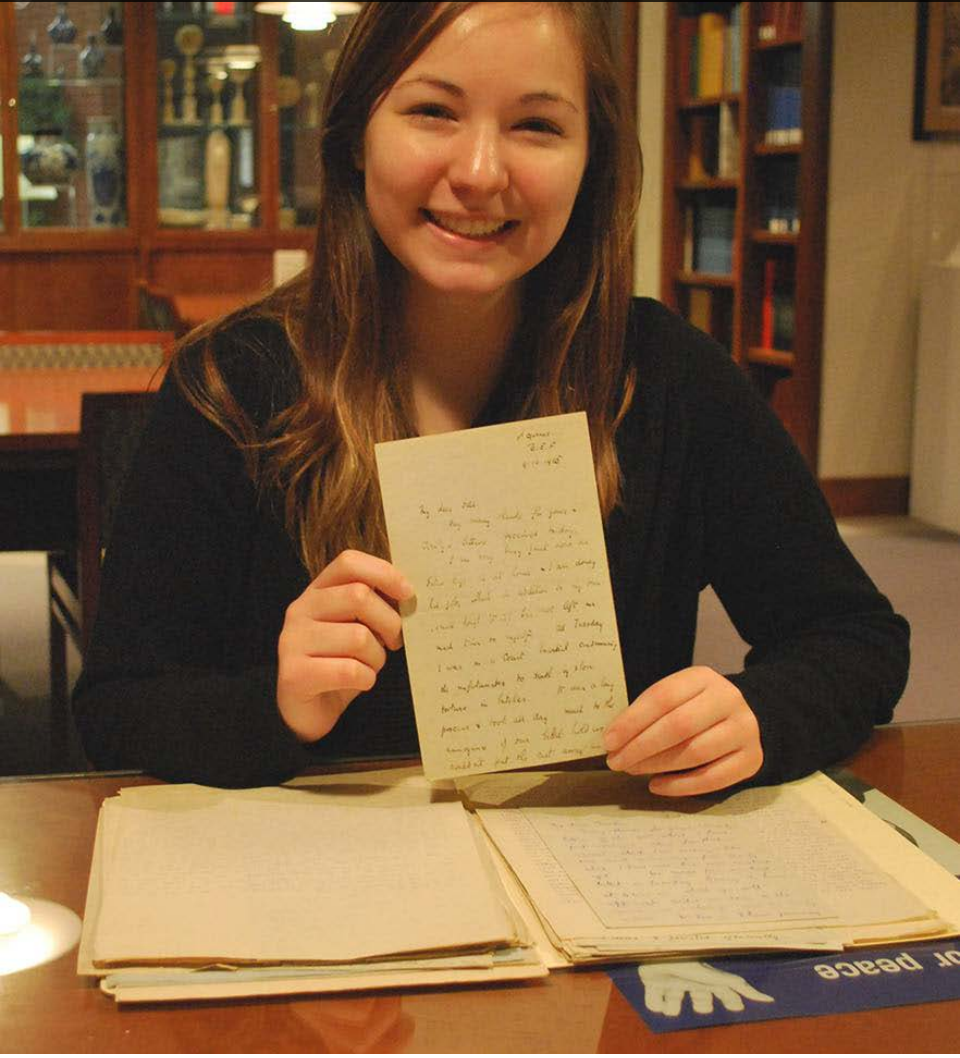
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... for many letters - also for a bottle  
of biscuits. I am sorry not to  
the last for 3 days, but am rather busy  
in away commanding another  
... Peter Byg is away getting  
but he is a sly dog & will soon  
is away from the Battalion if he is  
there is plenty to do.  
... their Xmas dinners & we  
Companies daily & the first two  
well, but I hear to-day that there  
issues to-morrow, so I have had  
in buying meat & the Canton  
I hope the fresh meat maintenance  
we shall be bankrupt.  
... with a win of 50 frs.

really better now  
not done any  
thank everyone  
dates & ser  
interest has  
out

My dear Mother,  
Many thanks for your last - also  
the girls. I am sorry you have all  
but hope they are on the mend by now  
weather is too beastly for words & it is  
That the whole British army is not down  
something of the sort - yet somehow we don't  
to be worried with them. I suppose the  
open air life has something to do with it, &  
are many who could do with a little less of  
open air. I am sorry not to have written  
a few days, but have been rather pushed  
& have really been rather pushed. The  
days. When we were back, the  
dinners by company  
... things & be



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Letters of  
HJC Peirs**



# A STUDENT'S INTRODUCTION TO DH

How did student-led social justice movements influence Gettysburg's campus climate and history?

**This is Why We Fight: Student Activism at  
Gettysburg College**

Begin with "About the Project"





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# Timeline of Student Social Justice Movements



MAY 1970

## VIETNAM PROTESTS FOLLOWING KENT STATE

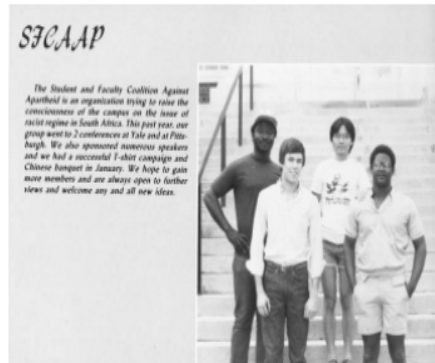


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Vietnam Protest:

# 1990: Students Take Action to Protest Apartheid



SFCAAP 1985. Musselman Library Special Collections, Gettysburg.

In March 1985, the [Student and Faculty Coalition Against Apartheid \(SFCAAP\)](#) posted signs saying "No Whites Allowed" around campus to raise awareness of the discrimination faced by black people in South Africa under apartheid and to protest the college's investments in South African companies. This

demonstration, led by Ioan Van Tu '87, [effectively caught people's attention](#) and began a campus debate on the issue. A significant

number of faculty and students took issue with the signs and [tore them down](#), or [submitted letters to The Gettysburgian](#). Despite this hostility, Tu and the other members of SFCAAP continued to speak out for those adversely affected by Apartheid, and attended an anti-Apartheid conference in New York City on November 1, 1985.

In 1989, another [student group, Salaam](#), was created as a sub-committee of the Social Justice Committee. Their main focus was to convince the college to divest its funds in South Africa as an official means of protest. After five months of campaigning and meeting with various branches of college administration, [the Board of Trustees voted to divest all of its funds](#) (5.4 million dollars) from South Africa.



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### 1. Why They Fought

Begin with "Why They Fought"

# Editorial SFCAAP Meets Goals

Many students and faculty members have criticized the recent signs that SFCAAP placed around campus. However, the effect these posters has had must be commended.

For several months SFCAAP has been actively campaigning to generate interest in the situation in South Africa. Articles have appeared in *The Gettysburgian*, meetings have been held, and information has been delivered. Yet many, if not most of the campus, has remained unaware of the efforts of the group, as evidenced by people's lack of recognition of SFCAAP printed on the "No Whites Allowed" signs.

Their signs, which have provoked anger in some and a deeper understanding of the oppression experienced by Blacks in others, have finally brought more attention to their efforts. On a campus where faculty members often criticize the student body for apathy and ignorance about global affairs, it seems Mr. Tu's efforts should not meet such harsh criticism.

The situation is similar to Mary Daly's appearance on campus. While not all may share the views presented, or approve of the method of presentation, at least interest has been centered on the issues which SFCAAP works on. Now that Mr. Tu has brought his organization into the limelight, it is most appropriate that he capitalize on the exposure and present more information to the campus on Apartheid.

1990: STUDENTS TAKE ACTION TO PROTEST APARTHEID

## Why They Fought

### NATIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCE ON SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA

DATE: Friday-Sunday, November 1-3, 1985  
PLACE: Hunter College, Park Avenue and 68th Street, New York City

This spring, U.S. students shattered the media myth of "campus conservatism" with protests at over 100 campuses calling for an end to U.S. investment in South Africa.

We must press forward and expand the student anti-apartheid movement this fall.

It is critical to forge ahead as the liberation struggle for self-determination intensifies in South Africa and Namibia.

We must shatter the links that fortify apartheid and encourage South African attacks against Botswana, Angola and the other border states.

We urge you to attend this historic National Student Conference on South Africa and Namibia to help build the sustained movement necessary to cut off all U.S. support for apartheid.

With Third World students playing a leading role, join us in strengthening the link between the liberation movement and struggle against racism in this country. Work together with hundreds of students from all parts of the country as we meet for the first time since the Spring upsurge.

**THIS CONFERENCE WILL FEATURE:**

• Youth Representatives of the **African National Congress** of South Africa and **SWAPO** of Namibia (direct from Southern Africa)

**Workshops and Regional Causes on:**

• Development Organizing

• Material and critical support for the liberation movements

• Opposing Reagan's "constructive engagement" policy in Southern Africa

• Linking anti-apartheid work to struggles against domestic racism

• Linking Southern African and Central American solidarity work

• Student and Community Alliance

• Planning for National Weeks of Anti-Apartheid Action (March 21-April 6, 1986) and the April 4th National Protest Day in commemoration of Martin Luther King

**TO REGISTER AND TO ARRANGE HOUSING CONTACT:**

**National Student Conference on South Africa and Namibia**  
c/o 198 Broadway, Room 402 NYC 10038 (212) 962-1210

**FOR TRANSPORTATION AND INFORMATION ON LOCAL PROTESTS:**

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Washington DC: 202 387-4544 (DC-SCA), 202 775-4940 (USWA)  
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Atlanta (Center for South): 404 586-2400 (PFD), 404 756-9036 (North Jennings)  
Chicago: 312 536-8271 (Clergy)  
Philadelphia: 215 382-1212 (Clergy)  
Ann Arbor: 608 271-4000 (Lansing) Chester (Gurd), 502 688-5265 (Lansing)  
Albany: 602 480-4024 (Lansing) 502 421-6242 (Pittsford)


Many campuses across the United States encouraged and campaigned for divestment from South Africa. [Student involvement](#) in the issue took the form of workshops, film showings, picket lines, and candlelight vigils. On November 1-2, 1985, SFCAAP went to [an anti-apartheid conference in New York City](#) hosted at Hunter College. The conference gathered at least 350 people from various colleges and universities, and featured speeches by representatives from the University of California Berkeley, Columbia University, and the University of Wisconsin. [By 1988, 155 universities had divested.](#)



# What We Did Here: Activism at Gettysburg College

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Collecting and documenting the experiences of marginalized students in the wake of the 2016 election and “We Won’t Stand For Hate”

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## Muslim Solidarity Rally

Devin McKinney

May 4, 2017

Students, faculty, and staff gather to hear speakers and music at the campus-wide Muslim Solidarity Rally.

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## Media Statement for Muslim Solidarity Rally

Organizers  
Muslim Solidarity Rally

## Campus Bulletin Board 4-28-17

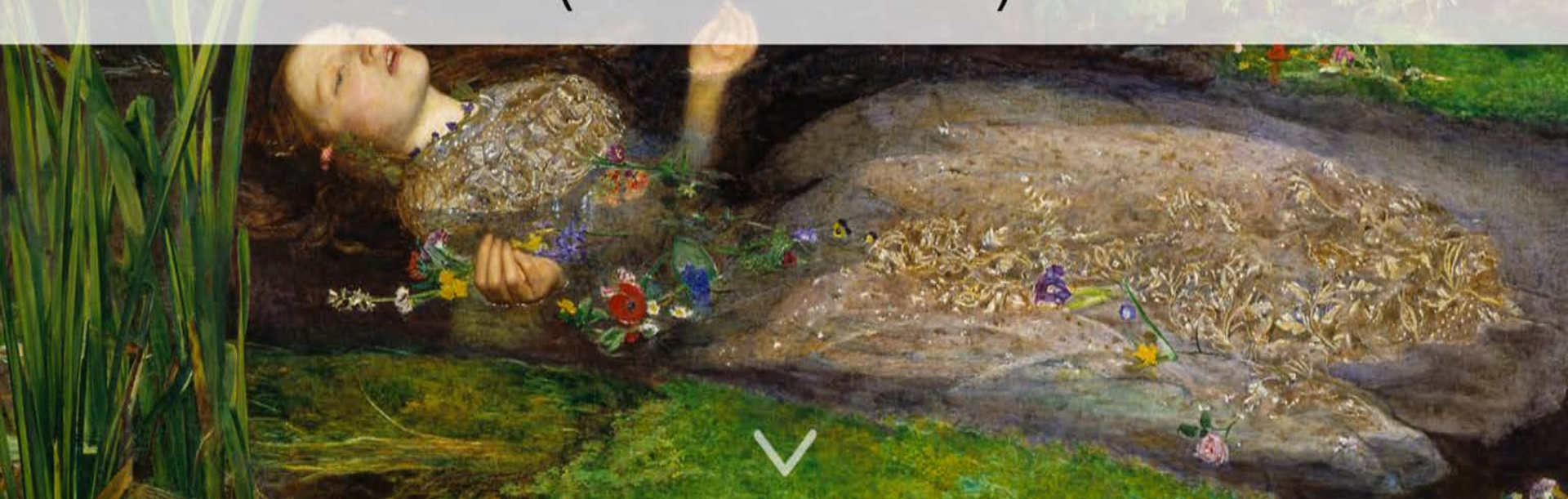
## Muslim Solidarity Rally Flyer

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# FACULTY SUPPORT

The Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood  
(1848-1853)





# FACULTY SUPPORT

Using Story Map Cascade to create digital narratives in  
ES 225 (Environmental Humanities)  
and ENG 333 (Victorian Aesthetics)



# DRIVING INTEREST



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How do we encourage digital scholarship activity among students and faculty?

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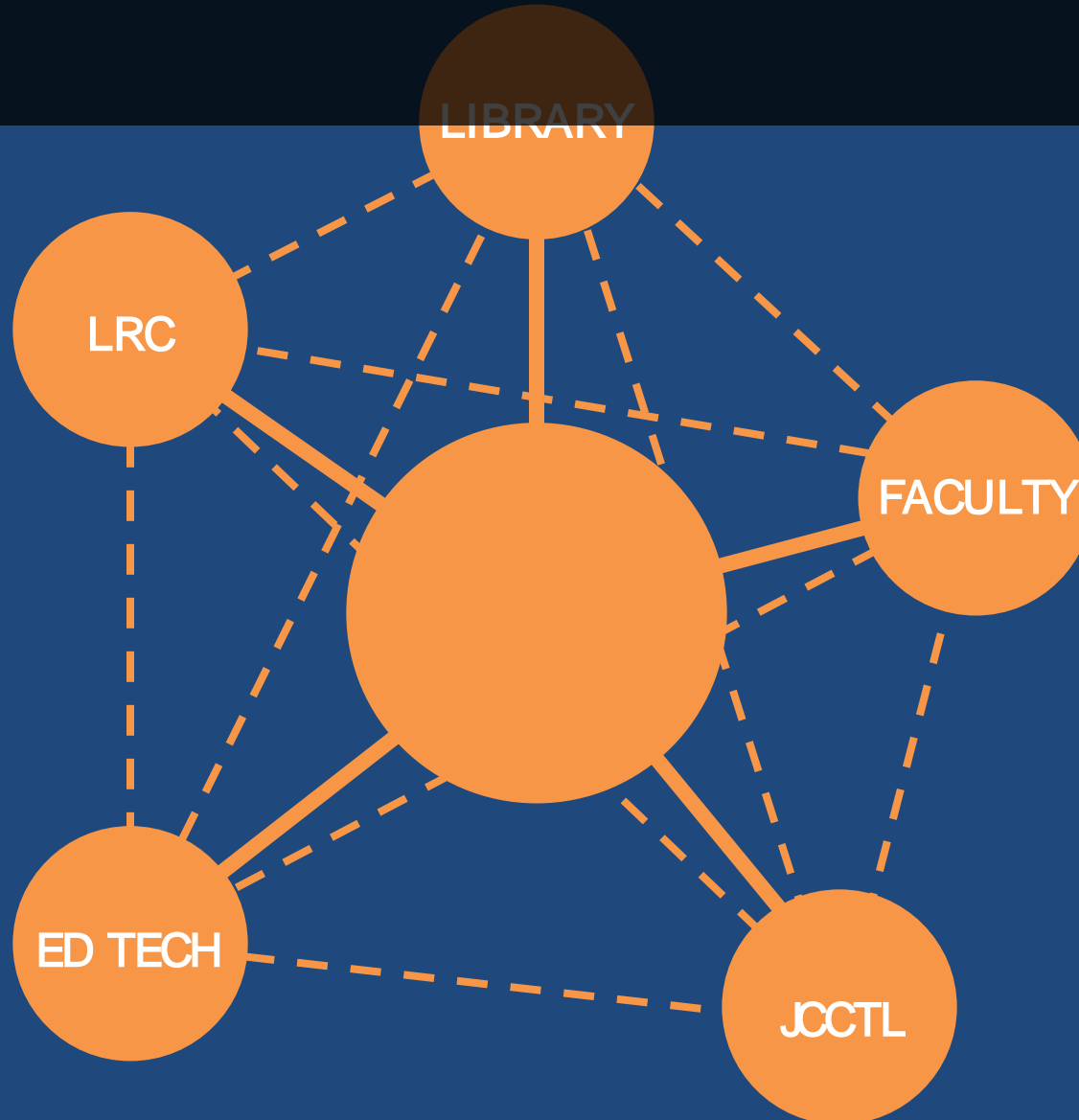


# COLLABORATION

A group of people are sitting at desks in a computer lab, working on laptops and looking at documents. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the screens and the ambient light from the room. The people are engaged in various activities, some looking at their laptops, others at papers, and some talking to each other. The background shows rows of desks and computer monitors, typical of a classroom or computer lab setting.

How can we be partners on digital projects?

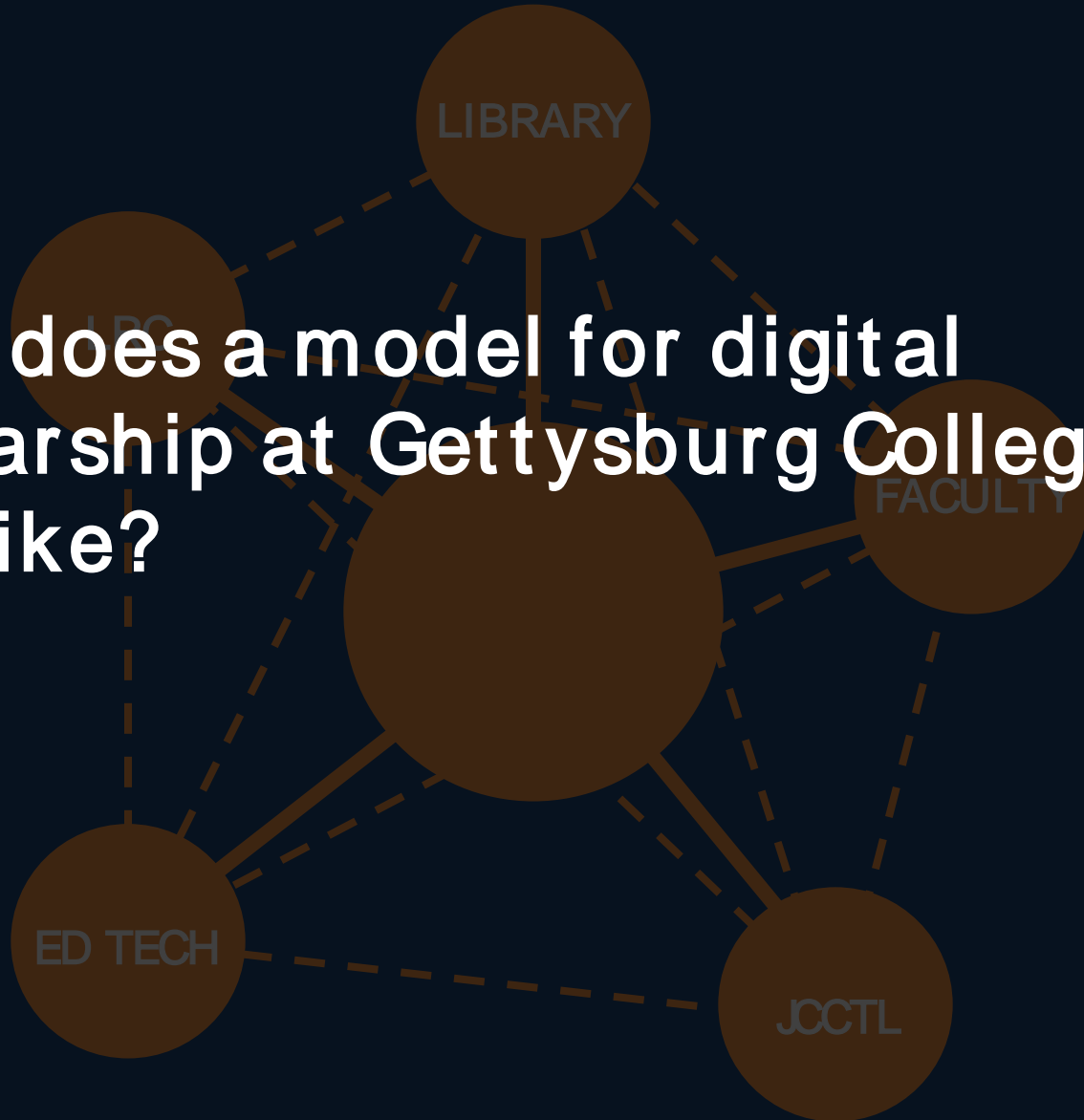
# MODELS FOR DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP





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What does a model for digital scholarship at Gettysburg College look like?



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