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Just in Time! Digital Commons@Georgia Southern Offers a Suite of Services for the Entire Campus

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Background

- **Eagle Scholar was Announced in Fall of 2009 GSU's First IR**
 - DBase platform
 - Part of a 3 year grant with Georgia Tech
 - Combined local institutional repositories to become GALILEO Knowledge Repository
 - Grant was for 3 years and extended to 4

Benefits of Grant

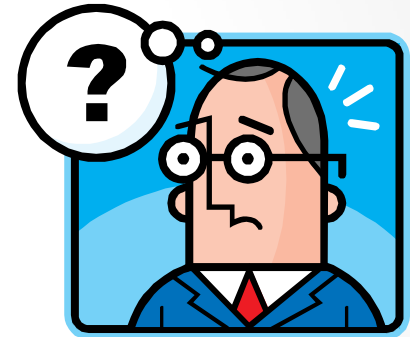
- Benefits provided to participating institutions including training, digitization, hosting sites, harvesting content for Consortium IR
- GSU hosted own site
- **After the Grant**
 - Not sustainable
 - Plan is for state to manage
 - Each institution find hosting solution
 - On the institution level GSU never really had much faculty support



Was EagleScholar a Success?

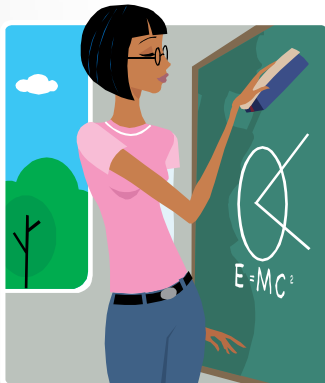
- **How Successful?**

- Institution level content harvested and archived
- ETDs added
- Faculty interest almost nonexistent
- Successful in that we collected content that needed to be archived
- Collected few faculty publications or research



Little Faculty Interest in EagleScholar

- Site was attractive
- Single focus was to archive content
- Faculty asked repeatedly and I mentioned to Library Dean repeatedly:



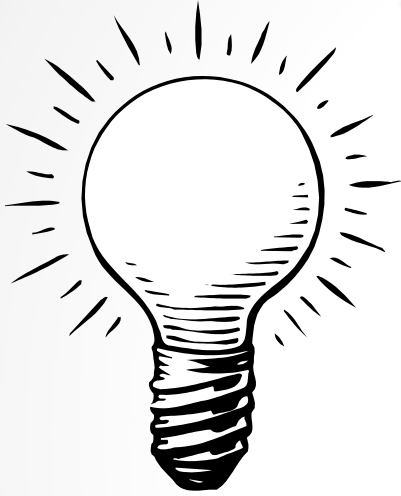
“I want to put my entire CV into the Repository.”



What Faculty Want

- Place to create personal, professional website with links to download articles or links to access articles
- Everything included whether full text is open access or not
- Other things such as grants, honors and awards
- And ... other services never before mentioned based on the response

Turning Point



- Attended “Cooperative Curation Symposium and Workshop” at Georgia Tech in August 2012
- Creating a Service with No Market?
- Value of Repository

GSU IR Upgrade

- **Needed Combination of Services**

- Archiving Institutional, Research, Creative Output
- Publishing
- Faculty Showcase
- Disseminating University Research

- **Technology Support**

- Lacking with Previous Platform
- Something in the Cloud?
- Something with Technical Support Built In?



Digital Commons

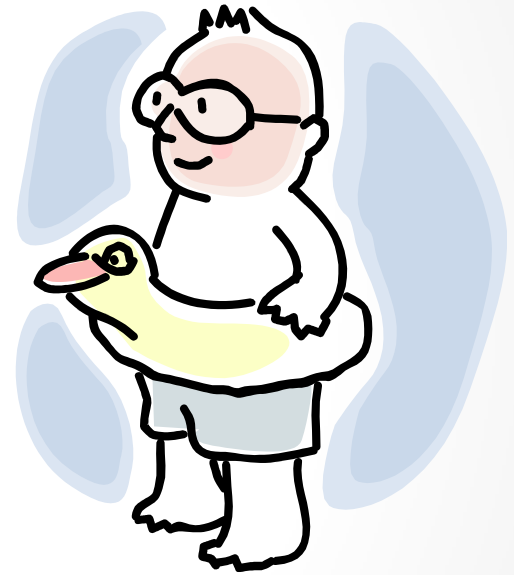
- Subscribed to [Digital Commons](#) February 2013
- Began with training
- Moving resources from Eagle Scholar
- New staff member to start in June 2013
- Planned to make corrections & get set to started with faculty in fall of 2013




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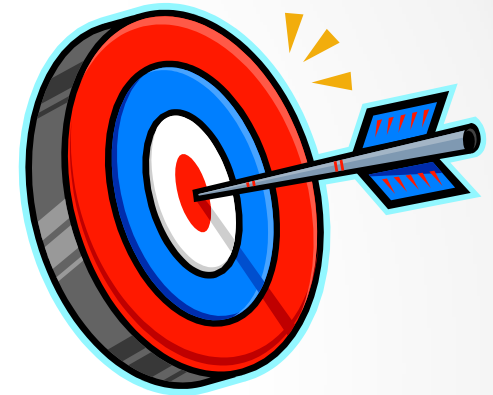


- **Campus Administration**
 - [University Policies](#)
- **Office of Research and Sponsored Programs**
 - [Faculty Expertise Search](#) Based on Selected Works
 - Research Symposium
- **Division of Continuing Education**
 - Conferences – Use IR for Proposal, Double Blind Review, Selection, Notification, Content Hosting

Why the Success?

- **University Wide Changes**

- Greater Emphasis on Research Especially Student Research
- Faculty Actively Seeking Ways to Promote Student Research
- Complete Overhaul of University Website
- Projects from Various Campus Areas that fit Role of the IR



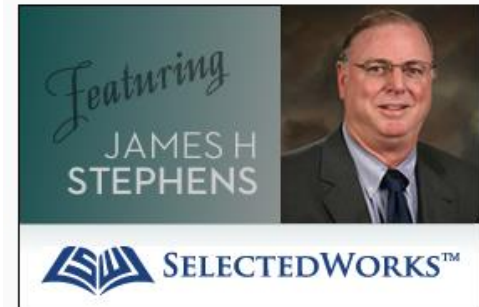
- **Faculty Centered Marketing Approach**

- Suite of Services for the Faculty

Marketing the New IR

- Active Role of Library Dean
- Visits to Colleges and Departments
- Billed as “Services for Faculty”
 - New Faculty Orientation
 - Liaison Work with Faculty
- Additional Staffing for IR
- Transition to Digital Collections Committee
- Training for Digital Collections Committee
- Users – Word of Mouth
- [Brochure](#), [ETD](#), [SelectedWorks](#), & Individualized Instructions
- Library News Box – Highlighting Faculty in SelectedWorks

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