### Strangely Reassuring

- "If you have assumed the mantle of an IR manager, strap yourself in for the ride of your life. The highs will be higher than whatever else you have experienced in your work life, and the lows will have you ready to drop the whole thing into somebody else's lap."
  - Jonathan A. Nabe, Starting, Strengthening, and Managing Institutional Repositories



#### The Beginning:

#### **Creating Digital Collections**

- "Librarians not just digitizing anything they can get their hands on"
- Funding provided tools and incentives
- Team approach to development and implementation
  - Faculty, staff, librarians, library staff, students
- Platform(s) to host



#### **Developing Passion**

- New job!
- Frustrations (good and bad)
- What are the opportunities for new approaches to librarianship?
- Engaging with the scholarly community and opening doors
  - Making collaboration easier



# Faculty\* Just Don't Understand

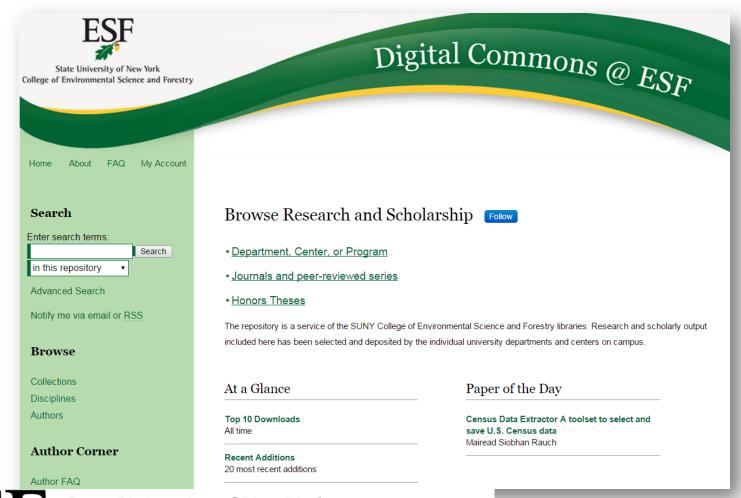
- What an IR can do
  - How is it different from my website?
- IR ≠ file cabinet

Misconceptions:

"One issue I have... is that it seems to be used for institutional ingrowth..."



# Digital Commons @ ESF

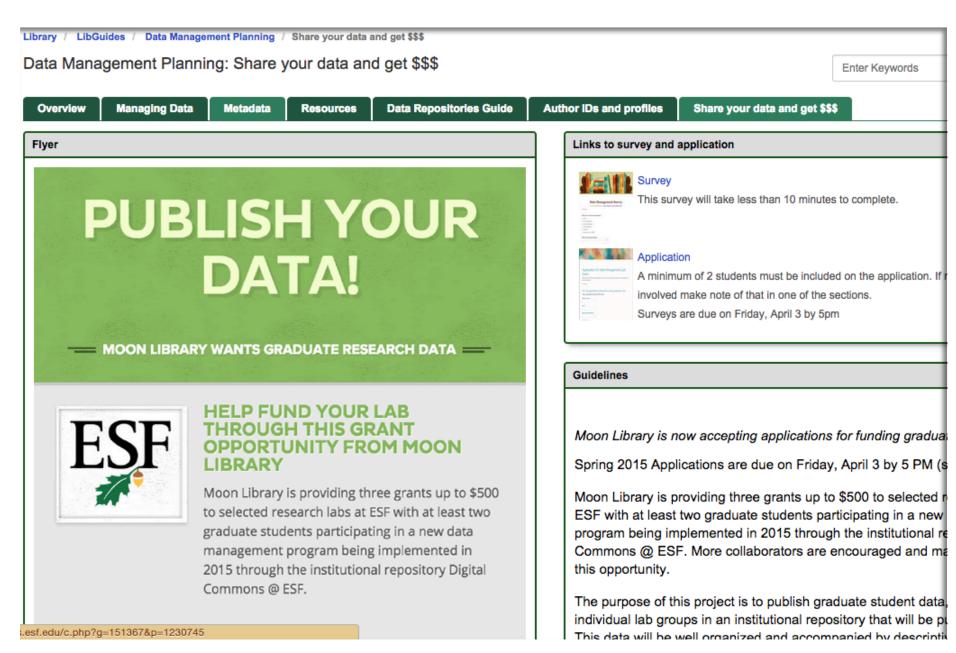


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#### So What Are We Publishing?

- "Orphan" datasets
  - No parent journal article
- Historic field notes
  - Previously hidden in a filing cabinet
- Center and Institute paraphernalia
- Student work (and syllabi)
- Possibly GIS datasets





See <a href="http://libguides.esf.edu/DMP/funds">http://libguides.esf.edu/DMP/funds</a> for full info

#### When is it DC @ ESF, When is it Not?

- Create clear policies
  - when it is best to add something to IR?
  - when is it best to link out?
- "So, what are the file size limits?"

#### What Our Plan Is

- Promote
- Be nosy (aware)
- Promote!
- Show value
- Promote!!
- Do the work
  - At least for now



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# Thank you

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