

We are gearing up for MMDP in Ann Arbor on March 27th and we have something to announce:

Our past survey's have indicated that a significant number of you would be interested in a pre-conference workshop for a more hands-on, deep-dive, free-wheeling approach to some of the recurring themes at our full-day MMDP meetings. We've put something together that we hope you will consider attending. *An agenda is forthcoming with registration -- please keep an eye out and consider signing up for the workshop! It's free!*

MMDP Pre-conference Workshop: Deep Dive in the Data Confluence

This year we are excited to offer a half-day workshop on March 26th that will give participants time, space, and access to a team of Michigan-made Data Instructors so that we can collaboratively unfurl our delight (or bewilderment!) in all the data. Whether it's how to better make use of analytics data, how to treat data like a traditional collection, or how to setup a mysql database -- we want to help (all skill levels!). The Deep Dive in the Data Confluence "unconference" will be a half-day pre-conference workshop with a flexible structure to allow participants to directly shape and engage the topics and curriculum for the day. On hand will be a team of experts from around Michigan that regularly teach and put into practice data services such as: network analysis workshops, visualization tools and techniques, data analytics and user studies, research data management topics and more!

When:

- March 26th from 1:00 - 4:00pm

Where:

- Brainstorming @ 1:00 in the Bentley Historical Library -- Whiting Room
- Breakouts @ 1:30 in the Duderstadt Center -- Conference Rooms

Why:

- Learn -- about tools, techniques, and topics that are directly applicable to digital stewardship.
- Get something done -- clean up some data, charter out a new service, form a collaboration or more!
- Network -- find people that you can talk to about difficult library technology problems. Join us for dinner and drinks afterwards!

Instructors:

Aaron Collie -- Head of Digital Curation, Michigan State University Library

Topics of interest: digital data repositories, research data management, data curation and preservation

Jake Carlson - Research Data Services Manager, University of Michigan

Topics of interest: user needs assessment, teaching data management and curation issues, building data services in the library

Justin Joque - Visualization Librarian, University of Michigan

Topics of interest: data visualization, data manipulation/management (sql, scripting, database schema, etc.), creating scalable library data services, data in the humanities (and humanistic inquiry into data practices)

Devin Higgins - Digital Library Programmer, Michigan State University Libraries

Topics of interest: data visualization, coding (particularly Python), text mining, digital humanities.

Thanks! Feel free to contact collie@msu.edu with comments -- good idea, plan on attending, suggestions for improvements -- anything!