

Institute for Enabling Geospatial Scholarship



In May, 36 humanities scholars and advanced graduate students will attend the second round of an NEH-

funded Institute for Enabling Geospatial Scholarship at the Scholars' Lab.

Institute participants will train on and critique the open source and standards-based GIS tools and geospatial

approaches to humanities scholarship developed during the Institute's first round held last November.

One goal of the Scholars' Lab is to foster community and communication about topics in the digital humanities. We're very excited about the possibilities of the NEH Institute and about the growth of the use of geospatial information in digital humanities research.

For more information about the Institute for Enabling Geospatial Scholar-

ship, its faculty and competitively selected participants, please visit

<http://tinyurl.com/SLabIEGS>.

The Scholars' Lab would like to thank the National Endowment for the Humanities for its generous support of the Institutes.

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Highlighted Project for April

The Scholars' Lab would like to congratulate Professor Alison Booth of the English Department, who has been chosen as a Resident Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities. Her project, *Collective Biographies of Women*, will expand on the work she has undertaken for several years in collaboration with the University of Virginia Library.

The original iteration of Professor Booth's digital humanities project was created in 2004 as an expansion of her book, *How to Make It as a Woman: Collective Biographical History from Victoria to the Present* (Chicago: U Chicago P, 2004), and grew to include images of women treated in the book and links to their print biographies, as well as to digital versions where they exist. Her IATH project will analyze and visualize this data in new and interesting ways.

Image of Sister Dora from <http://cbw.iath.virginia.edu/>.



New in the Lab

Starting in the Fall 2010 semester, you'll be able to reserve specific workstations and spaces in the Scholars' Lab by using new scheduling software being implemented by the Library.

We're spending the summer testing and tweaking the software, so look for more information in our August newsletter and on our website.

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<http://scholarslab.org/>

Speakers

Our Spring speaker series concluded on March 25. Thank you to everyone who helped make this semester's speaker series so successful. We're planning for the Fall semester and will be announcing speakers in late summer.

Links to the podcasts of all Scholars' Lab events are posted to the Scholars' Lab blog. You can get the complete listing of all currently available podcasts by going to

<http://tinyurl.com/SLabPodcasts>

Workshops

For complete workshop information, please visit

<http://tinyurl.com/SLabEvents>

Upcoming GIS Workshops:



April 2:
Finding and Appending Spatial Data
2pm, Alderman Library Electronic
Classroom

April 15:
Spatial Statistics
2pm, Alderman Library Electronic
Classroom

Upcoming Programming Workshops:



April 20:
A Humanist's Guide to Ruby on Rails
3pm, Scholars' Lab Classroom

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Luncheons

Three of our Graduate Fellows in Digital Humanities are presenting their research in April. Please join us in the Scholars' Lab for lunch and stimulating conversation about the latest news from these innovative projects.



April 15: Scott Spencer, History Department
12:30pm

Mining information on the lives of British police forces in colonial South Africa.

April 21: Wendy Hsu, Music Department
Noon

Mapping the local and social ties of the Asian-American indie rock scene.

April 28: Elizabeth Bollwerk, Anthropology Department
Noon

Applying geospatial tools to the study of early Native American culture.

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