

NDSR Boston Newsletter

November 2015



NDSR Boston residents have had a busy fall! Two months into their residency and they have already traveled to the 12th International Conference on Digital Preservation (iPres) in North Carolina, the Best Practices Exchange Conference in Harrisburg, PA and North Dartmouth, MA to the NDSA NE Fall Meeting.

In November, during iPres residents were able to meet with industry leaders, researchers and practitioners from around the world to discuss latest trends, policies and practices in digital preservation. The conference featured key note speakers, conference sessions, workshops, tutorials, poster sessions and social activities. The exposure to this community was an invaluable experience to our residents and they were happy to have had the opportunity to attend.

Alice Prael, NDSR Boston Resident at JFK Presidential Library said, "Attending iPres was an amazing experience both for the sessions and the conversations that happen in between sessions. It was great meeting NDSR residents from the other programs as well as some residents from the previous cohorts. I can't wait to put all my new found

knowledge to use on my project at the JFK Presidential Library."

Julie Seifert, NDSR Boston Resident at Harvard Library said, "I guess I would say that one good thing about iPres was the opportunity to meet colleagues. I especially enjoyed meeting other people who were just starting out in the field and the other NDSR residents. It was also interesting to hear from other professionals about the kinds of issues they faced and how they resolved them."

Alex Curran, NDSR Boston Resident at MIT Libraries said, "Being at iPres was an amazing experience. I enjoyed listening and learning from the presenters, groups, and individuals who were there. I am glad I had the opportunity to connect with a couple of my fellow NDSR residents, and their hosts, from DC. Also, I found the Preservation Storage Community Discussion and Policy & Practice Documentation Clinic illuminating and useful in regards to my NDSR project."

Stefanie Ramsay, NDSR Resident at the State Library, echoed their sentiments after attending the Best Practices Exchange in Harrisburg, PA in October. Stefanie said attending the exchange. "...allowed me to engage with professionals who are tackling similar challenges at their institutions, and was the beginning of an ongoing discussion that will be extremely beneficial to the success of my NDSR project."

Click here to see the [iPres Full Program](#)



Upcoming Events

12/2/15 - Resident and Hosts are invited to attend a tour at 10:30 AM of the NEDCC facility in Andover.

Q& A will follow the

News

The first of five host events for the 2015/16 residency was held on November 17th. The State Library invited the program staff, hosts and residents to the State Library, gave an update on their Web Archiving project and facilitated an official tour of the historic State House. It was a great event and enjoyed by all who

Blog posts

Please follow all of our NDSR program residents on social media... they're busy blogging away.....

[Stefanie Ramsay, NDSR Resident blog](#)

[The Signal](#)

tour.

12/15/15 - Harvard Library will hold the 2nd host event for the cohort featuring holiday cheer and a social gathering...details to follow

1/19/15 - Midyear Celebration & Project Update Event

For information on attending any of these events please email us at: ndsr-boston@hulmail.harvard.edu

attended.

Continuing Education

Nancy McGovern (MIT Libraries), our Co-PI and Curriculum Coordinator, has recorded three webcasts presenting the DPOE Modules, ***Identify & Select, Store & Protect and Manage.*** We will be using these as a tool for continuing education for our current residents, however, they are free and open access for all.

They can be found on our website at: [**DPOE Modules**](#)

[Boston residents blog, "SIPs, DIPs & Bytes"](#)

NDSR Boston Resident Alumni on the move...

@ *iPres*

- **Joey Heinen former NDSR Boston resident** at Harvard Library and now Digital Preservation Coordinator at Northeastern University presented a paper at iPres last week. The paper entitled, "Developing a Framework for File Format Migrations." describes the development of a file format migrations framework at Harvard Library, using one migration case study, Kodak PhotoCD images, to demonstrate implementation of the framework.

@ *Harvard*

- **Tricia Patterson**

**former NDSR Boston,
MIT Libraries**

resident accepted a position with the Harvard Library as a Digital Preservation Analyst in the Harvard Library Preservation Services department.

**- Samantha DeWitt,
former NDSR Boston
resident at Tufts**

University accepted an Access Services Assistant position with the Harvard Library. She is working in the Cabot and Fine Arts Libraries. In addition she is working on an IMLS/CLIR funded study with the intention of assessing the NDSR programs to date.



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