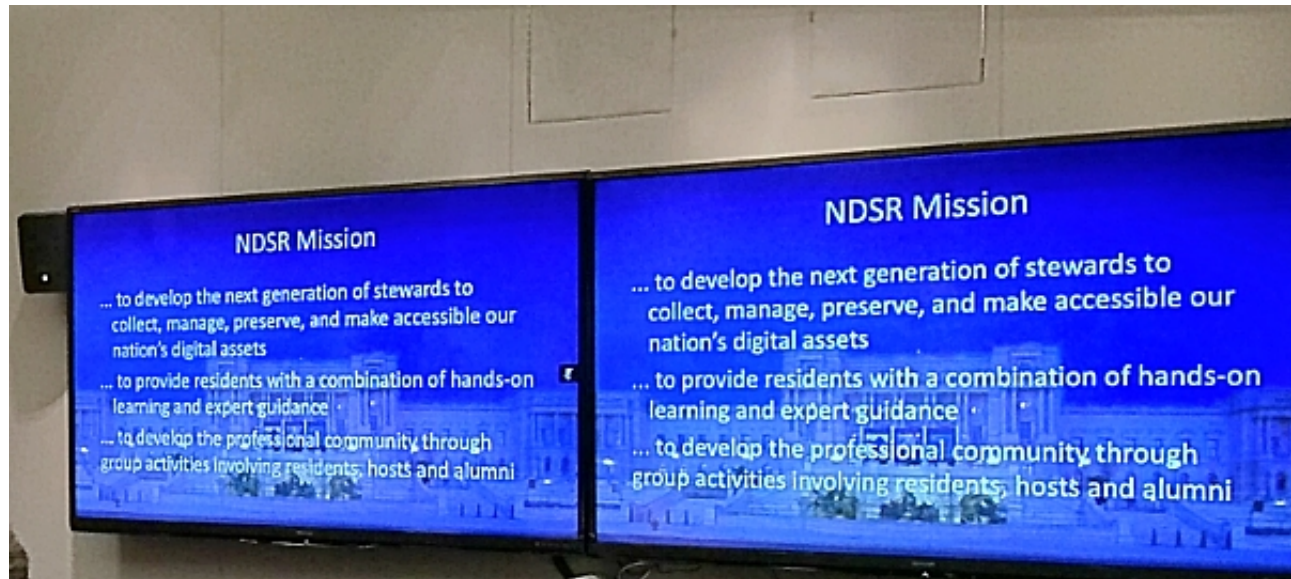


NDSR Boston

Spring Newsletter 2016



Slide @ NDSR Midyear Event, January 26, 2016

Our program mission, mentioned in the above slide by Andrea Goethals at our midyear event was, and continues to be, reflected in the efforts of the residents, mentors and program staff. During the past months we have continued our path of educational enrichment, professional development and community building. On January 26th, the second half of this residency began with our midyear presentations. The cohort and other guests were invited to the Harvard Library to hear updates on the projects as well as mingle with colleagues and residents. Each of the residents presented a brief update on their work, discussed challenges and their plan for finishing up. Please click the button below to see the entire midyear presentation.

2016 Midyear Presentation

This winter the residents traveled near and far to make connections in the digital preservation community, learn from experts and gain experience in presenting to colleagues at a professional conference. Our residents had the opportunity to attend CurateGear, Code4Lib, the ALA Midwinter Meeting, the METRO Annual Conference and the NEA Spring Meeting to name a few.

The NDSR Boston blog, ndsr.boston2015 reported on each of these trips, please follow the blog and learn about the experiences our residents had this winter.

Recent & Upcoming Events

February and March have been busy months for the group. February began with a tour of the Massachusetts State Archives. We met with the Veronica Martzahl, Electronic Records Archivist and Executive Director, Michael Comeau and heard about the need for an Electronic Records Archivist and the important work that she does for the State Archive. We toured the Commonwealth Museum which displays items from the archives and saw original versions of the founding documents of the Commonwealth. It was a fascinating tour and well worth a visit! Please read more about our trip in a blog post written by Stefanie Ramsay at,



Educational enrichment, professional development and continuing education have been a thread running through the NDSR Boston residency. Colleagues in the field spoke about tools and skills necessary to be successful in digital preservation today. In February, Andrea Goethals, Manager of Digital Preservation and Repository Services and Co-director of NDSR Boston gave a presentation with Q & A on the [FITS tool](#).

FITS identifies, validates and extracts technical metadata for a wide range of file formats. Jeff Erickson, NDSR Boston resident at UMass Boston

Blog posts

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

[The Signal](#)

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[Stefanie Ramsay, NDSR Resident blog](#)



[ndsrboston2015](#).

Later in February, the JFK Presidential Library and Museum hosted a [Digital Preservation UnConference](#) as their host event. It was a huge success and was a lively discussion on current topics in digital preservation. Please read about it in a blog post (linked above) by the organizer, Alice Prael.

In May UMass Boston will host the group at Columbia Point and hold an "*NDSR Boston Edition of the Mass. Memories Roadshow*". Meant to mirror the successful and ongoing UMass Boston project, it will show us first hand the work that the staff at UMass have been engaged in; read more about it here, [Open Archives News Mass. Memories Roadshow](#).

summed it up nicely in a blog post, "[Having FITS over Digital Preservation?](#)".

In March the cohort was treated to a talk on Data Visualization by Helen Bailey, Digital Curation Analyst at MIT Libraries. The advice and tips that were given during her presentation were invaluable to the residents as they finish up their project work at their hosts institutions.

Later in March, MIT Libraries hosted the cohort in a [Resume & Interview Workshop](#). Program staff and mentors served as resume reviewers and participated in interview role playing with the residents. Again, the topic was well timed as the residents prepare to take their next steps in a career in digital preservation. Thanks to everyone for their participation in this important skill building exercise!



In February, [NDSR AAPB named their seven hosts](#) for the first residency and is the process of selecting their residents. Very exciting news in the NDSR community! Click below and learn about the program.

AAPB NDSR Project Update

For more information about any of the events you have just read about please contact us at, ndsr-boston@hulmail.harvard.edu

SAVE-the-DATE for our
program Capstone Event

May 23, 2016 3 PM

@ 90 Mt. Auburn Street

More details to follow

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