Digital Humanities at Carolina

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A Unique Collaboration

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The Big Idea

The study of humanities – and its relevance to the real world in the 21st century – is being transformed as the field moves from the old era of data scarcity to the still-emerging era of hyper-abundance.
Digital Humanities - What is it?

Digital humanities is an area of research, teaching, and knowledge creation at the intersection of computing and humanities.

“Digital humanities is not just about individual scholars using computers in their research. It represents a potentially transformative change across all the ways we work as academics: from the questions we ask, to the kinds of people we work with; from the ways we communicate knowledge to our peers and our students, to the ways we relate to the world beyond the University.”

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Carolina Digital Humanities Initiative
Announced July 10, 2012

A $1.39 million grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation will help the university to create the Carolina Digital Humanities Initiative, a $5 million effort that will explore the application of cutting-edge digital technologies to humanities research, teaching, graduate training and public engagement.
Carolina Digital Humanities Initiative Components

- Targeted hiring of three faculty members
- Joint faculty fellowships (DIL and IAH)
- Graduate and postdoctoral fellowships
- Grants for developing new courses
- Workshops for faculty and graduate students
- Graduate certificate for PhD students
- Exploration of undergraduate minor in data studies
Carolina Digital Humanities Initiative
Integration and Coordination

- College of Arts and Sciences
- Humanities departments
- Institute of Arts and Humanities
- UNC Library
- Information Technology Services
- Renaissance Computing Institute
- School of Information and Library Sciences
- University Press
Carolina Digital Humanities Initiative
Looking Forward

Digital scholarship is the inevitable future of the humanities...[D]igital literacy is a matter of national competitiveness and a mission that needs to be embraced by universities, libraries, museums, and archives....

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Thank you!

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