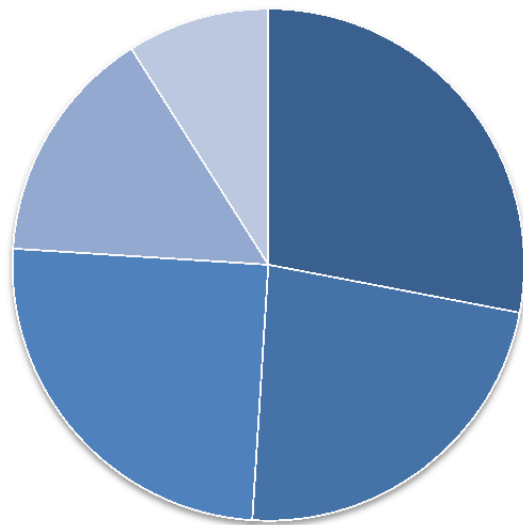## Institutional Repository @ CUNY

For several years CUNY has maintained an institutional repository "sandbox" on the DSpace platform. This sandbox provided an opportunity for us to learn about managing IRs, but it was evident that DSpace was not going to be robust enough for our needs. More recently, CUNY's University Faculty Senate passed a resolution in support of Open Access, and calling for the UFS to work with the Office of Library Services to develop an Institutional Repository adequate for the needs of the University. Over the coming months we will be working to implement Digital Commons.
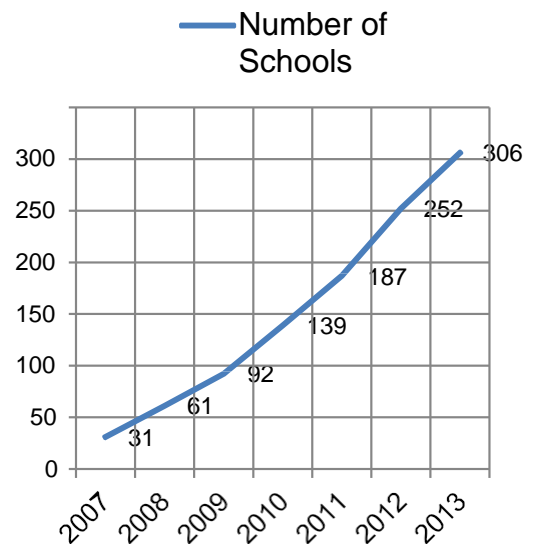
What is Digital Commons?

Digital Commons is a suite of tools that will enable CUNY to manage, display, and publish scholarship on the web in an attractive, highly visible showcase. Digital Commons offers the complete feature set of a traditional Institutional Repository (IR), plus professional-grade publishing and editorial workflow tools. Our annual subscription includes full software hosting, unlimited training and support, and frequent upgrades. This software-as-a-service model frees CUNY librarians to work with faculty, collaborate with departments, and educate the campus community about this new library-led service.

Who subscribes to Digital Commons?

Schools by type

Number of Schools

Why do colleges and universities invest in Digital Commons?

- Raise the research profile of the entire institution or of specific departments
- Serve faculty looking for greater exposure
- Support the publishing needs of organizations across campus
- Preserve and publicize unique research collections
- Create a showcase for exemplary student scholarship
- Improve student learning outcomes and teach students about editing, copyright, peer- review, and other scholarly communications issue

What types of materials are institutions putting in their IRs?

- Books and Monographs
- Journals
- Faculty Articles
- Special Collections
- Conference Proceedings
- Conference Proceedings

- Datasets
- Theses and Dissertations
- Campus Events
- Image Galleries
- Newsletters / Magazines

- Performances and Recordings
- Presentations
- Technical Reports
- Working Papers

The CUNY Digital Commons subscription:

CUNY has partnered with bepress to create a new configuration option, where each CUNY campus receives one instance of Digital Commons "Simple". The CUNY System office will implement one CUNY Digital Commons Portal site, which will serve to aggregate together content from all of the campus' Digital Commons Simple instances. Digital Commons Simple provides unique campus-branding for each, and provides maximum control for each institution to set its own policies, organize collections in its Digital Commons in the most flexible manner based on its local environment, and provide the most flexible suite of services to each local campus community. All CUNY instances will share 30 TB of storage.

Each instance of Digital Commons Simple includes the following structures to organize materials:

- Community structures which group standard IR series structures, ETD structures, and image structures

- Standard IR series structures which sort records by publication date or by document type, and display for each record the article title, author name and a link to the file.

- ETD structures which sort thesis and dissertation records by publication date or by document type and support the display of ETD title, author name and a link to the file.

- Image Gallery structures for image collections and other visual objects, sorted by year of creation.

Article pages are included with IR series, ETD, and image gallery structures. They are the permanent URL of every record, display the link to a file, and allow for some flexibility in the arrangement of article metadata.

OLS will provide CUNY-wide licensing for the following "structures".

Portal
http://helindigitalcommons.org/

Community (Department)
http://trace.tennessee.edu/utk-math/

IR series (Departmental Works)
Sort by date
http://trace.tennessee.edu/utk_mathpubs/3/

Sort by type
http://digitalcommons.trinity.edu/lib_faculty/

ETD series
Sort by date
http://digitalcommons.trinity.edu/hist_honors/

ETD record with embedded streamed video (from local streaming server), image,
Down-loadable animation file (.swf), and downloadable video (mp4)
http://aura.antioch.edu/etds/14/

Image gallery
http://digitalcommons.cedarville.edu/mens_track_and_field_gallery/

Publishing structures are available for additional cost to the campus.

Book gallery
http://scholarworks.gvsu.edu/books/

Article page for book gallery
http://scholarworks.gvsu.edu/books/1/

Journals
http://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/dissentingvoices/

Conference proceedings
http://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/gradconf/
http://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/gradconf/2014/

NOTE: Each CUNY campus has the opportunity to add full Digital Commons Publishing services, which would add journal, conference, and book publishing capabilities for the campus.