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Content and Context in the “Mutable Cloud”

Selected challenges in presenting and preserving digital collections

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“Nature,” says Emerson, “is a mutable cloud, which is always and never the same.” The same may be said for electronic resources, the digital libraries in which they reside, and the expectations users bring to library systems and services. In the rapidly changing networked environment, how are research libraries to fulfill their mandates to preserve? Using selections from the California Digital Library, Harvard, and other collections, this talk will critique some of the strategies being used to impose context upon library content, then raise questions regarding the methods by which these contexts may be re-expressed, or at least documented, in the future.

Stephen Chapman was recently appointed Open Collections Program Manager for Harvard University. He previously served as Preservation Librarian for Digital Initiatives in Harvard’s Weissman Preservation Center. He is a member of the technical team managing Harvard’s Digital Repository Service and he regularly advises the Harvard community about reformatting strategies to create sustainable digital collections.

Thursday, September 27, 2007

1:30 p.m.

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Digital Libraries and Cyberinfrastructure



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“Cyberinfrastructure,” a word coined by the National Science Foundation, may be an awkward choice of language, but the underlying concept that it represents has profound implications for all aspects of academy. We are at a moment in time where two decades of dramatic changes in computing and information is enabling paradigmatic changes in research and teaching across all fields. Just as physical libraries were cornerstones of twentieth-century universities, digital libraries are essential to e-research and e-teaching. This talk will look at the challenges posed by this transformation and the opportunities that it presents for libraries.

Mark Kornbluh is Director of MATRIX, the Center for the Humane Arts, Letters, and Social Sciences, the largest digital humanities center in the United States at Michigan State University, where he is also Professor and Chairperson of the History Department and Professor of Computer Science. He has directed a wide range of digital library research projects including the National Gallery of the Spoken Word and the African Online Digital Library and served on the National Academy of Science’s Advisory Committee on the National Archives electronic records project.

Thursday, November 1, 2007

1:30 p.m.

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The Digital Library Lecture Series is free of charge to the Case community as well as to the Ohio academic and library communities. Registration is not required; however, seating will be limited and will be on a first-come, first-serve basis, so please arrive early.

For additional information regarding this series, please visit our Web site at <http://library.case.edu> or call the KSL administration office at (216) 368-2992 weekdays during business hours.

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