Cleaning out the Roach Motel: Transforming the Neglected IR into a Five-Star Scholarship Resort

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The Problem

- IRs filled with:

  In terms of:
  
  - Items
  - Workflows
  - Attitudes

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Some Background about ES

- 12 years of library experience
- Worked with USFS curating scientific data
- Helped build and maintain CORE Scholar
- Very passionate OA advocate
- Joined Vandy in July 2017
• IRs provide infrastructure for Open Access
• IRs provide outlets for emerging digital projects
• IRs provide preservation for otherwise unpreserved items

which equals

SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability and Institutional Repositories
Vanderbilt University’s Institutional Repository

- Started in mid-2000’s on DSpace
- Several IR Managers
- Without leadership for 1.5 years
- Little bandwidth for technical support
DiscoverArchive/VUIR

Well established

Base of authors in Law and Divinity

Self-submission of capstone’s and final projects for several schools
The Broader Landscape

- Library and University in flux
- New ILS Implementation
- Islandora Repository started
- Confusion surrounding mission of IR
Chicken or the Egg

Clean up of current IR?  Heavy recruitment for a more robust IR?
1. Assessment
2. Be the Squeaky Wheel
3. Identify items for migration/deletion
4. Find allies
5. MARKET
Assessment
Be Squeaky
Migrate or Delete?
Find Allies
Market
Educate
Market
Challenges Remain

Outdated infrastructure

Law School signed contract with bepress

New leadership and colleagues may change direction
What else?

- Collection Development Policy in draft
- Potential for campus to adopt VIVO profiles
- Altmetrics badge implementation coming
- Considering using WikiData/Scholia for analysis
- Amazon Web Services
Conclusion

Not as far as I thought I would be

IR is here to stay, but in what form?

The roaches are slowly dying
Questions?

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