



LAC-GLAM
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The purpose of the Liberal Arts Colleges and GLAM Interest Group is to make digital repository resources easy to use and accessible, particularly to under-resourced and smaller institutions, so that Islandora is a sustainable long-term solution for our members.

Goal 1: Build a vibrant, supportive, and equitable group that collectively supports open-source software as critical to providing access and preserving a wide array of cultural heritage and scholarly materials.

In our first year this goal was most prescient as we spread the word of its formation and offered an open invitation across a wide array of networks. Throughout the year meeting attendance fluctuated between ten to fifteen participants depending on the topic.

Institutional affiliations of attendees include, but are not limited to, Vassar College, Haverford College, Whitman College, Wellesley College, Bryn Mawr College, Swarthmore College, Berklee College of Music, Lehigh University, University of Manitoba, Iowa State University, Texas State University, Hagley Museum and Library, HSLC, and the Fedora Foundation.

Goal 2: Collaboratively identify pain points in Islandora systems management and find solutions.

Together attendees identified a variety of pain points, many related to knowledge building, that were addressed through guest presentations and demos. The issues we tackled this year focused on the struggles we face in our day to day work. Topics included Workbench workflows, application of compound objects, user roles, creating custom views, and student management. Related higher level concerns that were also discussed included understanding Drupal key concepts, storage management, OCFL, Fedora as a preservation tool, and infrastructure management. We are incredibly grateful to our guest presenters this year: Noah Smith (Born Digital), Arran Griffith (Fedora), Dan Field (Fedora), Jared Whiklo (Fedora), Mark Jordan (Simon Fraser University), Rosie Le Faive (University of Prince Edward Island), Yamil Suarez (Berklee College), Greg Ritter (Teaching, Learning, & Libraries Lead, AWS Higher Education), and Josh Badal (AWS Higher Education).

In the coming year we will begin to address the remaining goals we identified in our charge, and included on our webpage - **the documentation of best practices and workflows** and **providing feedback to the Islandora Foundation regarding issues, concerns, and features** - both specific to under-resourced and smaller institutions.

We have also discussed sharing our interest groups work at future conferences and other professional development venues - such as Islandoracon, DLF, or Code4Lib. This will be a great opportunity to expand our member base bringing this group's unique experience and voice to the Islandora Foundation fold.



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