Role of Libraries in Data Stewardship:
A View From One University

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Why Libraries Should Play a Role

- Evolving mission
- Greater attention to data stewardship in the research community
- Focus on curation of unique assets
- Support for faculty as information producers (in line with open access)
- Engage with others at your university
- Relates to OR role: enabling data access
Services at MIT

• History and reorganization
• Research Data Management Team
• Web site
• Workshops
• Individual consultations
  – Covering many topics including, but not limited to, NSF data management plans
• Data storage
  – Local: DSpace@MIT (IR) and HMDC
  – Shepherd deposit in domain repositories
Example: Shepherding Deposit at ICSPR

- MIT faculty member who ran a major survey
- Reviewed draft documentation and provided feedback
- Communicated with ICPSR deposit staff—thank you Jared Lyle!
- Follow-up and ongoing partnership
Role for ORs to Play

• Builds on experience in assisting with data access and use
• “[I]t's also great you're working with the PIs so early in the process, which should add to the value and usability of the data collection.” Jared Lyle, ICPSR Staff
• Share our expertise and learn
Considerations

• Relationship between data specialists and subject librarians
• Determining level of service to be provided
• Educating users to expect this service from the library
Resources

- Fellow ORs and colleagues
- ICPSR: Deposit Data & Findings: [http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/access/deposit](http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/access/deposit)
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Conclusion

• Build on your expertise
• Be pioneering and thoughtful

• Thank you!
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