Rethinking Institutional Repositories

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IF YOU BUILD IT, WILL THEY COME?

- **IRs originally conceived as showcases of faculty publications**
- **Benefits included greater exposure of faculty work and open access**
- **Faculty able to self-deposit**
  - Many faculty did not take advantage of this
  - Unfamiliarity with policies for copyrighted works
What Comes Next?

- Not a rejection of faculty publications in the IR, but a reimagining of what is possible
  - Other types of works (student scholarship, other university resources)
  - New types of partnerships (community organizations, archives, student groups)
  - New audiences (inclusive collections, representing diverse perspectives and cultures)
IR Management

• Strategies for Evaluating IR Platforms or Assessing Existing IRs
• Innovative Approaches to Managing and Staffing IRs
• Planning Strategies
• IR Outreach
IR Projects

- Archival materials in the IR
- Community partnerships
- Podcast collections
- Gray literature
IR For All

• Accessibility for IRs
• Supporting DEI through the IR
• Promoting greater participation in the IR
• Using the IR to promote change
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