Our Shared Future as ETD Stewards

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Collectors, disseminators…and stewards

We all
• Work hard to get ETDs published
• Try to anticipate the evolution of dissertations

How can we do more?
• Better tools
• Partnerships & metrics
• Big data & research
• Curating & sharing content
Better Tools
Better tools, better workflow

Celebrating 15 years of ETD Administrator!

700+ universities using ETD Administrator

What’s next? ETD Administrator 2.0

• Committee review
• Local system integration
• Improved authentication
• GDPR compliance
• Administrator & author workflow improvements
• Additional customization options
• Learn more: user group session at 4 p.m. Thursday!
Partnerships & Metrics
Sharing scholarship in as many ways as possible

• ProQuest Dissertation & Global contributors = ProQuest partners

• Reach millions of researchers across the globe
Dissertations Dashboard

How are a school's works being used in PQDT Global?
- Historical usage trends
- Usage comparisons with other schools
- Worldwide use by country
- Top subjects, dissertations
Big Data & Research
PQDT Global is “big” data: Millions of works, hundreds of years

Big data; text and data mining...increasing demand

- PQDT Global is an impressive corpus
- Used with other ProQuest content in pilot projects
- Freely available to researchers
- Fascinating, published projects
Publication outcomes


• The authors investigated the peer-reviewed publication outcomes of psychology dissertations in the US. *Dissertations include original research; does that research end up in the scientific literature?*
Computer science terminology


- The authors analyzed computing-related keywords in approximately 30,000 dissertations and theses to see how connections between different computing disciplines changed over time.
STEM degrees & career outcomes


• The authors used PQDT Global data to verify dissertation publication and graduation against UMETRICS data. The data was then used to analyze how STEM degrees correspond to career outcomes.
Curating & Sharing Content
Author success stories

- Surveyed US dissertation authors
- Visibility, ability to help future scholars top benefits
- Profile, share compelling personal stories and research
- Some of our most-accessed ProQuest blogs

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How one scholar combined her passions and wound up with an in-demand thesis on hip-hop authenticity.

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There’s a dissertation for that!

- Dissertations & theses have crucial place in research & teaching
- “there’s probably a dissertation for anything you can think of”
- Highlight & use content in our own research & writing
- Showcase breadth & depth of content

Brazilian Independence & the Birth of a Free Press

How newspapers emerged as the heart of democratic discourse in the newly independent nation.
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Letters written to the Queen of Soul reveal what she meant to us.
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The most accessed dissertations & theses

- Top 25 downloaded dissertations & theses each month
- Notify authors & graduate school deans
- Highlight on Web and social media
- Huge variety – publication date, geography, subject
Shared history, shared future

Protecting, preserving and disseminating graduate work

1939: Microfilm preserves dissertations

1997: ProQuest Dissertations & Theses goes online for on-demand discovery

1998: U.S. Library of Congress names ProQuest official dissertations repository

2003: ETD Administrator accelerates access, streamlines submission, cuts costs

2018-2020: Reimagined ETD Administrator takes dissertations into the future
Thank you!