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## TDL Director joins DPN working group

TDL executive director Debra Hanken Kurtz has joined the DPN Business Model Working Group, which has been tasked with creating a formal business plan and establishing a sustainable economic model for the **Digital Preservation Network** (DPN).

The Texas Digital Library is a charter member of DPN, a nationwide effort among academic institutions to develop a geographically distributed, format-independent infrastructure to ensure the preservation of the scholarly record.



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## New director begins Texas tour

TDL director Debra Hanken Kurtz began a tour of TDL member



campuses on June 18 at Texas A&M University Libraries and will be traveling around the state for site visits throughout the summer and fall. The next scheduled visits will be:

- University of Houston Libraries on August 6
- Texas State University Libraries on September 4
- Texas Tech University on September 25

Additional visits will be scheduled so that TDL staff will visit every TDL member library by the end of 2013.

Along with member site visits, Kurtz and the TDL staff will be holding a series of regional recruitment meetings to talk to library directors and deans about membership in the Texas Digital Library, starting with a meeting in San Marcos on September 5. Stay tuned for more details about these meetings.

For more information about TDL's travels around the state, periodically check the [TDL home page](#) for presentations and other information associated with these events.

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## TDL staff travel to summer and fall conferences

Staff from the TDL (including Executive Director Debra Hanken Kurtz and Director of Operations Ryan Steans) as well as staff from several TDL member institutions, attended the 2013 Open Repositories Conference in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada on July 8-12. The conference featured a content-rich program, as well as opportunities for networking with TDL members and partners such as DuraSpace.

You can see or hear from TDL staff at additional upcoming conferences and meetings, including:

- [USETDA Conference](#) (July 24-26, Claremont, California)
- [Cross Timbers Conference](#) (August 16, Denton, Texas)
- [Texas Council of Academic Libraries Meeting](#) (October 3-4, Austin, Texas)
- [Digital Library Federation Forum](#) (November 4-6, Austin, Texas)



*Above: TDL Director of Operations Ryan Steans at Open Repositories 2013*

## TDL Open Access journals publish first issues



Two new TDL-hosted academic journals launched their first issues this summer: the Journal of Analytic Theology and the Texas State Undergraduate Review.

The [Journal of Analytic Theology](#), which came to the TDL through Baylor University Libraries, publishes articles, book reviews, and book symposia that explore theological and meta-theological topics in a manner that prizes terminological clarity and argumentative rigor.

The [Texas State Undergraduate Research Journal](#) is an online, peer-reviewed journal devoted to multi-disciplinary undergraduate research at Texas State University.

For more information about these and other journals hosted by the Texas Digital Library, visit the [TDL Electronic Press](#).

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## TDL Community



### New groups launch email forums

The TDL has announced two new or re-formed communities designed to provide avenues for knowledge-sharing and mutual support: the TDL DSpace Users Group and the TDL Metadata Community.

To sign up and stay abreast of discussions and activities associated with these two groups, join the groups' email lists. Go to the [TDL Groups](#) page for more information about signing up.

### Awards and Conference Committees begin work

A new TDL Awards Committee and the Conference Committee for the 2014 Texas Conference on Digital Libraries (TCDL 2014) have both begun work..

The Awards Committee, chaired by Michele Reilly of the University of Houston Libraries, is developing several awards that will recognize outstanding work in digital libraries at Texas academic institutions. These awards will be given out at TCDL 2014.

The Conference Committee, chaired by Billie Peterson-Lugo of Baylor University Libraries, has begun planning the program for TCDL 2014. An announcement about the dates and venue for the 2014 conference will be made soon!

### Open Access Week is coming October 21-27

[Open Access Week](#), an annual event that promotes the benefits of free and immediate access to research, will be observed by institutions all over the world during the week of October 21.

Several TDL member institutions, including the University of Texas at Austin, will be holding events designed to raise awareness about Open Access and TDL's OA publishing services (e.g. online academic journals) during this week. Institutions interested in working with TDL to plan additional local event can contact the TDL at [info@tdl.org](mailto:info@tdl.org).

More information about Open Access can be found on the [TDL website](#).



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