Welcome to TxETDA!

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UNT and its Digital Information Efforts

- UNT was the 3rd institution in the world to require (i.e., a mandate) ETDs for both theses and dissertations – 1999!

- UNT is the first public institution in Texas to adopt an open access policy

- And the second public institution in the U.S.to adopt such a policy.

UNT Open Access Policy

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Professionalizing the ETD Movement!

- NDLTD
  - National Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations
  - First ETD professional organization
  - Established in 1996 (UNT member since 1998)
- OETDA
  - Ohio ETD Association (pronounced oh-EE-da)
  - First US organization, established in 2006
- TxETDA
  - Second US organization, established in 2009
- USetdA
  - United States ETD Association (pronounced with letters: U-S-E-T-D-A]
  - Established October 2009

Changing nature and modes of scholarly communication

- The problematic of open access
  - Green or gold

- Not just the article but also the data!
  - Same for ETDs?

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The Difference Digital and Open Access Makes

- Can we measure and why?
  - UNT ETD Collection
  - 703,029 total uses since Jan 2010

[UNT ETD Collection Usage](#)

- And what do the metrics mean?
  - "use" means a person interacted with the data to some degree or other

[Dissertation 1](#)

[Dissertation 2](#)

A green light to greatness.

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