Welcome back everyone! I’m Kristi Park, she/her, the executive director of Texas Digital Library.

Welcome back to TCDL, back together in person for - many of us - the first time since we’ve seen each other face to face in years. We recognize the challenges of travelling and leaving your comforts of home, families, pets, and normal routines. Thank you for being here.

All of us at TDL and the cmte are here to help you feel welcome, comfortable, and that each of you belong.

Because you belong here. Thank you for coming back together - in real life and not just seeing your faces through my laptop screen.

It’s so good to see your faces!

I’m going to walk us through our space and the Code of Conduct before handing it over to our governing board chair, Diane Bruxvoort.

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Here’s a look at the layout of the building. We are currently in the Big Tex Auditorium.

All-gender restrooms are across from the registration table adjacent to the guest services office. More restrooms are found near the Campus Dining room.

A lactation room is available to anyone who needs it. Just ask someone in Guest Services or at the registration table to help you sign out the key and find the room.

And since we haven’t seen each other in a while, we wanted to offer a quiet space where folks can recharge and a space to call spontaneous meetings one-on-one or in a small group.

The Lonestar room is reserved all day for people who want a quiet space to recharge. We ask for no talking and only quiet activities in that space.

The Tower room is reserved all day in case people want to steal away for a quick conversation or meeting. We’re not reserving this space for folks; it’s all on the honor system and on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Atrium has plenty of tables where you can spread out and work. We have free wifi here and have the network name up on this screen. No password needed.  

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And just a final reminder that if you have any questions or need help, come see us at the registration table or find a committee member. And, please, make yourself at home here at TCDL.

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**SLIDE 3 [KRISTI PARK] - CODE OF CONDUCT**

Texas Digital Library and the TCDL Planning Committee are dedicated to providing an experience for everyone that is free from all forms of harassment and inclusive of all people.

We expect that participants will abide by our Code of Conduct and:

- Participate in a constructive and active way.
- Exercise consideration and respect in speech and action.
- Listen, pause, reflect, and attempt understanding before speaking.
- Refrain from demeaning, discriminatory, or harassing behavior and speech.
- Be mindful of your environment and of your fellow participants.

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You can view our full code of conduct on the home page of the TCDL website, and we’ve provided a QR code on this slide.

And if you experience or witness something that violates the code of conduct, you can get help by finding one of our committee members, who are identifiable by their name badges.

And now I’m pleased to introduce the Chair of TDL’s Governing Board, Diane Bruxvoort.

Thank you, Kristi, and welcome everyone. It is my honor to deliver a Land Acknowledgement for this TCDL. My name is Diane Bruxvoort, she/her, and I am the Dean of Libraries at the University of North Texas.

Land Acknowledgements are an expression of gratitude and appreciation to the Indigenous Peoples, the traditional caretakers of the land, for the use of their lands on which we work, study, and learn.

I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on the Indigenous lands of Turtle Island, the ancestral name for what now is called North America.

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Moreover, we would like to acknowledge the Alabama-Coushatta, Caddo, Carrizo/Comecrudo, Coahuiltecan (kwa-weel-tay-kans), Comanche, Kickapoo, Lipan Apache, Tonkawa and Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo, and all the American Indian and Indigenous Peoples and communities who have been or have become a part of these lands and territories in Texas.

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**SLIDE 5 [DIANE BRUXVOORT] - LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT DOC**

If you like, take out your phones and use the QR code on the slide to go to our Beyond the Land Acknowledgement document, prepared for everyone to use as a shared resource.

This year’s planning committee is looking for new ways to share our gratitude and knowledge about the indigenous communities we come from, highlight their work and cultural heritage, and amplify their calls to action.

We also want to highlight the work being done among our members to improve equitable access for students, faculty, and staff of indigenous communities and to collect, make discoverable, and preserve the cultural heritage of indigenous communities.

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We work to honor the land on which we host our conference by encouraging sustainability practices of the conference and reducing waste, and we invite you to contribute to and utilize the Beyond the Land Acknowledgement document today, throughout the conference, and beyond.

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**SLIDE 6 [DIANE BRUXVOORT] - WELCOME & ABOUT TCDL**

**About the TDL**

The Texas Digital Library is a collaborative consortium based in Texas and rooted in higher education that builds capacity among our membership for ensuring equitable access to and preservation of digital content of value to research, instruction, cultural heritage, and institutional memory.

TDL’s success is bound to that of our member institutions and their workers. Through our collective efforts, we strive to prepare and empower a diverse and inclusive library workforce to meet the challenges of the moment by amplifying their unique contributions, enabling sustainable workloads, and fostering mutually supportive communities.

For those of you who are anchored in this community, thank you. We are grateful for your contributions to our collaborative endeavors. For those of you who are new to the TDL community, welcome.

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We look forward to getting to know each other, learning from one another, and exploring paths to our mutual, personal and professional growth.

About TCDL
The Texas Digital Library has been organizing and hosting the Texas Conference on Digital Libraries since 2007 and, over time, we have seen many TDL members organize and collaborate on this annual conference.

We are striving to find ways for our planning committee and membership as a whole to reflect the diverse ethnicities, career paths, and talents that make up our community.

Our goal is to bring together those working on digital projects -- including those who work with open education, outreach, scholarly communications and research support, archives, students, faculty members, technical staff, and many other areas -- in order to build a practical, usable and sustainable model for digital libraries within the state of Texas and beyond.

About TCDL 2023
So… Hi, How Are You? Our theme is intended to set a tone of informality and conversation; we hope that, in the spirit of our conference theme, you can bring your whole selves (and not just your workday personas) to the conference. Our committee hopes to see candid conversation and new relationships made. I’m looking forward to learning about different approaches at different institutions while sharing what I know.
We are excited to welcome our presenters this year who are sharing their work with us on digital preservation, collections and metadata, research support, and much more.

I am particularly thrilled to host this year’s keynote, Sofia Leung. Sofia brings her vision and understanding of librarianship’s role in dismantling white supremacy and racism in our daily work. Welcome, Sofia, to TCDL.

And finally, I want to say a big thank you to Texas Digital Library for bringing us all together, this time in person. I think I am grateful to TDL not only for the excellent work you do, but for the consistent community you provide us.

And with that, I will hand things back to Kristi Park, executive director of TDL.

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Thank you so much, Diane, for that warm welcome and for your inspiring leadership for TDL.

I want to thank conference sponsors, EBSCO, which is a provider of research databases, e-journals, magazine subscriptions, ebooks and discovery service for academic libraries

and TDL, whose membership helps fund and plan this conference.
Let’s now take a few minutes to thank the people who helped make TCDL possible.

Will this year’s committee members please stand up? I want to thank:

Ammi Bui
Adrienne Cain (not in attendance)
Mingyu Chen
Aaron Choate
Lisa Cruces (not in attendance)
Lea DeForest
Susan Elkins
Cynthia Henry
Gabby Hernandez
Meagan Hernandez
Sylvia Jones
Colleen Lyon
Ima Oduok
Phebe Raglin
Adrian Shapiro
Elliot William
Heidi Winkler
And our chair and vice chair, Christina Kellum and Diane Lopez

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These folks have been meeting at least a few times each month since September to bring us all here today. I’m so proud of the thoughtful, personal touches each committee member has brought with them as we’ve planned the conference. Excellent job, folks! And if you see any of the people who are standing - say hello!

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SLIDE 9 [KRISTI PARK] - THANK YOU PAST TCDL COMMITTEES

I also want to thank the committees who carried us through the past few years.

2022 CMTE: Last year’s committee - if you’re here please stand up?
Adrienne Cain
Mingyu Chen
Lea DeForest
Cynthia Henry
Bruce Herbert
Gabby Hernandez
Diane Lopez
Dianna Morganti
Adrian Shapiro
Alex Suarez
Thao Votang
And our 2022 chair and vice chair, Amanda Zerangue and Christina Kellum

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Last year’s conference committee knocked it out of the park. You took all of the lessons we learned in 2021 and just made it better. Everything went so smoothly and we got to see new and innovative ways to present at a conference. Formats like the “Show and Fail” and “Reverse Workshop” were great ways to get people talking, and it was truly an unforgettable conference! Thank you all.

2021 CMTE - please stand up if you’re here?
Jon Crossno
Taylor Davis-Van Atta
Lea DeForest
Taylor Fairweather-Leitch
Linsey Ford
Alexa Hight
Ramona Holmes
Emily Johnson
Jerrell Jones
Christina Kellum
Adrian Shapiro
Alex Suarez
Thao Votang
Rachel Winston
And our chair Shelley Barba and vice-chair Amanda Zerangue

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2021 Committee - You are some of the bravest souls I know! 2021 was the year we switched to a virtual conference for the first time and you all took that bull by the horns. You developed such an amazing program and the keynote and leadership academy web series was outstanding, We saw you bring your innovation and creativity to bear in every aspect of the conference that year. Great job and thank you!

2020 CMTE - and 2020 committee, please stand up?
Jon Crossno
Taylor Davis-Van Atta
Lea DeForest
Taylor Fairweather
Linsey Ford
Ramona Holmes
Jerrell Jones
Mark Phillips
Alex Suarez
Rachel Winston
Amanda Zerangue
And our chair Marcia Mcintosh and vice chair Shelley Barba

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Our 2020 conference was only about two months away when we decided to cancel due to the pandemic. You put so much work into that conference and we were heartbroken that we didn’t get to see your vision come to life that year. From the leadership academy to the conference program to the catering order … we were so close! Thank you for standing by us when we needed to make such a hard decision that year. And great job!

Let’s give our committees a big round of applause for all the behind-the-scenes work they do each year!

And now we’re going to keep celebrating with our TDL Awards Ceremony. Christina, on to you.

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Thank you, Kristi, and hello, everyone. I'm Christina Kellum, she/her, and I'm chair of this year’s conference planning committee.

I am thrilled to host this part of today’s session, The TDL Awards Ceremony, and I’m so excited to share a little bit about each of the winners.

Before we start announcing the awards, I want to pause and thank everyone who submitted a nomination for an award. You saw the work put in to special projects and daily tasks and you spoke up - we're grateful for your kindness and for taking pride in your work and the work of your colleagues.

And now, the winner of our Student Excellence Award.

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The winner of this year’s Student Excellence Award is Kartik Mann, a Graduate Associate in the Department of Open Partnerships & Services at the University of Texas at Arlington Libraries

Kartik is an international graduate student from India with an MBA and computer science degree who has worked with UT Arlington Libraries for four and a half years and has applied his talents to different aspects of the department, from open educational resources to open journal systems, from repositories to electronic theses and dissertations.

Kartik recently helped the team resolve an issue in their DSpace repository that required immediate attention to ensure standards of copyright permissions were met. Kartik also applied his technical knowledge to redefine embargoes for ETDs and embed video in OJS. Furthermore, Kartik is a thoughtful participant in departmental meetings, contributing to discussions about the expansion and improvement of our social media presence and the importance of open access publishing for educational affordability.

Kartik developed trainings and workshops for the Open Educational Resources department on how to publish using Pressbooks. He guided many faculty members and student contributors in the development of OER with patience and insight. He personally assisted with at least a dozen OER projects and is acknowledged by the authors in at least five for his extensive support.

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The OERs that Kartik contributed to have been used by hundreds of thousands of users globally. He has made an incredible impact!

Kartik clearly cares about his job and wants to do it well. He exemplifies a student who contributes to our Libraries well beyond what is expected.

Well done and congratulations, Kartik!

And next, our Outreach Award winner.

SLIDE 12 [CHRISTINA KELLUM] - TDL AWARDS (OUTREACH)

The winner of this year’s outreach award is the Digital Strategies & Innovation team at Texas Woman’s University Libraries.

This team leads initiatives and campus collaborations in the areas of scholarly communication, digitization, online digital collection creation and metadata, digital preservation, digital literacy, Open Educational Resources (OER), digital equity, journal creation, digital humanities, assessment, and library website design.

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For one of their long-term projects, Project Index, the team collaborates with faculty to review their CV and archive any scholarly content in the Repository@TWU. In the last five years, this collaboration has resulted in a 320% increase in faculty publications which are now accessible. For many faculty, this is the first time they have heard of Repository@TWU with the team doing all of the behind-the-scenes work to ensure copyright compliance and archiving, plus increased exposure to TWU’s scholarly output.

Another team project, titled Developing Digital Competencies, recognized gaps in digital competencies among staff and provided training in a safe and flexible learning space for critical engagement with digital technologies. As part of this project, team members hosted a speaker series and a lab space consisting of laptops and hotspots available for long-term borrowing. By promoting engagement among staff and new users, this work serves as valuable outreach for the library, increases awareness of the digital services available to the community, and provides lifelong opportunities for learners. Their intentional efforts to bridge the digital divide remain innovative and ongoing.

Congratulations to: Susan Whitmer, Amanda Zerangue (zuh-RANG), Ginger Garza, Julie Reed Sullivan, Adrian Shapiro, Kristin Clark, Erik Martin, Elizabeth Headrick, and Sean Spear of Texas Woman’s University for your excellent work.

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And next we’ll announce the Scholarly Communications Award

[SLIDE 13] [CHRISTINA KELLUM] - TDL AWARDS (SCHOLCOMM)

NOTE – Hang is pronounced like “long” | Pham is pronounced like “mom”

Hang Pham-Vu, Library Specialist for Digital Publishing at UT Arlington Libraries, is this year’s Scholarly Communications Award winner.

When the committee read Hang’s nomination we felt like we could so relate to her, as she embodies the qualities we as librarians see in ourselves and our teammates. She is adaptable, responsible, resourceful, giving, and shows endless potential.

Each semester, Hang routinely ensures that ETD submissions are properly submitted, embargoed, and published. But after her supervisor left, Hang took on more responsibilities, including uploads to the UTA DSpace repository, communication with open access journal editors and authors, and completing production of journal issues. These were tasks that she previously shared with her supervisor, but she stepped up to cover all of the gaps.

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Hang even made time to train new staff on software platforms used for digital publishing including DSpace, Vireo, and Open Journal Systems. She has been an invaluable team member in problem solving several needs with these platforms, and serves as a resource for user permissions and workflow knowledge.

For the first time, Hang took on the production of a full journal issue on her own, dedicating her focus to copy edit, design, process, and enhance the 2022 issue of the McNair Scholars Research Journal (MSRJ). She ensured that students’ writing was presented professionally. She also ensured that the journal’s design follows the tradition of the McNair Scholars, working cross-departmentally with UTA Libraries’ Marketing and Communications team. This experience required that Hang apply all her project management and time management skills, as well as her expertise from her English degree and publishing experience. You can see the excellence of the McNair journal issue by following the QR code, located in UTA’s DSpace repository.

Thanks to Hang, the student research at UT Arlington will continue to have a global impact. Congratulations, Hang!

Next up: I’m excited to present our Trailblazer Award …

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… to Mingyu Chen, Head of Metadata Services at the University of Texas at Dallas! Mingyu has shown that she is undaunted by challenges, applying her wealth of leadership and technical skills to creatively problem-solve and implement solutions to critical challenges faced in digital library work.

Mingyu Chen is a mother, a caregiver, a leader, and an academic librarian dedicated to her team, her students, and her library. Mingyu has led dozens of projects that unify teams and tools at the Eugene McDermott Library.

Mingyu developed workflows to incorporate AI into cataloging, discovery, and reference; she built an acquisition workflow that enhanced the collaboration between the acquisition and metadata teams; and configured metadata systems that allowed her team to seamlessly monitor, edit, import, and verify metadata. During the pandemic, this workflow allowed UT Dallas to save time and money, made it easier to complete projects efficiently and remotely, and the workflow continues to benefit teamwork today.

Mingyu brings courage and joy to her challenges. For much of the past academic year, Mingyu has applied her vast knowledge and experience to keep her department afloat despite severe staffing shortages due to post-pandemic turnover. She has volunteered with Texas Digital Library’s TCDL Planning Committee the past two years and in her personal time, she leads volunteer efforts to mentor middle-school youth in her city.

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Thank you for bringing us joy and courage, Mingyu. Congratulations and we look forward to see what you accomplish next!

And next our individual impact winner is …

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SLIDE 15 [CHRISTINA KELLM] - TDL AWARDS (INDIVIDUAL IMPACT)

NOTE - Allyssa’s last name is pronounced gooz-MAHN, with emphasis on the last syllable

… Allyssa Guzman, Digital Scholarship Librarian at UT Austin Libraries

Allyssa has served as a supervisor and mentor for three cohorts of Diversity Resident Librarians at UT Austin since 2018. She has developed a program focused on personal and professional growth for the Residents. She implemented meaningful change and improved the program by extending the program from two to three years to better serve the Residents in their job search. And to our benefit, Allyssa offered her guidance as Texas Digital Library launched their inaugural ACRL Diversity Resident program.

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In addition to her leadership in the Residency program, Allyssa has lead work on developing the new Scholars Lab at UT Austin. The Scholars Lab at UT Libraries will provide space and opportunities for learning, consultation, collaboration and research presentation to enhance multidisciplinary research and digital scholarship. Allyssa embodies the rare ability to take the long view and invoke strategies towards positive change in libraries while diligently making immediate positive impact each work day.

Allyssa is a quiet force for good in supporting and sustaining the people and places of digital scholarship. UT Libraries - and the students and scholars it serves - will benefit from Allyssa’s work for many years to come.

Congratulations, Allyssa!

And next the winners of this year’s Excellence Award goes to…

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… the Barton Creek Time Stream led by Monica Flores and Karen Kocher

Austin’s Barton Creek has played an outsized role in city’s political life and in Austin’s identity as a city with environmental values at its core. The history of Barton Creek protection efforts has influenced the make-up of the Austin City Council, the creation of citizen boards and commissions, and the first office of environmental oversight. Efforts to protect the Creek have resulted in thousands of acres of preserved land and the strongest water quality ordinance in the nation.

Monica and Karen created a digital archive for use by researchers, scholars, educators, students, advocacy groups, outdoor enthusiasts, and the community-at-large. The result of their work is the interactive digital web site, Barton Creek Time Stream, which you can visit by following the QR code.

The interactive timeline comprises more than 90 richly documented events beginning in the early 1950s, transporting the user through 6 decades of advocacy efforts, providing archival imagery, documents, reports, newspaper clippings, political cartoons, maps, oral history and quotes from citizens of the day.

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The Barton Creek Time Stream offers curated content from over 30 private and public archival collections representing collaboration with the Austin History Center, Austin American-Statesman, the City of Austin, Austin Chronicle, environmental organizations and civic groups, and dozens of individual citizens who contributed from their own personal archives.

Monica and Karen’s goal of the project was to educate and inspire civic engagement. They collaborated with educators creating lesson plans and dozens of educators have downloaded the curriculum. These teachers serve over 3,000 AP Environmental Science students in Central Texas. Furthermore, the Barton Creek Time Stream connects site users to the websites for the many advocacy groups.

The Barton Creek Time Stream is a unique, innovative, and collaborative work of digital scholarship that will benefit researchers, educators, students, advocacy groups, outdoor enthusiasts, and the community-at-large in the present day and for many years to come.

Congratulations, Monica and Karen!

And now I’ll hand it back to Kristi to announce our final award.

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This year’s TDL Service Award is for a very special partner and advocate of our consortium, Colleen Lyon, head of scholarly communication at UT Austin Libraries.

Colleen, for the current year, you have not only played an integral role in helping TDL staff and the TDL user community prepare for a major upgrade to our hosted repositories, but you also served as an exemplary inaugural rotation supervisor for our Resident Digital Librarian, a crucial success for our fledgling Diversity Residency in Digital Libraries. Across these projects, you’ve contributed valuable time providing counsel, writing and reviewing documentation, preparing presentations, and testing software – all in the service of the TDL community and the library profession. These contributions alone merit the award.

However, TDL feels very strongly that this is an award that you have earned every year of our partnership. I don’t think I’m exaggerating when I say that every staff member at TDL is enthusiastically in support of offering this recognition. In all our service interactions, you are a patient and collaborative partner. Our staff always know they can come to you with a question or a request for advice, and expect level-headed and clear-eyed answers. You lend your expertise in Open Access, copyright, and repository management willingly and with kindness to other TDL members. You advocate for TDL and acknowledge its contributions within your library and to folks outside the consortium.

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We –the TDL staff and membership – are truly fortunate to have you on our team, and we want you to know how grateful we are to work with you on a daily basis.

Thanks for all you do, Colleen, and congratulations!

[SLIDE 18] [KRISTI PARK] - ROUND OF APPLAUSE

Awards winners will you stand up? Let’s all give one more big round of applause for these folks!

[ winners may exit the stage at this time | Christina & Sofia set up for Sofia’s keynote ]

[END AWARDS]
Congratulations, everyone! And now it’s my honor to introduce Sofia Leung, today’s keynote.

Sofia Leung, she /her, is an author, librarian, facilitator, and educator committed to social justice in libraries and higher education. She is a first-generation Chinese American focused on building community among Black, Indigenous, and People of Color in libraries and beyond.

Facilitator. Librarian. Thought Partner.

Through her work on various publications and other platforms, Sofia Leung continues to work to provide a safe and supportive community for Black and Indigenous folks and People of Color (BIPOC) in library and information science (LIS) professions and educational programs. As librarians and information professionals, Leung aims for us not to be gatekeepers to knowledge or collections but to work as architects to build bridges and connect people to vast knowledges held on Earth.

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She facilitates discussion that recognizes and intervenes in systemic social issues that have plagued BIPOC professionals both currently and historically. I’m excited to welcome Sofia Leung to TCDL 2023 and hear her vision and understanding of the future of librarianship where we work to dismantle white supremacy and racism in our daily work and challenge library systems as part of our day-to-day rather than a task to be checked off.

So please join me in welcoming Sofia!

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Q&A [Christina & Sofia]

POCO LOCO & RECEPTION REMINDER [Kristi]

WRAP UP [Kristi]