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A green light to greatness.
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
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?

UNT Symposium on Open Access
May 21, 2012
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

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