Schoolie Gem for Google Scholar Indexing

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The Players and the Background

- Scholarly Communications Office (SCO): frontline [Emory Theses and Dissertations](#) administrative services, e.g., deposits, embargoes, user help, etc.

- Library Technology & Digital Strategies: frontline ETD tech support and primary connection between SCO & DCE.

- DCE: vendor for repository development, hosting, & maintenance.

- Background: Alum wanted to find her dissertation in Google Scholar

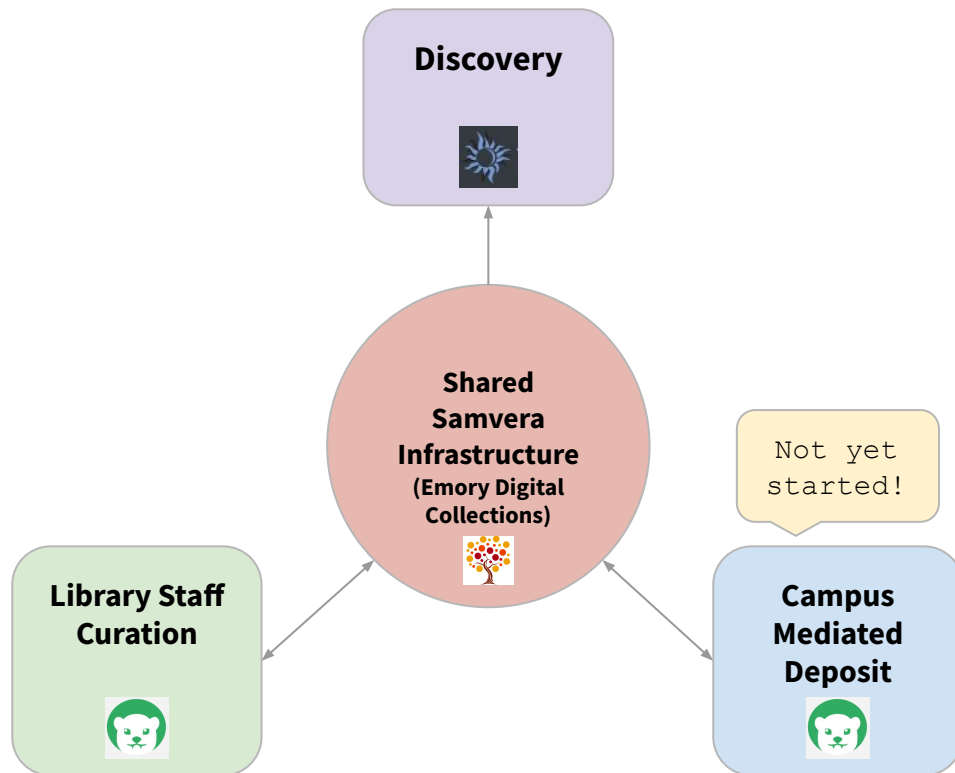- Wish list: getting ETD repository indexed in Google Scholar

Emory's Repository Roadmap

Scoping the work for ETDs with DCE:

- Let's make sure we can use it for our other scholarly collections in our local Samvera architecture. Also, let's share it if we can!

Local repository strategy and challenges:

- Front-end discovery through a Blacklight application (not Hyrax) for all of our repository material
- Google Scholar may not index us because of our blended content (scholarly and cultural heritage)

Gem Development & Integration

- Google Scholar Inclusion Guidelines
- Research
  - Sites successfully indexed, sitemap generation, meta tags, sitemap generation

- Hyrax-based gem → expanded to Blacklight
  - Schoolie gem can be used with any Hyrax-based or Blacklight application

- Gem features - Instructions for general use and integration
  - Instructions and sample for sitemap generation
  - Instructions for customizing metadata mappings

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Barth, Catherine (Spring 2021)

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Abstract

This dissertation offers a comprehensive account of the work of American photographer, Frederick Sommer (1905-1999). Looking closely at the works produced between 1939-1962, I argue that a defining quality of Sommer's work is its commitment to effects of density, opacity, and complexity. My claim is that Sommer's approach to density provides not only a new model of photographic expression but a new form of engagement and viewership, challenging and reanimating the normative terms of straight photography. Putting Sommer in dialogue with canonical modernist photographers Edward Weston, Ansel Adams, and Minor White, I aim to elucidate the competing paradigms of modern photography at mid-century. Through the detailed analysis of key photographic works, archival materials, and interviews with living artists, I aim to present a new approach to the study of mid-century photography, one that will have ramifications for the understanding of photographic history in the crucial period of the transition from modern to postmodern practices.

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- XML-based sitemap
  - Google scholar requires a way to be able to find any changes.
  - The XML-based sitemap provides an update date to ensure Google captures any updates. Any time a change is made to an ETD, including embargo releases the update will change triggering Google to reindex that ETD.

Up and Running!

- Integration with Emory ETD repository

    - Emory ETDs began to show up in Google Scholar in about a day after deploying to production

- Lessons learned about getting indexed

    - Opportunity for clean up of metadata

    - Some tweaking necessary

    - Google doesn't offer support (Contact at Google, anyone?)

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Links

- Google Scholar Inclusion Guidelines: https://scholar.google.com/intl/en/scholar/inclusion.html

- Schoolie gem: https://github.com/curationexperts/schoolie#readme

- Published to rubygems: https://rubygems.org/gems/schoolie

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