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#### Inter-Departmental Collaboration on Electronic Theses and Dissertations: Redesigning Workflows to Enhance Access

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#### Abstract

In an effort to eliminate redundancies in thesis and dissertation cataloging at the University of Arkansas, a working group was devised to create a semi-automated workflow. This new, multi-departmental workflow eliminates redundancies, allowing us to provide better access to the intellectual endeavors of the scholars on our campus. This paper describes the experience of the collaboration within multiple library departments and departments across campus; acknowledges the importance of library and campus collaboration with examples of success and advice from the literature; and emphasizes clear and consistent communication, meeting user needs, and streamlined and innovative workflows.

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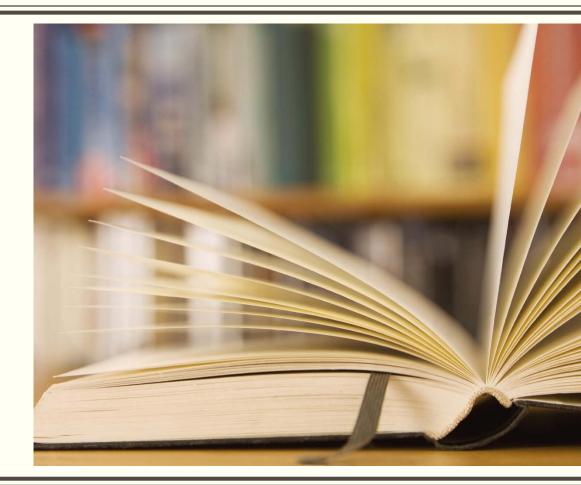
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#### **Keywords**

electronic theses and dissertations, collaboration, workflow, innovation, institutional repository

## INTERDEPARTMENTAL COLLABORATION ON ELECTRONIC THESES AND DISSERTATIONS

Redesigning Workflows to Enhance Access

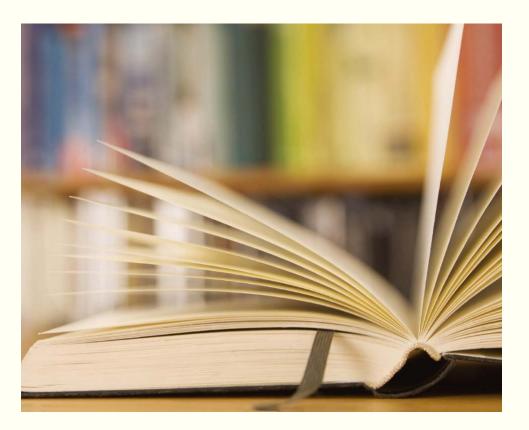


### **Background Information**

Redundancies in the metadata creation

 Breakdown in communication between departments involved

- Lack of procedural documentation
- Outdated Graduate School Student Forms



### Background Information (continued)

- A working group was formed that included:
  - Head of technical services
  - Head of monographs acquisitions
  - Head of monographs cataloging
  - Institutional repository coordinator
  - University archivist
- Problem solving
  - Stylesheets for XML files
  - Harvesting from the IR



## COMMUNICATION

#### **Communication Practices Overview**

- Who we stay in contact with and how we do that
- Results of this communication new forms for students
- Some lessons learned...the hard way



#### Who to communicate with? How to do that?

#### Some questions to ask

- Who is involved in the ETD process?
  - Just the library or departments within the library?
  - Libraries and graduate school?
  - Do your students create content with patents? Might need a Technology Commercialization unit or managers (TCM).
  - Anyone else? Make sure decisions go up the chain of command.
- What is the best way to keep those groups in contact?
  - Email?
  - Face-to-face meetings?
  - Project management tools?
  - A combination?



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### Without good communication

Before...

- What is a technology commercialization manager (TCM)?
- What do they do for our students?
- What exactly does the Graduate School do with ETDs?
- Do they just handle paperwork?
- Who talks to ProQuest???
- They had questions about the library and the IR too!



### Results of good communication continued



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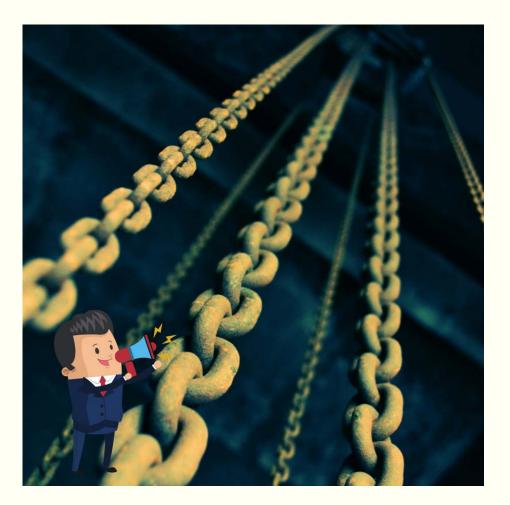
#### After...

- Better awareness
  - Of each other and each other's tasks
  - Of the path of an ETD at our institution
  - Of other issues that had never been communicated outside of departments
- New documentation for students
  - A new IP form
  - A new general form
    - With permission for libraries to use birthdates in creation of NARs
    - \*\*More on the forms later\*\*

#### Lessons Learned

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- Talk to EVERYONE about what you are doing.
  - Please do not do what I did...Run it up the chain!!!
- IR Permissions



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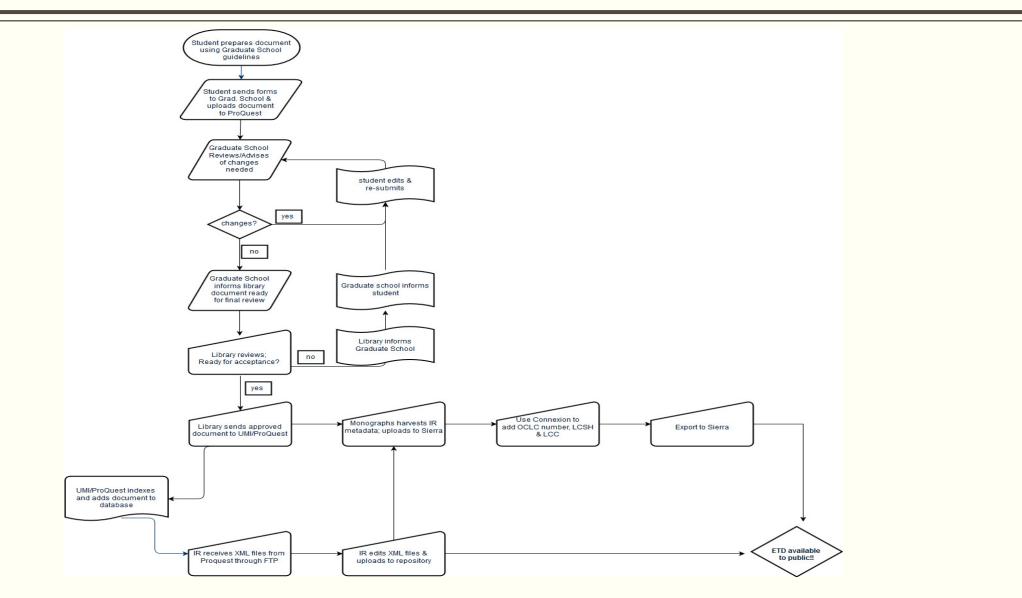
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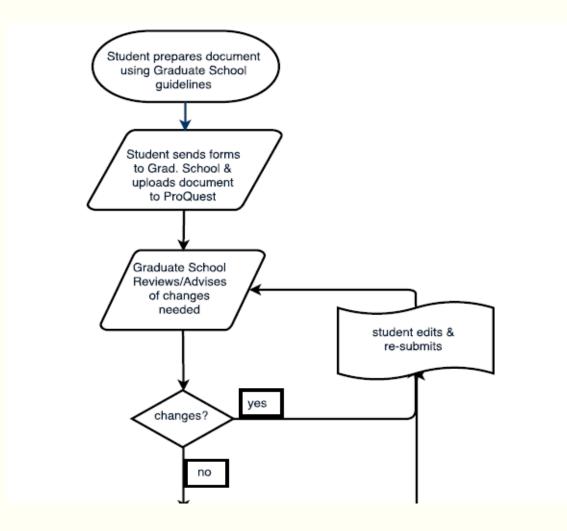


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#### Workflow Chart - detail



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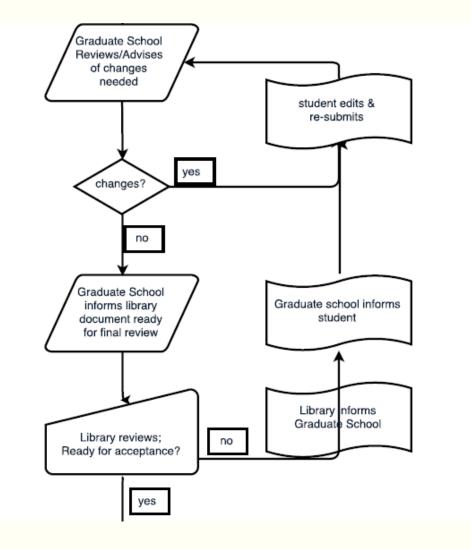
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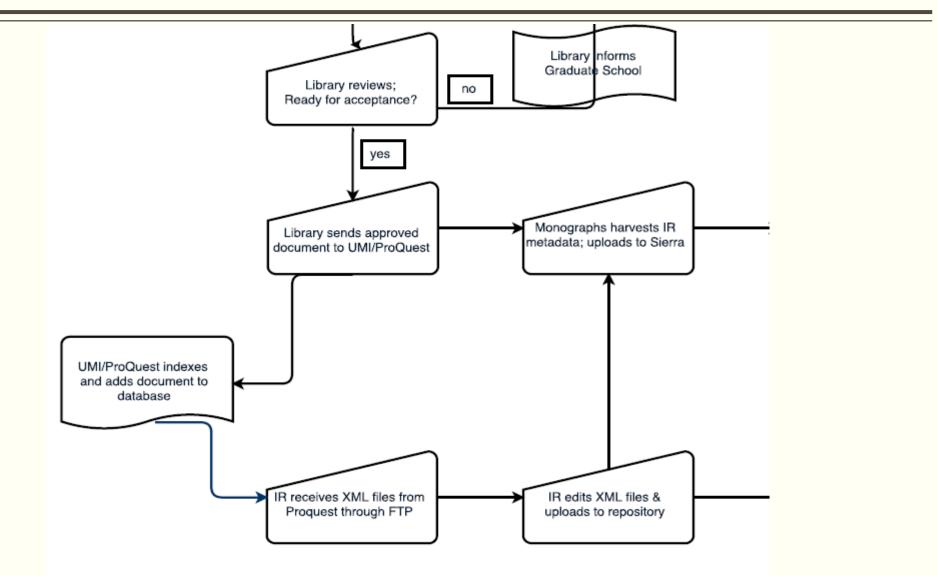
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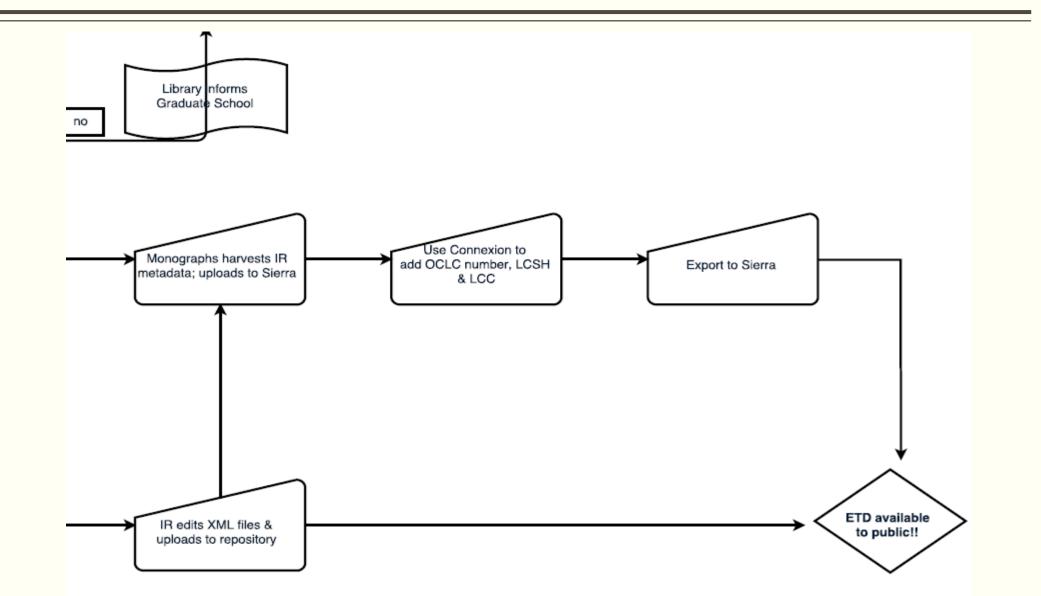
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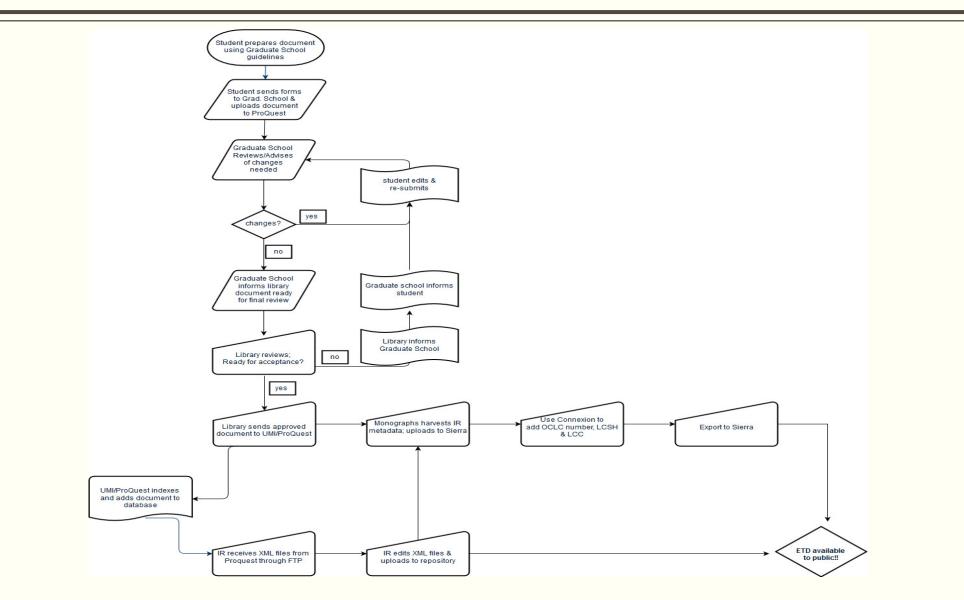
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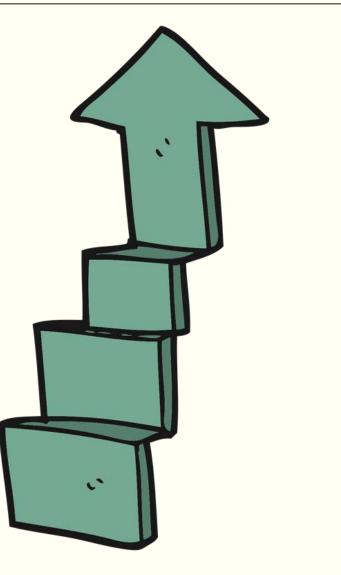
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  - Harvesting
    - To harvest 146 records takes 2 min. 33 sec. from start to finish.
  - Subject analysis
    - Application of LCSH & LCC usually takes between 10 and 30 minutes.



#### Next Steps

IR

- XML files
- Monographs cataloging
  - Batch uploading data sync collections



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# QUESTIONS?