Digital Humanities @ Manchester

Conference 08-11-2013

Manchester Museum, Kanaris Lecture Theatre

8:30 – 9:00   Registration and refreshments

9:00 – 9:15   Introductions: Why Digital Humanities at the University of Manchester?
Professor Jeremy Gregory, Head of School, SALC;
Dr Guyda Armstrong, Digital Humanities lead, University of Manchester

9:15 – 10:00 Keynote speech:
Visualization. A New Paradigm for the Digital Humanities?
Professor Massimo Riva, Brown University

Morning sessions: New paths of inquiry – Digital Humanities Research at the University of Manchester

❶ Doing textual studies and cultural history at scale (10:00 – 10:45)

• MetaSCOPE: Bibliographical metadata as datamassive cultural history
Dr Guyda Armstrong
• Mapping the magazine: periodical texture and fractal dimension
Dr Matthew Philpotts
• Caribbean frontiers: mapping networks and social change in the transition from slavery to freedom.
Dr Laurence Brown
• Email archives: new challenges and opportunities for DH research
Fran Baker and Dr Phil Butler

Chair: Matthew Philpotts

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee

❷ Digital heritage, digital media, and participatory cultures (11:00 – 11:45)

• @CultureFM Twitter-Radio Station: re-negotiating the value and practices of 'broadcasting' in cultural knowledge creation and communication
Dr Kostas Arvanitis
• Getting giddy over geo-tags: a review of recent digital media projects borne of playful participation
Dr Abi Gilmore
• Virtual worlds of archaeological data
Dr Stuart Campbell
• Visualising archaeology in museums: new opportunities, old challenges?
Chiara Zuanni

Chair: Stuart Campbell/Kostas Arvanitis

❸ Digitization for textual and material studies (11:45 – 12:30)

• Digitizing Elizabeth Gaskell: Engaging audiences at 84 Plymouth Grove, Manchester *Prof. Helen Rees Leahy & Fran Baker*
• Sharing the treasure trove: help yourself *Carol Burrows*
• From papyrus to pixel: digitizing the John Rylands Papyrus Collection
Dr Roberta Mazza
• Turning medieval Arabic medical manuscripts into websites
Emily Selove

Chair: Roberta Mazza

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch

Afternoon sessions: What about the long haul?

❹ Skills, sustainability, strategic considerations (1:30 – 3:20)

• **Institutional Frameworks for Digital Humanities**
Prof. Marilyn Deegan, King's College London (1:30-2:15)

• 2:15 – 2:35 Strategic reflections on Digital Humanities
Dr Michael Pidd, Sheffield Humanities Research Institute
• 2:35 – 2:55 Speaking in code: skills for Digital Humanities research
[reflections on data visualization workshop held the day before]
Mia Ridge & Joy Palmer
• 2:55 – 3:15 Sustainability and the Funding landscape [exact title t.b.c.]
Prof. Stephen Hutchings
Chair t.b.c.

3:20 – 3:40 Coffee

❺ Strategic Roundtable: DH at the University of Manchester? (3:40 – 5:00)

Chair: Dr Matthew Philpotts
Participants:
    Prof. Sophia Ananiadou, National Centre for Text Mining
    Rachel Beckett, John Rylands Library and Research Institute
    Carmel Dickinson, Manchester Informatics
    Dr John McNaught, National Centre for Text Mining
    Dr Nicholas Merriman, Manchester Museum and Galleries
    Dr Joy Palmer, Mimas
    Prof. Peter Pormann, John Rylands Research Institute

❻ Next Steps (5:00 – 5:30)

❼ Wine Reception (5:30 – 6:30)

transfer to Fossil Room

❽ Conference Dinner (6:30 – 9:00)

• **Defining Digital Humanities**
Prof. Melissa Terras, University College London

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