

# Cleaning out the Roach Motel: Transforming the Neglected IR into a Five-Star Scholarship Resort

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# The Problem

- IRs filled with:

In terms of:

- Items
- Workflows
- Attitudes



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# Some Background about ES

- 12 years of library experience
- Worked with USFS curating scientific data
- Helped build and maintain CORE Scholar
- Very passionate OA advocate
- Joined Vandy in July 2017

- IRs provide infrastructure for Open Access
- IRs provide outlets for emerging digital projects
- IRs provide preservation for otherwise unpreserved items

which equals

***SUSTAINABILITY***

Sustainability  
and  
Institutional  
Repositories

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# Vanderbilt University's Institutional Repository

- Started in mid-2000's on DSpace
- Several IR Managers
- Without leadership for 1.5 years
- Little bandwidth for technical support

VANDERBILT



Institutional Repository

# DiscoverArchive/VUIR

Well established

Base of authors in Law and Divinity

Self-submission of capstone's and final projects for several schools



# The Broader Landscape

- Library and University in flux
- New ILS Implementation
- Islandora Repository started
- Confusion surrounding mission of IR



# Chicken or the Egg

Clean up of current IR?

Heavy recruitment for a more  
robust IR?



1. Assessment
2. Be the Squeaky Wheel
3. Identify items for migration/deletion
4. Find allies
5. MARKET

Where to start?

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# Assessment

Be Squeaky

Migrate or Delete?

Find Allies

Market

Educate

Market

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# Challenges Remain

Outdated infrastructure

Law School signed contract with bepress

New leadership and colleagues may change direction

# What else?

- Collection Development Policy in draft
- Potential for campus to adopt VIVO profiles
- Altmetrics badge implementation coming
- Considering using WikiData/Scholia for analysis
- Amazon Web Services





# Conclusion

Not as far as I thought I would be

IR is here to stay, but in what form?

The roaches are slowly dying



# Questions?

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