SYNOPSIS OF ANDREW MELLON FOUNDATION PLANNING GRANT PROJECT

The Andrew Mellon Foundation has awarded USC Libraries and PASCAL a one-year planning grant to develop a plan for a comprehensive approach to creating a statewide repository for PASCAL members. This report will include:

- an estimate of the capacity needed for the shared storage facility
- a plan for oversight and ownership of the collection
- a business model for operation of the facility
- a proposed suite of shared services such as scan and deliver
- survey results regarding the amount of space that will be available in member libraries for repurposing, and potential uses for these reclaimed spaces

The report will also look at the feasibility of creating a short-term solution for libraries that may need offsite storage available before a statewide facility can be completed. In addition, Mellon funding will be used to create marketing materials targeted at potential funders highlighting the benefits and cost savings of creating a shared storage facility.

OUR CONSULTANT

Benjamin Walker

Ben Walker is the Associate Dean for Discovery, Digital Services and Shared Collections at the George A. Smathers Libraries at the University of Florida. He has held this position since 2014, but has held multiple positions since starting at the University of Florida in 2004. Ben received his BS in Psychology from the University of Central Florida (1995), his MS in Library Studies from Florida State University (2002), and his EdS in Higher Education Administration from the University of Florida (2009). Ben has published and presented in areas related to storage facilities, collection development, and leadership. He has participated in various leadership programs, including to the Association of Research Libraries Research Library Leadership Fellows program and the Harvard Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians.

OUR EXPERTS

Catherine Murray-Rust

Catherine Murray-Rust began her advocacy for the benefits of returning academic libraries to places for people rather than book collections in the early 1990s when she served as Associate University Librarian at Cornell University. The Cornell Library Annex was reborn as a high-density facility modeled on Harvard’s Depository in 1997. She continued to champion the idea of shared storage in Oregon and Colorado on two statewide, academic library projects. Although those worthy projects were not funded, she remained convinced that the future of academic libraries depends on convincing students and faculty that libraries are more than warehouses for books.

She arrived as Dean of Libraries at Georgia Institute of Technology in the summer of 2008 when the world’s financial system was falling apart. As the Georgia economy improved, Tech took the opportunity presented by the University System of Georgia to renovate its aging library buildings. To transform Tech’s Library for the 21st century, she proposed to create a shared collection with Emory University.

A major result of the George Tech-Emory collaboration is the Library Services Center, a $26 million facility, which now houses all of Tech’s paper, microform, and archival collections as well as more than 20% of Emory’s collections. Being able to transfer Tech’s collection into high quality space designed for the long-term preservation of paper and microfilm meets the Library’s stewardship responsibility and at the same time gives it the opportunity to create a new more engaged relationship in renewed spaces on campus with students and faculty as they pursue their research and learning goals.

Andy Breeding

Andy is one of the founding partners of Sustainable Collection Services (SCS), a collection analytics firm acquired by OCLC in 2015. He has worked at the intersection of libraries and technology for most of his career, first as a reference librarian, then as a systems librarian, and more recently in roles that focus on web-based search and content management.

His experience spans Fortune 100 companies, start-ups, and universities. His interest areas include collection analytics, visualization, and data science. He received an MLIS degree from Simmons College and a bachelor’s degree in Industrial Engineering from Lehigh University.

Andy lives in Boston, Massachusetts with his wife, who is a special collections librarian, sworn to defend materials from deselection.
## Timeline for PASCAL Shared Storage Project

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### Regional Meetings – October 23–25, 2018

**Agenda**

- **9:30 – 10:00 a.m.**  
  Registration/Coffee & Pastries

- **10:00 – 10:05 a.m.**  
  Meeting Convenes/Welcome  
  *Rick Moul*  
  Executive Director, PASCAL

- **10:05 - 11:00 a.m.**  
  The PASCAL shared storage project: Collaborating to build a statewide storage collection  
  *Ben Walker*  
  Mellon Grant consultant  
  Associate Dean, University of Florida Libraries

- **11:00 – 11:45 a.m.**  
  The gift of library storage: Making space for library engagement with students and faculty as they pursue their research and teaching goals  
  *Catherine Murray-Rust*  
  Dean of Libraries, Georgia Institute of Technology

- **11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
  Break

- **12:00 – 12:45 p.m.**  
  The evolving shared print ecosystem: A data wrangler’s perspective  
  *Andy Breeding*  
  Senior Product Manager, OCLC

- **12:45 – 1:15 p.m.**  
  Lunch

- **1:15 – 2:00 p.m.**  
  Breakout sessions  
  Led by Common Collection Committee and Mellon Grant Committee members

- **2:00 – 2:50 p.m.**  
  Reporting from breakouts  
  *Ben Walker*

- **2:50 – 3:00 p.m.**  
  Next Steps/Adjourn  
  *Rick Moul*