

What Collaborators Need

A View from the Bamboo

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When Bamboo started...

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WE THOUGHT
WE KNEW SOMETHING ABOUT
HUMANITIES
SCHOLARSHIP

(we didn't)

“Two facets of collaboration: substantive and methodological. Methodological is a common goal (perhaps uncommon in practice). Substantive is uncommon, although researchers have been sharing with each other for centuries, it would be unusual to move it back further into the research process”

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Humanities Collaboration



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Scholarly
Networking



Social
Networking

Social Networking

The background of the slide is a blurred photograph of a forest. The image shows numerous vertical tree trunks in shades of brown and tan, with green foliage visible at the top and bottom edges. The overall effect is a soft, out-of-focus natural setting.

Social Networking



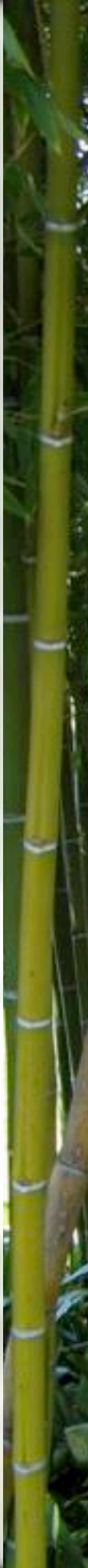
Individual wants to interact with a

known group

(friends, colleagues, family)



Scholarly Networking



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 **Individual** is seeking

different connections
that **cross disciplines**

or **engage other individuals** with similar interests
elsewhere



“[What is emerging are] ‘Invisible colleges’ of like-minded individuals who work at different institutions.”

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Pub Problem



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Need to be in the **right pub** at the **right time** to make the **right connection** 

*often occurs
at professional
meetings,
workshops,
conferences...*

*social networks are
ways to connect
individuals, as are
VPS of Research*

“From the scope of the work comes refined questions and an understanding of the kinds of resources (people, technology, etc) needed to take on the work. Complications that come out of working with other people who are either inside or outside of the same field.”

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NEED to express, scholarly authority, provenance (and fit into existing academic practice)

REQUIRES contextual metadata about projects, content, services, tools...

MANUAL entry of metadata will fail - that means automagic and common data models

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RAISES questions about what data to collect, access, privacy...

CREATES tension among institutions, scholars, and scholarly societies (academic "stars")

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SOLITARY scholars are norm - the best scholars are not always at "our" institutions...

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*Market metaphorically +
in the business sense...
"currency" does not equal cash.*

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“Build a community of readers, advisors, like-minded people to discuss a project with in order to help shape and more fully form it. Magical things happen [when one talks with colleagues, with a scholarly community] ... especially with respect to interdisciplinary work.”

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