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# The Lone Arranger and an Institutional Repository for Ithaca College

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and  
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for



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# A little history. . . .

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- 2004-2015, an annual question
- Early attempts to implement:
  - ContentDM
  - Scholars @ IC
  - Ithaca College Authors
- DASH from ebrary

# Needs Assessment

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**What would we put in an institutional repository?**

- Survey institution
- Is there enough content to make it worth the work and expense?

# Content at Ithaca College

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- Undergraduate honors theses
- Masters theses
- Undergraduate journals
- Faculty, staff, and student publications and presentations
- Undergraduate research symposium
- Oral history project
- Omeka exhibits

# Institutional Infrastructure

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- Review institutional technology capability
  - access to servers
  - skillset of potential system managers
- At IC we
  - Don't generally get access to on-campus servers
  - My technology skills don't run to LAMP, WAMP, or MAMP

# Money

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- For a hosted solution – you need it.
- Expect an annual cost.
- We found it.

# Research

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- Ask around – see what your colleagues are using or not using and ask why.
- The internet continues to be a useful place. Sometimes.
- Look at repositories.
- Be aware that the options are always changing.



# Contenders

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- Duracloud
- ArchivesDirect
- DSpaceDirect
- Digital Commons

If you can host your own:

- Hydra
- Islandora
- DSpace
- Fedora
- VIVO

# And the winner. . . .

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We chose Digital Commons

- Hosted solution
- Local work is within templates
- We liked the look better.
- Connections – we knew more people who were using it and liked it
- Bepress support consultants do the site setup and create each community as needed.

# How's that working?

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- Contract in August
- Demo site in October
- Live site in November

Currently there are:

- 316 masters theses with a cumulative 3,314 downloads
- 11 undergraduate math honors theses with 32 downloads
- 278 concert and recital programs with 112 downloads

# Faculty Publications

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- Politics Department, 4 works, no full text
- Biology Department, 37 works, 11 downloads
- History Department, 1 work, 1 download

This is work in progress. . . . .

# Issues and Challenges

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- Html – essential skill
- Tools discovery!
- Metadata standards
- Workflow
- Copyright issues – complexity
- Faculty participation
- Student participation
- Role of librarians

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At a Glance

Paper of the Day

Top 10 Downloads  
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Concert: **Requiem by Maurice Duruflé**  
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# Questions?

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