

THE CURIOSITY BOX

Gathering prized resources and feedback from diverse scholars

Description

We will ask dozens of campus scholars from across campus to share with the public a prized research or teaching resource under open creative commons licensing. This exercise will introduce faculty to our services and provide us with valuable feedback. We will mount a web exhibition featuring all contributions.

Budget: \$37,500

Milestones

- 01/07 Kickoff meeting (all)
Plans reviewed, revised, completed (Project Lead, DIY Designer)
 - 02/07 Draft solicitation letter and follow-up survey (DIY Designer, Project Lead)
Advisory meeting (see Advisors below)
Pilot with Anthropology scholars (Project Lead, DIY Designer, Digitization Assistant, Media Manager)
 - 03/07 Solicit participation from scholars across campus (Curiosity Box Manager)
Working prototype of Curiosity Box exhibition (DIY Designer)
Creation of Curiosity Box Internet Archive (DIY Designer)
 - 04/07 Design mockup for Curiosity Box exhibition (Web Designer)
 - 05/06 Digitization of all resources complete (Media Manager, Digitization Assistant)
Report on survey data (DIY Designer)
Design of Curiosity Box exhibition (Web Designer)
 - 06/07 Launch of Curiosity Box exhibition
- After June '07:
Modify project based on user feedback (Summer '07)
Engage greater number of scholars in sharing feedback (via survey) and research or teaching resource (Fall '07 – Spring '08)
Pilot new collections publishing tools and services with willing participants (Fall '07 – Spring '08)

People

Project Lead (.15 FTE Noah): Oversee implementation

DIY Designer (Postdoc Jeanne): Create solicitation letter, questionnaire, exhibition prototype, asset archiving, project report

Media Manager (.4 FTE Lizzy): Contact scholars, oversee digitization

Digitization Assistant (Workstudy Students): Digitization of research and teaching materials, metadata entry

Evaluators (Rockman et al): Formative evaluation

Project Advisors: Rosemary Joyce, Anthropology; Diane Harley, CSHE; Mara Hancock, ETS; Suzanne Calpestri, Anthropology Library; Others TBD