

THE SCHOLAR'S BOX PROJECT BRIEF

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SUMMARY: The goal of the Scholar's Box is to develop technologies, practices and policies to help campus scholars create, use and share open and reusable teaching collections of digital resources. The Scholar's Box is a four-year project based in the UC Berkeley Office of the CIO and supported in part by the US Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE Grant # P116B040739).

TIME: 10/01/04 – 9/30/08

BUDGET: \$ 595,358

COMPLETED

- Published open source Scholar's Box software for gathering, creating, and sharing digital resources: <http://www.raymondye.net/wiki/ScholarsBox>
- Adapted California Digital Library research-oriented digital collection for K-12 education: <http://www.dlib.org/dlib/may06/mankita/05mankita.html>

NEXT SIX MONTHS (1/01/06 – 6/30/07)

We will carry out three major activities in the next six months. The Scholar's Web will pilot tools and services to help faculty integrate digital resources into their teaching. The Curiosity Box will solicit resources and feedback on services from a broad range of faculty across the UC Berkeley campus. Remixing Çatalhöyük will provide a model for engaging students in inquiry-based learning and educational outreach.

THE SCHOLAR'S WEB

Making it easy to create, use and share online teaching collections

We will pilot technologies and services to help faculty integrate digital resources into their teaching. We will work closely with the UC Berkeley Anthropology department and IT services (CIO, IST, ETS) in testing a drag-n-drop web publishing system and comprehensive digitization and digital asset management services. Key deliverables:

- Archaeology Digital Collections (Conkey, Lightfoot, Hastorf, and Tringham collections) (Spring '07)
- Pilot limited digitization and digital asset management services (Spring '07)
- Full Anthropology Pilot (Fall '07 – Spring '08)
- Other Departments (Spring '08 – Fall '08)

THE CURIOSITY BOX

Gathering prized resources and feedback from diverse scholars

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. Key deliverables:

- Exhibition of prized faculty resources (Spring '07)
- Feedback (via email survey) from diverse scholars on current practices and attitudes towards creating, using and sharing personal collections (Spring 07)
- Widen circle of participation (Fall '07 – Spring '08)
- Offer limited set of digital asset management services to willing participants (Spring '07 – Spring '08)

REMXING ÇATALHÖYÜK

Providing an innovative model for teaching with digital collections

We will work closely with Anthropology professor Ruth Tringham to construct a teaching collection from her vast archive of research materials documenting the remains of a 9000 year-old Neolithic human settlement located in modern-day Turkey. Remixing Çatalhöyük will feature themed collections and an archive of student "remixes." This resource will serve as a national model for inquiry-based teaching and engaging students and campus scholars in outreach and education efforts. Key deliverables:

- Remixing Çatalhöyük Website (Spring '07)
- UC Links: Anthro 136h & K-12 Pilot (Fall '07)
- Anthro 2 Pilot (Spring '07)
- Modifications Based on User Feedback (Fall '07 - Spring '08)