



# Organizing Campus-wide Graduate Student Workshops Using Digital Badges



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# Outline

- Background of OSU graduate digital badge program
- Where the program began
- Where the program went
- Where the program is going
- Lessons learned





# Background

- OSU Library
  - Developed workshops and began modest programming (2007)
  - Investigated collaborating with other departments (2009)
  - Library had one training room with 24 PCs (updated 2013 with 36 laptops)
- OSU Support Service Groups
  - Career Services conducted workshops for groups when asked
  - Writing Center offered workshops through their office space
  - Institute for Teaching and Learning Excellence (ITLE) had own facility
  - Graduate College conducted various workshops across campus





# Initial Library Workshops

- Bibliographic Management Software
  - EndNote (2007)
  - Reference Manager (2008)
  - Zotero (2010)
- Research Workshops
  - Using the Library's Resources (2007)
  - Literature Review Research Made Easier (2008)
  - Patent Searching (2008)





# Partner's Workshops

- Writing Center (2010)
  - How to Write A Lot (4-part series)
  - Literature Review Workshop
- Career Services (2014)
  - Building Your Resume/CV
  - Interview Skills
- High Performance Computing Center (2017)
  - Software Carpentry





# The Ideas

- Coordinate workshops with partners to increase audience (2013)
- Organize all campus workshops for graduate students (2014)
- Propose concept of micro-credentials to Graduate College (2015)
- Created Digital Badge program and single calendar (2016)
- Established OSU\_GradLearn listserv (2017)
- Transfer badge program administration to Graduate College (2018)





# Transformation to Digital Badges

- Spring 2015
  - Approach support services offices with coordinated workshops idea
- Fall 2015
  - Associate Dean suggests Digital Badges
- Spring 2016
  - Approach Graduate College with support of partners
  - Library Systems Office decides on Moodle and develops server
  - Demo conducted for possible partners
- Summer 2016
  - Graduate College Dean decides program to start Fall 2016





# Vers. 1.0: The Idea

- Library to handle administrative duties
  - Registration and Communication (Springshare - LibCal)
  - Room scheduling (Springshare - LibCal)
  - Calendar and badge webpages (Springshare - LibGuides)
  - Assessment and quizzing (Springshare - LibWizard)
  - Participant tracking and awarding badges (Moodle)
- Support Service partners provide content
  - Conduct workshops
  - Help Advertise







# Vers. 2.0: The Current Program

- Graduate College took over administrative duties
  - Participant tracking (attendance and badges)
  - Acquire workshop details and attendees from coordinated workshops
- Library to handle administrative duties for smaller offices
  - Registration, room scheduling, & communication (Springshare)
  - Outcomes and learning objectives training
  - Help new partners prepare workshop proposals
  - Graduate College liaison for workshops coordinated through the Library
- Digital Badge Advisory Board
  - Approves any new workshops
  - Library holds a seat on the Board





# Digital Badge Workshop Numbers

- Fall 2016
    - 12 different workshop titles
    - 105 attendees (64 different participants)
  - Spring 2018
    - 25 different workshop titles
    - 385 attendees (175 different participants)
- Workshop Topics:
- EndNote
  - Software Carpentry
  - Literature Review Research
  - Copyright
  - How to Write A Lot
  - Mapping: ArcGIS
  - Prezi/PowerPoint/Poster Writing
  - Thesis Writing Workshop
  - Interview Skills
  - Mindset of Leadership
  - Resume/CV Building
  - Job Search Strategies
  - Dissertation Writing Workshop
  - Professional Writing
  - Literature Review Writing
  - Public Writing
  - Data Management Planning
  - Abstract Writing





# Some Lessons Learned

- Be prepared for success
- Be clear about what your **goal is** and what **your willing/able to do**
- Keep the program simple and fight for a trial/pilot period
- Make sure you have clear idea of how to collect data (statistics)
- Design of badges and metadata took longer than expected
- Create a program advisory board from beginning
- Keep looking for possible programming (badge or not)





**QUESTIONS?**





# THANK YOU!



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