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• How to get your research out into the world?
• Publications moving from print to online
• No longer confined to traditional journal structure
• Much published under Open Access Initiative - may replace or supplement traditional publishing
• University Libraries provide support services
What are your interests?

• Digitization
• Descriptive metadata – for better access to your research
• GIS mapping
• Citation tracking and targeted publishing
• Archiving and publishing through ScholarWorks
University Libraries
Digitization Center

Providing Quality Planned Digitization
Transforming Information for
Access, Preservation and Research

Paul Howell
Support for Projects with Digital Content

• Recommendations for Project Management
• Information on Copyright
• Technology Standards and Best Practices
• Assistance with Metadata Requirements
• Image Capture and/or Conversion
• Various Hosting Possibilities
Partnering / Assisting with Grants

- Project or Proposal Planning Assistance
- Technological Expertise
- Help with Technology Content on Submissions
- Unique Resources and Capabilities
- Tools for Development and Dissemination
The Digitization Center Operates on a Cost Recovery Basis Charges are Determined by Specific Project Requirements

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• Specialized Image Capture Systems Including:
  – High Speed Double Side Sheet-fed Scanners
  – Slide Scanners with Auto Feed
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Specialized Book Scanners
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Susan Steuer, Head of Special Collections
Metadata is crucial for the new tools for scholarly dissemination

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• How can it make your research easy to find?
• How can we help you create good metadata?
  – The best metadata is a partnership between subject experts and metadata experts
  – Good metadata puts your research at the top of list in google and other searches
Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca (c.1490–c.1559)

- Relación
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  - English Text (in xml at EADA)
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Comentarios de Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca

An Electronic Edition

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• Google search for Comentarios by Cabeza de Vaca
How Much Did the Germans Know about the Final Solution?: An Examination of Propaganda in the Third Reich

by Melissa A. Braman

In 1925, while Adolf Hitler was serving a short sentence in jail for his failed Beer Hall Putsch, he wrote in Mein Kampf, "With the year 1915 enemy propaganda began in our country, after 1916 it became more and more intensive till finally, at the beginning of the year 1918, it swelled to a positive flood." Hitler, a soldier of World War I, had experienced first hand the power of propaganda during the war. With the failure of Germany to counter-act the Allied propaganda, Hitler noted, "The army gradually learned to think as the enemy wanted it to."[1]
World War II Propaganda

[Image of a parade and a poster with text in German: "SOWJED-JUDE RADECK, Eisenbahnräuber, Arbeitermörder, Größter Kapitalist in Rußland! Arbeiter, soll das Euer Führer sein?"]
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Optimized for Web discovery

• Google search for 19th century French fashion capotes
• Google search for Reichsbanknote Nazi propaganda
WMU Libraries Mapping Service

Jason Glatz, Maps Coordinator
What is GIS?
Why Use GIS?

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2011 Kalamazoo Marijuana Proposal

Percent Voting Yes
- 69.1% - 61%
- 61.1% - 64.8%
- 64.9% - 70.5%
- 70.6% - 75%
- 75.1% - 85.9%
How Can GIS be Used?

Representation vs. Analysis
Study Site
12 km Buffer
Cropped with Centroids
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Analyzing Citations and Journals

- Primarily for tracking traditional forms of publication
- Tools for analyzing authors, institutions, and journals include:
  - Scopus
  - Web of Science
  - Google Scholar
  - Journal Citation Reports
Tracking Citations for Individual Authors or Works

- Scopus Citation Tracker
  - Author Evaluator report
  - H-index calculation tracks productivity and impact of an author
- Web of Science Citation report
- Google Scholar
- Creating alerts for ongoing updates
Tools for Analyzing Journal Titles

• Journal Citation Reports
  – Impact Factor
  – Immediacy Index

• Google Scholar Metrics
Scholarly Communication with ScholarWorks

Maira Bundza, ScholarWorks Librarian
ScholarWorks at WMU

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