

# Ryan Cordell

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## Current Appointment

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Associate Professor, College of Information Sciences and Department of English, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, August 2021-present

## Education

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Ph.D. English Language and Literature, University of Virginia, August 2010

## Selected Awards

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Senior Fellow, Andrew W. Mellon Society of Fellows in Critical Bibliography, Rare Book School, Charlottesville, Virginia, 2017-present

Lead Investigator with David Smith et al; Transatlantic Platform for Social Sciences and Humanities Digging Into Data Grant; for *Oceanic Exchanges: Tracing Global Information Networks In Historical Newspaper Repositories, 1840-1914 (OcEx)*, 2017-2020

American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) *Digital Innovation Fellowship*, for "Global Viral Texts," 2015-2016

## Selected Publications

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"Speculative Bibliography," *Anglia* 138:3 (September 2020), special "Archives" issue, ed. Daniel Stein, [available online](#)

"Machine Learning + Libraries: A Report on the State of the Field," commissioned by LC Labs, the Library of Congress, 14 July 2020, <https://labs.loc.gov/static/labs/work/reports/Cordell-LOC-ML-report.pdf>.

"'Q i-jtb the Raven': Taking Dirty OCR Seriously," *Book History* 20 (2017), [available online](#)

"'Fugitive Verses': Poetry, Attribution, and Circulation in Nineteenth-Century American Newspapers," with Abby Mullen, *American Periodicals* 27.1 (Spring 2017), [pre-print available online](#)

"A Larger View of Digital American Studies," *Amerikastudien/American Studies* 61.3 (2016), [available online](#)

"How Not to Teach Digital Humanities," *Debates in the Digital Humanities 2016*, University of Minnesota Press (April 2016), [also available online](#)

"Reprinting, Circulation, and the Network Author in Antebellum Newspapers," *American Literary History* 27.3 (August 2015), [pre-print available](#)

## Selected Digital Projects

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*Oceanic Exchanges: Tracing Global Information Networks In Historical Newspaper Repositories, 1840-1914* (Lead Investigator) with David Smith et al on a six nation [Digging Into Data](#) project, 2017-2019

*Viral Texts: Mapping Networks of Reprinting in Nineteenth-Century Periodicals*, with David Smith (co-PI), Abby Mullen, Jonathan Fitzgerald, and Avery Blankenship, 2012-present

## Selected Presentations

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"Closing the Loop Between Machine Learning Research & Library Systems," AI & Cultural Heritage series, Loughborough University Institute for Advanced Studies, 28 March 2022

"What Information Can Historical Newspapers Provide?" Marbach-Weimar-Wolfenbüttel Research Association Mid-Term Conference, Theme: "Verschwinden: Engaging with material & medial losses in the archive and library," 14 October 2021

"Speculative Bibliography," Modern Language Association Convention, Seattle, Washington, 10 January 2020

"Viral Texts: Aggregating Exchange in Nineteenth-Century Newspapers," University of Technology, Sydney, Australia, 9 May 2018