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Current Appointment

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

Selected Awards

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

"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>.

"A Research Agenda for Historical and Multilingual OCR," with David A. Smith, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Society, 6 February 2019, <https://repository.library.northeastern.edu/files/neu:f1881m409>

"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

[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, Thanasis Kinais, and Kevin Smith, 2012-present

Selected Presentations

"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

Roundtable participant, "Critical Bibliography in the Time of Covid-19," Mellon Society of Fellows in Critical Bibliography, online, 7 August 2020

"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

Selected Service

- MLA Delegate Assembly, Digital Humanities Forum Representative (Elected), Digital Humanities, January 2019-January 2022
- MLA Bibliography and Scholarly Editing Forum Executive Committee, January 2016-January 2021
- [WhatEvery1 Says: The Humanities in Public Discourse](#) Advisory Board, 2017-2022