Migrating an IR at a Small, Liberal Arts University

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Eugene, Forest Grove, Hillsboro, Portland, Woodburn

- Small, private University
  - Liberal Arts
  - Health Professions
- About 4,000 students
- 7 library faculty
Pre-Migration

- bepress’ Digital Commons
- 7 journals
  - 6 published in DC
  - 1 published with Ubiquity Press
Top Factors in Selection

- Hosted
- Cost
  - Publishing limited
- Priorities
  - Basic functionality
  - Visibility of works
  - Open source
Technical Difficulties & Timeline

Contracted: Feb-Mar 2019
Project Start: June 2019
Journal Migration: Summer 2019
IR Migration: August 2019
Go Live: April 2020

● Documenting Functionality & Expectations

● Data
  ○ Structures & hierarchy
  ○ Customization vs. Standardization

● Regional Difference
Differences in Data
 Collections

- Limited hierarchy
  - From 121 to 59 collections
  - Landing pages
  - Redirects
- Cannot control visibility by collection
Works

- Forms based on work type instead of collection
- Metadata field crosswalk
- All fields have the same visibility
- Works may have multiple or no files
Usage Statistics

- Download count
- Captured the last day before switch
- Google Analytics for Hyku
User Accounts

- Not migrated
- Used domain restriction
  - Must have pacificu email address
  - Must activate via email
Lessons Learned
Consensus on specifications & priorities
Standardize data and data practices
Plan for the full scope
Communicating Change
Unexpected Challenges

- Pandemic
  - Pivot to online during migration
  - Staffing changes
  - Delay in institutional standards
Strategy

- Soft Launch
  - Training for library staff
  - Department training
  - One-on-one moderator training
  - Documentation & Instructions
Questions?

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