

Digitization Advisory Committee  
August 4, 2025

Present: Erin Rushton (Binghamton University), Kendyl Sutherby-Litwiller (Southern Tier Library System), Julia Corrice (Cornell University), Claire Lovell (SCRLC)

- Digitization Program Activities
  - The annual work plan is coming up and that means the annual activities for Claire and the digitization program generally need to be reviewed.
  - The 2024-2025 Activities were:
    - Share digitization learning opportunities and resources via the SCHOAM newsletter every month
    - Work with other NYH liaisons to amend the list of NYH Topics
    - Promote NYH collections via Facebook
    - Promote NYH collections with material for educators
    - Add new NYH collections to the Digital Dark Archives
  - Erin suggested adding one about accessibility in the next year, especially with the Title II changes for ADA on the horizon.
    - Julia suggested finding a speaker through Code4Lib, which she remembers specifically talked about accessibility for digital collections.
  - The approved 2025-2026 Activities are:
    - Share digitization learning opportunities and resources via the SCHOAM newsletter every month
    - Work with other NYH liaisons to amend the list of NYH Topics
    - Promote NYH collections via Facebook
    - Promote NYH collections with material for educators
    - Add new NYH collections to the Digital Dark Archives
    - Share information and offer continuing education about accessibility for digital collections
- Around the Table
  - Erin Rushton, Binghamton University
    - Binghamton University Libraries is going through a reorganization. Erin's new position will be a title change and besides working on digitization still, her other responsibilities will shift away from web development and user experience to preservation and conservation.
    - Erin's planning to do an audit for accessibility and has the framework laid out.
    - The Binghamton University Libraries's Makerspace is opening up soon, officially.
    - Claire mentioned that the SUNLYA 2025 conference presentation by Ruth Carpenter, recently of the libraries' digital scholarship department, was inspirational; it was about projects in which the library (Ruth specifically) brought together humanities researchers and technology people from around campus, joining them together to make great digital humanities

projects. Ruth is now a lecturer outside of the library, and the digital scholarship department is down to a single person, notes Erin.

- Kendyl, Southern Tier Library System
  - Kendyl is taking over the things that Erika Jenns used to do, so she's now in charge of the digitization grants through SCRLC in the spring, besides other member services responsibilities for the system. She's working with the member libraries on their websites (most STLS members have websites hosted by STLS). They will likely all need education and support to meet the accessibility guidelines on their websites.
- Julia Corrice, Cornell University
  - Cornell is in super austerity mode right now because of upheaval from the federal government. A settlement with the government is likely soon. Layoffs may begin soon but there are no details for any staff, including library administrators.
  - The university ended its Slack subscription because it has Teams as part of its Microsoft license.
  - The public interface for AchivesSpace has launched.
    - Julia is working on archival metadata lately..
  - Before the hiring freeze, Cornell hired a new digital resources metadata librarian, Brinna Michael.
  - Cornell University Libraries is considering changing digital asset management systems, from JSTOR Forum (now just called JSTOR) to, perhaps, OrangeLogic. Other Cornell departments use OrangeLogic so the library will see if it will work for them. Otherwise they are likely going to look at open source solutions. They need something that can work with an API, which JSTOR is no longer doing.