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As always, we're available to chat with you about your digital or data-intensive research, teaching, and publishing! Please contact us anytime at [ULS-DigitalScholarshipServices@pitt.edu](mailto:ULS-DigitalScholarshipServices@pitt.edu).

## Call for Applications: "R&D in the Open Lab" Summer Undergraduate Internship

What it is:

**Research and Development (R&D) in the Open Lab Undergraduate Internships** are summer term paid undergraduate student appointments within the University Library System's Digital Scholarship Services

(DSS). Undergraduate Interns work on Digital Scholarship projects in an experimental technology lab setting (Open Lab @ Hillman).

Blending traditional academic research skill acquisition with creative “R&D”, hacking, and making activities, this 12-week paid internship allows students dedicated time and support to carry out a small-scale “research and development” project and develop their skills with critical making and technology-engaged independent research.

How to apply:

Applicants are asked to **select one digital research method** and **one makerspace technology** from the lists provided and identify how they'd like to explore the overlap between these topics during their internship. For example, they might want to explore how virtual reality might be used to represent maps, or how laser cutting might be used to visualize data, or how arduinos could be used for storytelling, or how digital exhibits can be used to describe or organize 3D models/prints.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please complete the following application form by **Friday, March 28, 2025: [pi.tt/rdol-2025apply](https://pi.tt/rdol-2025apply).**

Up to four Undergraduate Interns may be hired in Summer 2025. Please direct any questions to [open-lab@pitt.edu](mailto:open-lab@pitt.edu).

Read more: [library.pitt.edu/research-and-development-open-lab-undergraduate-internships](https://library.pitt.edu/research-and-development-open-lab-undergraduate-internships).

## Faculty Emerging Learning & Technology Grant (FELT)

The University Center for Teaching and Learning is offering a new opportunity to assist faculty with incorporating hands-on learning and emerging technologies, anchored in the Open Lab @ Hillman's

equipment and services. The **Faculty Emerging Learning & Technology Grant (FELT)** is a two-term program which supports recipients to redesign a course, implement innovative teaching practices, and evaluate their impact on student engagement and learning.

Learn more about FELT by joining our **virtual information session on Feb. 12**, from noon–1 p.m. This session will provide an overview of the program, discuss expectations, and answer your questions. [Register for the virtual information session now.](#)

FELT participants will receive:

- A \$4,000 stipend (subject to tax).
- Technical training and support.
- Pedagogical mentorship.
- Professional development in cutting-edge technologies and teaching frameworks.

Learn more at [teaching.pitt.edu/open-lab/felt](https://teaching.pitt.edu/open-lab/felt).

## Welcome to DSS, Carl!



Carl C. Haynes-Magyar joins the Digital Scholarship Services team as the new **Research Data Librarian**. He completed his doctorate at the University of Michigan School of Information (UMSI) in 2022 and his master's in library and information science at Syracuse University's iSchool in 2016. Most recently, Carl finished a postdoctoral fellowship in the Human-Computer Interaction Institute at Carnegie Mellon University,

where he investigated how people develop the computational research skills (i.e., Python computer programming skills) they need in order to analyze data.

Carl's research has produced computer science instruction and assessment that increases engagement and optimizes learning; it has probed the underlying cognitive load processes of learning how to program, and his research has investigated the accessibility benefits and challenges neurodiverse learners experience when solving computer programming problems. His research has been published at top venues for scholars in his field, including the *Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems* (CHI), the *ACM Special Interest Group on Computer Science Education* (SIGCSE), and the *ACM Conference on International Computing Education Research* (ICER).

Carl is also the recipient of a scholarship to attend the [2025 Research Data Access and Preservation \(RDAP\) Summit](#). In his spare time, Carl likes to read, sing, write, work out with his partner, go bowling, and play Clue.

## Love Data Week 2025 Events

**Love Data Week** (February 10-14, 2025) is an annual event dedicated to celebrating the importance of data in research, business, and everyday life while raising global awareness about data science, management, and accessibility. The 2025 theme, "**Whose Data Is It, Anyway?**", prompts us to critically examine data ownership, access, and ethical considerations.

With researchers, governments, corporations, and organizations collecting and managing vast amounts of data, it is essential to reflect on who truly owns this information and how it is shared, published, or manipulated. However, [recent incidents of federal datasets disappearing or being altered](#) have raised concerns about data integrity and long-term accessibility, sparking discussions on the impact of restricted information on social science research, policymaking, and public health initiatives.

Love Data Week serves as an opportunity to reflect on these challenges, engage in discussions about ethical data practices, and champion transparency in data governance.

#### **Suggested LDW '25 Online Events and Resources:**

- [Big Ten Academic Alliance Love Data Week](#) events
- ICPSR session February 10, "[Making Others' Data Your Own: Adding Value and Promoting Interoperability through Secondary Data Collection and Use](#)"
- [Love Data Week at Carnegie Mellon](#)
- [Love Data Week at Stanford](#) (including movie and music recommendations!)
- [University of California Love Data Week](#) events
- [University of Colorado - Boulder LDW](#) events

## March 2025 Workshops and Events

### [Adobe Study Group \(Photoshop and Illustrator Community of Practice\)](#)

If you are a researcher, student, or artist using Photoshop or Illustrator for your projects—whether it's personal or professional—we'd love for you to join us on Tuesdays from 4 pm to 6 pm in Open Lab for the Photoshop and Illustrator Community of Practice group.

Whether you're a complete beginner or an Adobe pro, this is a great space to connect with fellow creatives, share tips and tricks, and get technical advice. There's no formal structure—just a great opportunity to chat, swap tips, get help with tricky techniques, and make time for your own projects in a supportive environment.

*Date:* Tuesdays throughout Spring 2025

*Time:* 4:00pm - 6:00pm

*Location:* Open Lab @ Hillman, 1st Floor

Registration not required - just stop by!

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## Digitization Drop-in Hours

Are you interested in how 2D or 3D scanning tools might enhance your research or publications? Do you have a personal or academic digitization project you need help developing?

Drop by Open Lab on Thursdays from 2:00 to 3:00 PM for support. During this time, we offer brief demonstrations of 2D or 3D scanning and are available to address your project-specific questions.

*Date:* Thursdays throughout Spring 2025

*Time:* 2:00pm - 3:00pm

*Location:* Digitization Lab in the Open Lab @ Hillman, 1st Floor

Registration not required - just stop by!

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## Do We Lie with Maps? We Do, and We have No Choice

All maps inevitably distort reality. They project a complex, three-dimensional world onto a flat, two-dimensional plane. Mapmakers use generalization and symbols to highlight the points they want to make. Therefore, depending on the goals of its maker, a map can be deceptive, even threatening, especially if used as propaganda. This workshop will briefly trace the role of the map in the history of humanity take a closer look on how we lie with maps.

*Date:* Friday, March 14, 2025

*Time:* 2:00pm - 3:30pm

*Location:* Online (Zoom)

[Register online for this event to receive the Zoom link.](#)

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## Creative Exploration with 3D Scanning and Zbrush

3D scanning is an incredibly powerful tool for creating detailed 3D models, but it's just the beginning of a creative journey. In this workshop, we'll guide you through the entire project creation process, from initial 3D scanning to the final model design. Participants will start by scanning provided objects and then use ZBrush, a leading 3D modeling program, to combine these scans with additional elements. The result will be a unique and imaginative 3D model that is ready for 3D printing.

*Date:* Wednesday, March 19, 2025

*Time:* 3:00pm - 5:00pm

*Location:* Open Lab @ Hillman, 1st Floor

[Register online for this event to receive the Zoom link.](#)

### Introduction to 3D Scanning

This workshop will cover the basics of 3D scanning and model editing. Participants will gain the necessary skills in the use of the Open Lab's 3D scanner, as well as an understanding of the requirements for both digital and physical output.

*Date:* Thursday, March 27, 2025

*Time:* 3:00pm - 4:00pm

*Location:* Open Lab @ Hillman, 1st Floor

[Register online for this event to receive the Zoom link.](#)

**Visit our full events calendar**

We hope to see you soon!

— The DSS Team (Rachel, Boris, Carl, Phoebe, Dan, Marin, and Yujin)



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Our services: <https://library.pitt.edu/digital-scholarship-services>

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