Metadata challenges breakout room roundtable - 30 minutes
IRs, Access, and Metadata Challenges (Is your MD "working" for you? What issues have you encountered? What solutions have you discovered? What questions do you have for colleagues?)

QUESTION: What challenges are we facing that we would like to share with each other?
○ Member comments:
  ■ SSRN used as their main repository - University has its own repository
  ■ Starting new one now in digital commons
  ■ Disciplines versus subjects (what to indicate keywords from SSRN to find similar in digital commons disciplines landscape)
  ■ Trying to get basic papers in very quickly so there is less back and forth from the individual faculty members
○ Member comments:
  ■ Ours is pretty new, we didn’t manage our SSRN
  ■ We are starting from scratch but very overwhelming
  ■ We just sat down to figure stuff out but things changed right at COVID
  ■ Any advice
○ Member comments:
  ■ I manage the department but not the direct adding to repository myself
  ■ People uploading our papers are not professional librarians so we have staffing issues in getting correct taxonomy
  ■ Solidarity but … no recommendations
○ Member comments:
  ■ Emailing faculty to ask for keywords or sharing record with them afterward (but when putting things into the site to front load lots this isn’t always possible)
○ Member comments:
  ■ Shared batch revise solution for going back and cleaning up/reconciling differences or inaccuracies and missing fields (ex. Abstracts completely empty in legacy records for hundreds of items) for entire series of records -still not quick but more time-saving than manually editing individual items
  ■ Shared this also helps refresh “dead” series that haven’t been touched in a long time, rejuvenates them for Google crawls, helps people discover them by enriching data.
  ■ Find points that are similar among records, copy terminology to all that apply in batch revise, and re-submit. Can do this every so often

QUESTION: What are the other challenges?
Several members shared their staffing issues and how much we have used student workers or interns - but quality control can be more difficult.
- Member comments: liked the idea of just getting work in and using batch revise to get things right later - sometimes getting the work loaded is hard
- Two members both shared it can be hard to find the right terms and that makes entering one item very time-consuming
- We talked about setting time limit and
- Member comments: the time-consuming example she recently experienced of having to dedicate a week to upload content for 1 individual’s 60 items

QUESTION: What are you doing about Access / discovery
  - Member comments:
    - Ask faculty for keywords!! Coordinate with them, get them to supply them
  - Member comments:
    - working on a team helps (each member with different strengths, more in next section of sharing…)

QUESTION: Are we all in Digital Commons? If not what are you using?
Two not in Digital Commons shared what platforms they are using:
  - Member comments: D space, health sciences people do administrative part of it
    - We do have batch upload though - we fill in sheets and give to them to load into D space
  - Member comments: Omeka - we do it all ourselves - I manage it, metadata librarian does cleanups and IT> director does administration, I can bring the legal background
    - Wasn’t with team when they first launched the repository
      So much clean up
      Batch uploads are a whole different thing
      60 items for 1 new hire (to be dean)
  - Does whatever we tell it to
  - (Rachel reminisced about learning to use Omeka in library school and is jealous!)

QUESTION: Who is uploading more than just scholarship
  - Member comments: photos of trophies and plaques
    Alum magazine, class composite photos, other items
  - Member comments: alumni picture collections, madison employment commission collection Equal opportunity, newspaper articles/legal filing/photos from a faculty member of a disaster in the area, Wisconsin briefs from faculty member
  - Member comments: shared in memoriam site faculty member info from her book in progress for her, and events/lecture series named for her
  - Member comments: shared about digital-massive photos project adding to photo galleries - shared the other items we also have in our repository that others talked about (alum magazine, events, law review journals, class photographs
(historic composites too!) and working on faculty tributes, etc. Also many historic
docs like strategic plans and student directories and even digitized state codes),
shared article link: