

Title of Talk:

Metadata Enrichment and Maps

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Abstract:

The Digital Commonwealth (<http://www.digitalcommonwealth.org>) harvests information from over a dozen institutions that have varying metadata practices. Rather than “dumb down” metadata to the lowest common denominator, we have built a bunch of tools to instead make it more intelligent. From geographic parsing against linked data sources to standardizing of dates, we have successfully created rich records from disorganized sparse ones. This talk is about our combination of tools and practices we use to make this happen.

Beyond a look at the tools we have developed or use ourselves, we will be showing samples of the cool stuff one can do once the metadata has been enhanced. For example, demonstrating how well parsed geographic data can now be used on an interactive map with records from 100+ institutions and not result in absolute chaos.