SFU’s Institutional Repository

BCLA 2007 Preconference:
Beyond Limits: Building Open Access Collections
CARL Institutional Repositories in BC
A little bit of history

• It all began in 2004
• DSpace was the software of choice
• A rather grand goal: To house the university’s scholarly output with no access restrictions
Our progress over the first few months
The HM IR

Heather Morrison Institutional Repository
Some good news: Theses

- Mandatory online thesis deposit
- 150-250 theses per term
- Well received by our end users
- Not always well received by those depositing the thesis
Challenges: Promotion & Staffing

If you build it, will they come?
Challenges: Faculty Attitudes

What’s in it for me?
Challenges: Systems

• DSpace

• Do we actually do managed preservation?
Hope springs eternal: Future plans

• Move from DSpace?
• Online theses continue
• Scholarly Communication Plan
  – Get the liaison librarians involved
• Dedicated IR staff
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