



## P2L4

# University Presses and Libraries: Partners in Digital Transformation July 22, 2020

Register [here](#).

The day is structured as three 90-minute sessions that explore topical themes of shared interest between university presses and libraries. From the macro-level of large-scale open infrastructure initiatives to the micro-level of individual connections between press and library staff to advance digital scholarship, the day will focus on how scholars are embracing digital technologies in their research and publishing practices and how presses and libraries can be stronger if they work together to support the ambitions of these knowledge creators.

Each session includes 30 minutes of short presentations, 45 minutes of break-out discussions, and a 15-minute focus on next steps for the P2L partnership.

This meeting will not be recorded, but a follow-up report will be issued.

### 10:30 am–12:00 pm ET      **Open Infrastructure Initiatives: The Role of Presses and Libraries**

Initiatives focused on collectively developing open infrastructure (content, tools, technologies, and expertise) for research and publication are gaining traction and excitement. Scholars are embracing these alternatives to increasingly consolidated commercial systems. How can presses and libraries engage in shaping the future of publishing infrastructure together? Leaders from several important initiatives will share updates on their work and reflect on the opportunities for press/library partnership.

#### Speakers:

**Amy Brand**, Director, The MIT Press

**Catherine Mitchell**, Director, Publishing, Archives, and Digitization, California Digital Library

**Rachael Samberg**, Scholarly Communication Officer, UC Berkeley Library

**Kaitlin Thaney**, Executive Director, Invest in Open Infrastructure

#### Recommended Reading:

Claudio Aspesi and Amy Brand, “In Pursuit of Open Science, Open Access is Not Enough,” *Science* (May 8, 2020): 574–577, <https://science.sciencemag.org/content/368/6491/574.full>.

Kaitlin Thaney, “The Open Scholarship Ecosystem Faces Collapse; It’s Also Our Best Hope for a More Resilient Future,” *LSE Impact Blog* (June 19, 2020), <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/impactofsocialsciences/2020/06/19/the-open-scholarship-ecosystem-faces-collapse-its-also-our-best-hope-for-a-more-resilient-future/>.

**12:00–1:00 pm ET      Break**

**1:00–2:30 pm ET      Editors and Librarians: Building Relationships to Support Digital Scholars**

University press acquisitions editors and digital scholarship librarians are increasingly being approached by scholars who seek to create new forms of digital and open access publication. The complementary expertise of these information professionals, often located on the same campus, is starting to be recognized. This session explores how acquisitions editors and librarians are working together to support scholars in creating, distributing, and preserving new born-digital works or reviving older scholarship in ways that can engage with readers today.

**Speakers:**

**Brett Bobley**, Director, Office of Digital Humanities, National Endowment for the Humanities

**Sara Cohen**, Senior Acquiring Editor, University of Michigan Press, and **Anne Cong-Huyen**, Digital Scholarship Strategist, University of Michigan Library

**Julia Oestreich**, Director, University of Delaware Press, and **Paige Morgan**, Digital Publishing Librarian, University of Delaware Library

**Micah Vandegrift**, Open Knowledge Librarian, NC State University Libraries, and **John McLeod**, Director, Office of Scholarly Publishing Services, UNC Press

**2:30–3:00 pm ET      Break**

**3:00–4:30 pm ET      “How can presses and libraries work together to advance anti-racism?”**

During the last few months, presses and libraries have increasingly examined their roles in perpetuating white supremacy. As part of a common ecosystem of knowledge production and consumption, what shared insights are these partners reaching? And how can presses and libraries, as producers, gatekeepers, and consumers of scholarly information, work more effectively together to address systemic change in this arena?

**Speakers:**

**Lisa Bayer**, Director, University of Georgia Press

**Patricia Hswe**, Program Officer for Public Knowledge, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

**Mark Puente**, Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Organizational Development, Inclusion, and Diversity, Purdue University Libraries