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## RDAP Webinar “Thriving as a Data Information Professional”

- 5 invited experts
  - Wendy Mann - Geroge Mason (director of digital scholarship center)
  - Lynda Kellam - UNC Greensbro, now at [Cornell](#)
  - Megan Sapp Nelson - Purdue (data information literacy)
  - Jon Wheeler - New Mexico (data curation librarian)
  - Christie Ann Wiley - U of IL (research data services librarian)
- What does it mean to have the roles and responsibilities of Data information professional?
  - Research Data management
  - Data in GIS (political science)
  - Help, use, understand data and also end of lifecycle to archive data
  - Wendy, what has been added to your purview as you moved from data to digital scholarship?
    - Management
    - Digital Humanities
  - Relay that data is to be managed and articulated and
    - Role and tasks will change
    - Tasks are specialized according to data format
  - Finding intersections across campus
    - Promoting lib services and other resources across campus
- How did you feel you prepared for this work in your job?
  - Christie
    - Was not completely prepared
    - Go to a lot of presentations, talk to people
  - Lynda has a poliSci background
    - Get to know researchers on their level
    - Trained with new field of researchers topics
  - Jon
    - Prepared in what sense
    - Ambiguity
    - Be aware of strengths and capitalize on them
- What kind of skills are necessary, how to obtain them?
  - Christie - teaching
    - Research Data Management 101
    - Research workflow workshops
    - Conversations with science and data ethics - susses out data management topics

- Meeting the needs of faculty and grad students - to do that- need relationships - meeting, emails, etc
    - “Need this? I teach x”
- How to educate self to stay up on trends and needs
  - [ICPSR training](#)
  - [Data carpentry](#)
  - Software carpentry
  - Libraries carpentry
  - Know that you can’t be everything to everyone
  - Research Data Management [Zotero](#)
  - [Programming Historian](#)
  - [R for Data Science](#)
  - [Python is for Everybody](#)
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- How to interpret a job description, how much in description is necessary?
  - Christie
    - Focus on requirements
    - Build relationships with researchers
- When you were reaching out to other data stakeholders on campus, did you experience any resistance from any departments or skepticism about the library working in the data space? How did you address this resistance?
  - Find champions and allies, have them speak out for you
  - Seek out new faculty/researchers that have come from institutions where this is also happening to share experiences
  - Start with low hanging fruit
  - Collaborate, do what you are good at - meta data, etc
  - Get OVPR on board - Purdue - library gets looped in from the very beginning
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Candidate interview question: what relationships already exist, looking to expand?

from Amy Koshoffer (internal) to everyone:

Hi Everyone, we will get started in about 4 mins. If possible please mute yourselves in preparation for the session. We will use the chat for asking questions.

from Tess Grynock to everyone:

Wendy, what has been added to your purview as you moved from data to digital scholarship?

from Ali K to everyone:

How have you built partnerships with other stakeholders in your organization to extend I guess what you could call "data infrastructure"? Anyone have any success stories working with IT, or a research office, or a funder?

from Tess Grynock to everyone:

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from Lynda Kellam to everyone:

Yes! and Yes!

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This article is dated but might be useful:

<https://conservancy.umn.edu/handle/11299/181127> (LisaJ. and Alicia HM!)