Praxis Together: Building Digital Humanities Programs in the Library

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Fellowships

• Praxis – year-long, early PhD
• DH Fellows – year-long, late PhD
• Prototyping fellowships – semester-long
• Other Opportunities
  – Conferences
  – Publications
  – Hourly positions with us
The Cult of Done

Manifesto

There are three states of being.

Not knowing, action and completion

Accept that everything is a draft. It helps to get it done

There is no editing stage

Pretending you know what you’re doing is almost the same as
knowing what you are doing, so just accept that you know
what you’re doing even if you don’t and do it

Banish procrastination

If you wait more than a week to get an idea done, abandon it
The point of being done is not to finish but to get other things done
Once you’re done you can throw it away

Laugh at perfection. It's boring
and keeps you from being done
People without dirty hands are wrong
Doing something makes you right

Failure counts as done. So do mistakes
Destruction is a variant of done
If you have an idea and publish it on the internet, that counts as a ghost of done

Done is the engine of more

Bre Pettis and Kio Stark
The Praxis Program

Praxis 2016-2017 Charter
The Project

Building A Project Stack
• web and twitter scraping
• machine learning
• design elements

New Opportunities
• project management
• design
• web development
Collaboration Across the Library

Meetings with

• project managers
• metadata librarians
• director of information / copyright and intellectual property
Role of a developer

- Actual development
- Support research
- Support Makerspace
- Philosophy of development
Scholars’ Lab Development philosophy!

HEY
YOU CAN DO IT!
Digital Humanities Fellowship
Bras d’Eau Sugar Mill Ruins, Mauritius
Phase I: Survey
Uncovering Archaeological Ruins and Total Station Mapping

Survey 2015, Bras d’Eau
Phase II: Archival Research
Uncovering of historic maps and documents about the estate

Figure 2: Map of Mauritius and Bras d’Eau Estate, A. Descubes, 1880
Phase III: Excavations
Indian Indentured Laborer Housing

Excavations 2016, Bras d’Eau
Phase IV: Analysis and Write-up
merging the data from all three phases of research with help from the scholars’ lab
Project Management and the library as a supportive community
Supporting Outreach to Communities beyond…

Bras d’Eau 2015-2016 Archaeology Research Team

Public Tours and Artifact Displays