

# Imagine, Align, and Prosper: Roles of East Asia Libraries and Librarians in Digital Scholarship

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# Does Digital Scholarship have a future?

- In some ways, scholarly innovation has been domesticated, with the very ubiquity of the web bringing a lowered sense of excitement, possibility, and urgency.

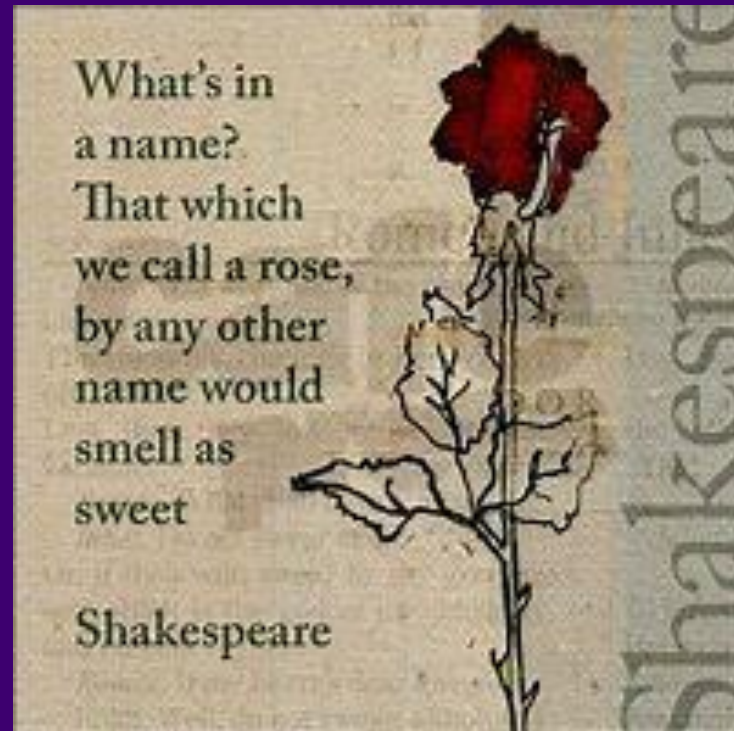


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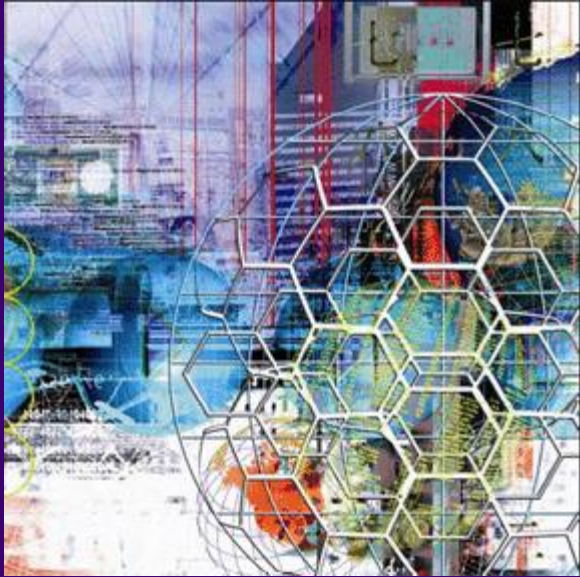


# Evolving Notion

- Scholarship
- eScholarship
- Digital scholarship
- Open scholarship
- Scholarship



# Infrastructure



- Interoperable network
- Services, resources, expertise
- Agreement and sharing
- Cost reduction
- Increased efficiencies

# Open access



- Social interoperability
- Changing business models
- Separation reduction
- Common purpose and mutual benefit

# Critical risks and impediments



- Fragmented funding
- IP and copyright
- Complex environment
- Cross-sector tensions
- Proprietary perspectives
- Sustainability
- 21<sup>st</sup> century skill set
- Disparate political, economic and cultural environments

# Things are changing





# Inside Out

Think, for example, of a distinction between outside-in resources, where the library is buying or licensing materials from external providers and making them accessible to a local audience (e.g. books and journals), and 'inside-out' resources which may be unique to an institution (e.g. digitized images, research materials) where the audience is both local and external. Thinking about an external non-institutional audience, and how to reach it, poses some new questions for the library.



# New intent? New opportunities?

- Research for the public good
- Community engaged scholarship
- Data science for the social good
- Research impact
- Global research library

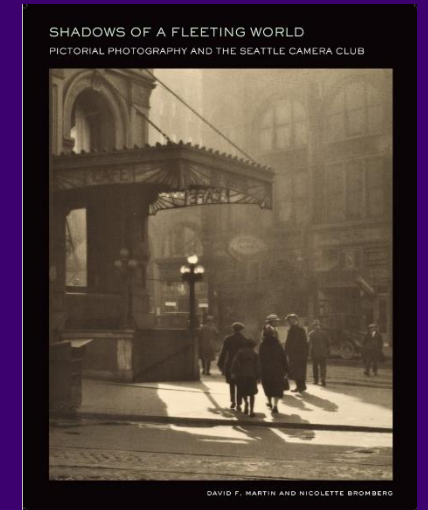
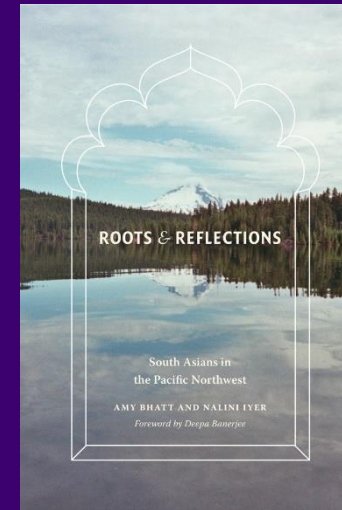
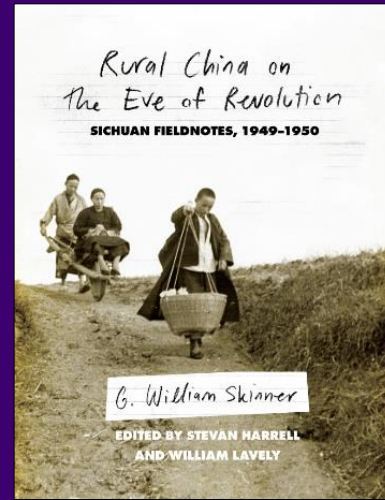


# Library Publishing

- ETDs
- Digitization
- Repositories
- Korean Liberation Space
- Japanese Multi-volume Sets Discovery Improvement Project



# Convergence



# OPEN ACCESS

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The best possible role for UW Libraries to play in my professional future would be:

- 1) **Provide open access to everything** (by me, by students, and ideally by society, but that's a stretch);
- 2) The primary place to archive not only discoveries, but also the **data and assets behind those discoveries**;
- 3) A facilitating role in making the private scholarly search engines the most usable, useful, informative way to perform literature reviews and **make sense of the massive collection of discoveries that we have.**

—UW faculty

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Some open access journals offer lower fees if the university has a subscription/account with the journal. If the UW does not subscribe to an open access journal, which results in high fees for faculty, **to what extent does this reduce faculty publishing in that journal? Which open access journals would faculty most like to publish in? Such a short list might be where the UW invests its subscription resources.**

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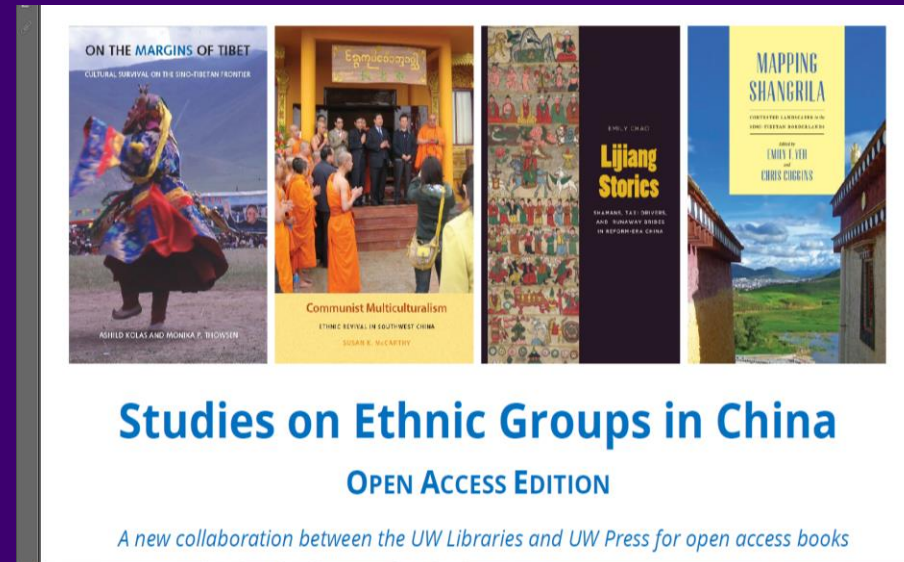
As a PhD student, I had a question about copyright issues involving my published article. **UW Libraries was very helpful in allowing me to successfully navigate the complexities of copyright law and inform me about open access options** that I was unaware of. **As a result, my work has been cited more than I anticipated!**

—UW graduate student

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# Open cultural materials

- Digitization of rare Chinese books
  - With National Central Library, Taiwan
- Hidden Collections
  - With UBC and University of Beijing
- *Studies on Ethnic Groups in China*



# Indigenous Studies

## MURKUTU SHARED

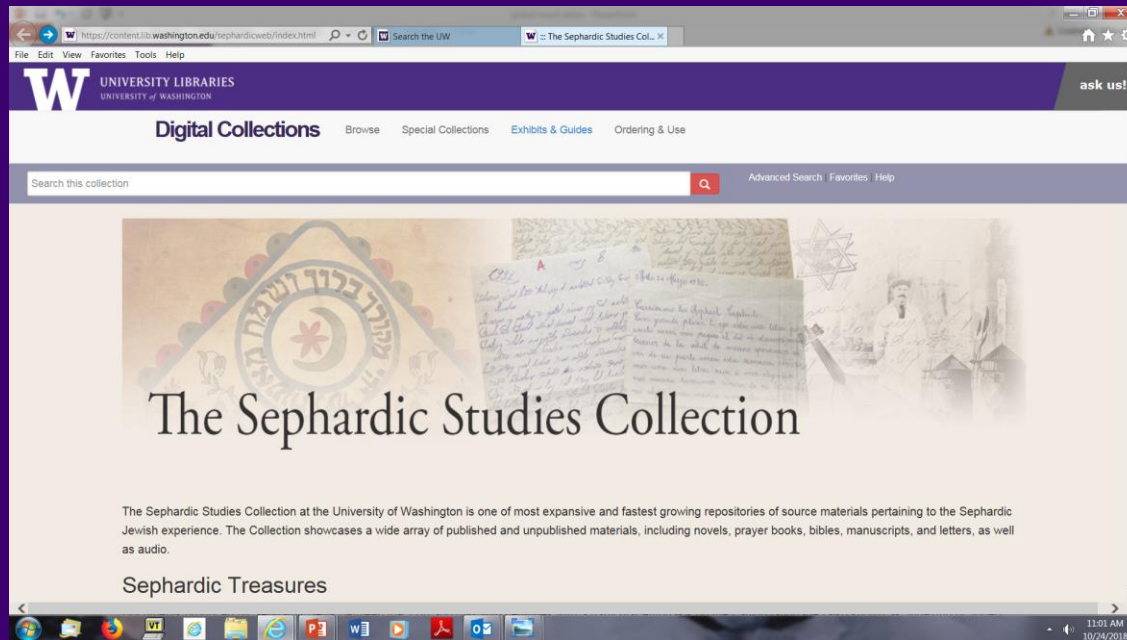
- With UBC, WSU, and UW Libraries and Press

## LOST LANGUAGES FOUND

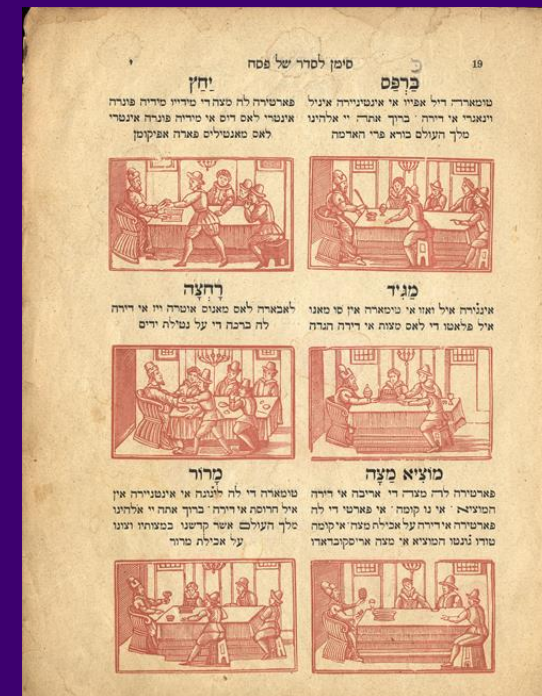
- Recordings of Lushootseed restored and given new life
- With CAIS and American Indian community



# Sephardic community

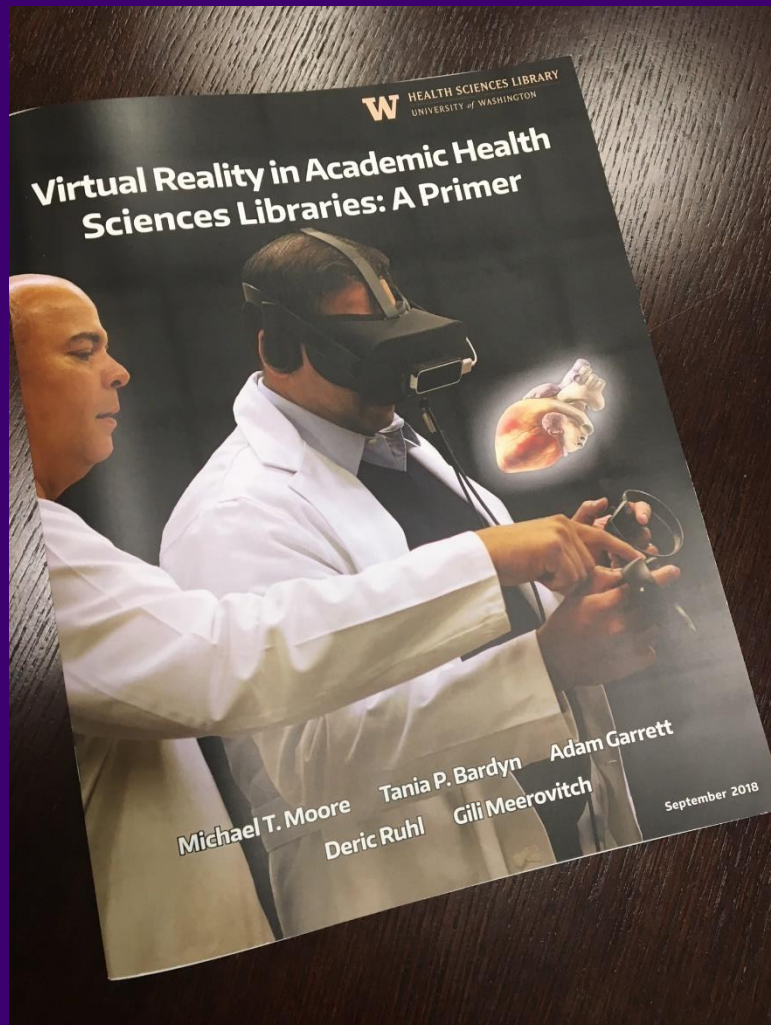


- Community collections
- Ladino language





# Virtual reality in libraries



<https://hsl.uw.edu/vr-studio>

# New Services

- Research commons
- Research data management
- Data cleaning
- Digital scholarship centers—virtual and physical
- HathiTrust Research Center



# Learning organization



- Librarians
- Scholars
- Students

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# Yes, there is a future...and it is bright!

- Convener
- Connector
- Collaborator
- Content providers
- Capacity
- Concierge
- Conservator
- Celebration



**THANK YOU!**

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