Research Plan for the Fellowship

“Leaders must be familiar with inquiry. One way to be involved in professional development is through research.” ~ Dr. John Budd

How to Get Involved

1. Through a collaborative effort:
   a. Develop a presentation for a local, regional, or national conference.
   b. Partner with a mentor jointly present at a conference.
   c. Present at the library through committees and meetings.

   Benefits: These activities look good on résumés, are a product of your work, and are professional development.

2. Through an independent study:
   a. An independent study should ideally last for two semesters
      i. Possibility: Spring semester = literature review
         Fall semester = implementation
      ii. Possibility: Fall semester (2010) = Intro to Research Methods Class
          Spring semester (2011) = Independent study
   b. You must take background steps and obtain clearance in order to do research.

   Note: An independent study with the possibility of integrating work done at host libraries is OPTIONAL for fellows

Desired Outcomes

- Research originates from the needs of host library and is a way to give back to the institution.
- Production of something publishable
- Building on academic knowledge and experience.
- Taking initiative and learning to tweak papers.
- Recognize research as a necessity for promotion and tenure.
- Practice preparing.

“Plan of Attack”

1. Decide which journals you wish to submit research proposals.
2. Discuss the typical formats/expectations as well as policies and procedures for journals with mentors or research partner.
3. It is recommended you enroll the LIS Research Methods class (Fall 2010).
4. Talk with a mentor and discuss your research ideas, their assistance will be helpful.