

## **Texas Conference on Institutional Repositories Proposal**

**Presenters:** Felicia Williamson, MLIS, CA (Archivist at the Dallas Holocaust Museum) and James Williamson, MLIS, CA, DAS (Digital Preservation Librarian at Southern Methodist University)

**Title:** We Need to Talk: Educating Internal Stakeholders on Repository Needs

**Type of Presentation:** Full session

**Abstract:**

In creating, managing, and adapting digital collections, managers often face hurdles of technical misunderstanding and sometimes, intimidation. By educating internal stakeholders and creating allies, information managers can facilitate institutional change and are much more able to request and receive funding to pursue innovative programs requiring technical infrastructure.

Felicia Williamson, Archivist at the Dallas Holocaust Museum, will discuss the ongoing efforts to build a more robust technical infrastructure at a small non-profit Museum. Former efforts did not employ metadata standards. Moreover, online access to collections seemed a far off goal. Two main needs emerged: to create and maintain robust metadata and to expand and secure digital management systems that would grow with the collection.

James Williamson, Digital Preservation Librarian at Southern Methodist University, will discuss his recent experience in attempting to replace a digital asset management repository with a more robust digital preservation repository. He will talk about how an open dialogue with diverse stakeholders facilitated a greater understanding for the need of digital preservation beyond simply storing and sharing files. Williamson will also explain the things that worked when discussing digital preservation needs with IT services.