

THATCAMPCHICAGO

The Humanities and Technology Camp



THATCamp Chicago is a user-generated “unconference” where humanists and technologists work together for the common good. As a famous Chicagoan might have said, “THAT is more.”

Date: November 20, 2010

Place: Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

URL: <http://thatcampchicago.org>

email: thatcampchicago@gmail.com

twitter: thatcampchi

About THATCamp

Northwestern University is pleased to announce the first THATCamp Chicago, to be held on November 20. The Humanities and Technology Camp—or THATCamp—is a user-generated “unconference” in the digital humanities. Instead of being constructed around a specific theme or discipline, the program is based on attendee interests and is agreed upon at the beginning of the event. THATCamp Chicago will take place the day before the 2010 Chicago Colloquium on Digital Humanities and Computer Science at Northwestern University. We hope attendees will join us for THATCamp and then stay for the Colloquium.

An unconference relies heavily on interaction and face-to-face conversations. THATCamp participants present their work, share their knowledge, and actively collaborate with fellow participants. During THATCamp, sessions will likely range from discussions of current issues in digital scholarship, pedagogy, and curation to software demos, training sessions, and lightning talks. In other words, participants are neither expected nor encouraged to present formally arranged talks, papers, or panels. Prior to the event, participants will be invited to contribute to the THATCamp Chicago website and share their ideas for potential THATCamp sessions. Once at the event, they will collectively agree on the sessions where those conversations will take place.

About BootCamp

During the unconference, THATCamp Chicago will offer a digital humanities BootCamp track. Several educational, hands-on sessions will provide a basic introduction to technology in the humanities. Through funding from the Mellon Foundation and the Council on Library and Information Resources, a limited number of fellowships are available. The session topics are not yet finalized but will be similar to the following:

- Omeka As a Digital Archive for Researchers and Librarians
- Programming with Processing
- Design Tools for the Digital Humanities
- Geographical Information Systems

How to Apply

THATCamp is open to anyone with an interest in humanities and technology: faculty members, graduate and undergraduate students, teachers, librarians, archivists, museum professionals, university staff and administrators, educational technologists, designers, developers, hackers, public historians, artists, writers, and more. Unfortunately, there is only space for approximately 65 participants at THATCamp Chicago so we will need to do some vetting. To apply, please visit <http://thatcampchicago.org/>. The application deadline is Friday, October 1, 2010.