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10:30 am - 11:30 a.m.

in Room 501 IS Building, University of Pittsburgh

"The Future of Scholarly Communications: A Perspective on Issues and Priorities from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation"

Scholarly communications is changing rapidly as scholars, disciplines, and their institutions increasingly embrace digital technologies. This talk will focus on the development of scholarly resources in humanities disciplines, the changing role of libraries and scholarly publishers, the cyberinfrastructure that is needed to facilitate these developments and how the Mellon Foundation is shaping its grant-making activity to strengthen and support scholarly communications.

Donald J. Waters is the Foundation's Program Officer for Scholarly Communications. Before joining the Foundation, he served as the first Director of the Digital Library Federation (1997-1999), as Associate University Librarian at Yale University (1993-1997), and in a variety of other positions at the Computer Center, the School of Management, and the University Library at Yale. Mr. Waters graduated with a Bachelor's degree in American Studies from the University of Maryland, College Park in 1973. In 1982, he received his Ph.D. in Anthropology from Yale University. Mr. Waters conducted his dissertation research on the political economy of artisanry in Guyana, South America. He has edited a collection of African-American folklore from the Hampton Institute in a volume.

In 1995-96, Mr. Waters co-chaired the Task Force of the Commission on Preservation and Access and the Research Libraries Group on Archiving of Digital Information, and was the editor and a principal author of the Task Force Report. He is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and is also the author of numerous articles and presentations on libraries, digital libraries, digital preservation, and scholarly communications.

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