

Interim Report
ACS Information Fluency Grant, 2002-03

**Looking Backward, Linking Together, Leaping Forward: Web-Based Archival
Analysis and Presentation in Writing Assignments Across Four College Campuses**

The collaborative teams from Furman University and Washington and Lee met with the Davidson team on February 1st at Davidson College for a pre-project workshop and planning session. Participants included John Blackburn, Hugh Blackmer, Holt Merchant, and Vaughn Stanley (W and L); Jane Love, Steve Richardson, and Marian Strobel (Furman); and Jan Blodgett, Shireen Campbell, and Kristen Eshleman (Davidson College).

Agenda for ACS Information Fluency Workshop, Part Two

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| 9:00 a.m. | Greetings
Review Grant Assignment
Class Schedule
Survey of technical skills
Collaborative stages
Archival workshops
Web Design support
Demonstrate Blackboard |
| 10:15 a.m. | Break |
| 10:30 a.m. | Course Presentations
Faculty present their courses and discuss how this assignment fits in broader course context. |
| 11:00 a.m. | Break out groups for Faculty, Archivists,
& Information Technologists
Faculty: discuss scheduling, assessment, collaborations
Archivists: discuss holdings, packets, scanning procedures
IT professionals: discuss survey questions, web site structure, streaming options |
| 12:00 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. | Project Planning
Break out groups report.
We review the budget.
We set goals for remaining pre-project work |
| 2:00 p.m. | Project Evaluating and Publicity
Discuss strategies for evaluating the results.
Schedule Evaluation workshop
Discuss Dissemination Plans
Appoint project archivist |
| 3:00 p.m. | Adjourn |

During the workshop, it became clear that the W and L team would be unable to participate at the same time as the other two schools; their project—linked to a History seminar on the Civil War--would have to be delayed until their shorter late spring session. In addition to ironing out this wrinkle, the group roughly itemized needed expenditures to make the grant possible, including student technical support (Davidson, Fuman) and hardware (Furman, Washington and Lee).

Additionally, Hugh Blackmer described the Digital South project (also being supported by an ACS grant), and the group discussed the possibility of linking archival materials used in our web projects to the Digital South database.