



What is the Digital Commons?

- Miami Dade College's open-access institutional repository of student and faculty work
- Collects, preserves, curates, and makes accessible the research, scholarship, and creative works of the MDC community
- The Digital Commons (DC) will be hosted on Islandora, allowing it to become the central access point for MDC-produced scholarship and creative works while establishing a lasting platform for the materials to be preserved and disseminated.

Benefits for Students

- Work submitted to the DC receives a static web address that can be added to resumes, websites, and portfolios. Ensuring accessibility after graduation
- Students can view the works of fellow students
- Work will be curated and highlighted to the wider college community as exemplars of student achievement.



Michele Traverson "Tea Set" n.d. MDC Kendall Campus Art Exhibition -- Rising Stars

Innovations of the Digital Commons

Creative Commons Licensing

- Creative Commons allows students to gain a deeper understanding of how they can exercise their IP rights, and gives them the agency in how controlled or how freely they want their work

Submission Portal

- Self-sustainability is the main goal of the DC project..
- By creating a submission portal, students will be able to freely contribute their own work to the Digital Commons.
- Giving students the experience of entering key metadata and getting an understanding of what goes into the development of records within a database

Student Developed Folksonomy

- There is a gap between controlled vocabularies within archives and how users interact with them
- Using a keyword field, our submission portal allows us to develop student-contributed terminology that will be linked with our controlled vocabulary to bridge the gap and ensure higher visibility for materials



Matthew Infante "The Well"
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Carmen Velez "Mesomorphosis" n.d.
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