

# Interview: Carly Strasser – UC3

[Note: As of March 2015, Carly is employed by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation.]

## **1. Tell me about the product or service that you provide in the role that you play at your library?**

The UC3 has several products/services available.

- Merritt - <http://merritt.cdlib.org>. This is a content-agnostic repository for the UC community.
- Dash - <https://dash.cdlib.org>. A new self-service tool for researchers to describe, upload, and share their research data.
- DMPTool - <http://dmp.cdlib.org>. A free online wizard that walks researchers through creating a data management plan to meet funder requirements.
- EZID - <http://www.cdlib.org/services/uc3/ezid/>. Service for obtaining and managing persistent identifiers (DOIs and ARKs).

My role is to promote all of these tools to librarians and researchers. I was project manager for the DataUp project and continue to manage its service. I am currently working on the DMP Tool as community outreach coordinator.

## **2. How can other librarians use this product or service?**

Other librarians can promote the use of these tools, first and foremost. DataUp and DMPTool are ready to use by any researcher at any institution, and librarians can promote the use of these tools as a way to promote better data stewardship practices. For EZID, librarians can get their institutions to commit to an EZID account. For a very low cost, they can then "mint" persistent identifiers for their researchers.

## **3. How has your library reached out to your institutional community and how have you earned support for this particular service?**

Our outreach to institutions is primarily achieved via interactions with the UC campus libraries. They then perform outreach and education to their researchers. In some cases, we have presented on our tools to researchers at the UC campuses with sponsorship from the library.

## **4. What skills or experience do you think librarians need to acquire to meet the needs of science and data management and can you provide examples of the skills and services that you or your other staff have in this particular area?**

Generally, librarians need to understand the space. They don't need to be intimately familiar with all of the discipline-specific nuances and software, however becoming a jack-of-all-trades in terms of data management topics is important. They should be familiar with resources that their researchers can use to manage their data. For example, they should know where to point researchers regarding metadata standards, data repositories, and creation of data management plans for funders.



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