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The Dataverse Network – Combining Preservation with Scholarly Recognition

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The Problem with Data

Professional archives focus on long term access by the wider community

Data owners focus on recognition and control

- Persistent identifiers
- Fixity
- Backups and recovery
- Metadata standards
- Conversion standards
- Preservation standards

- Branding and visibility
- Data discovery
- Ease of use
- Scholarly citation
- Control over updates
- Terms of access and use.

... but do not attract maximum contribution from data owners

... but do not assure long-term use as would a professional archive

A Solution through technology

Centralized Archival Infrastructure

- Persistent identifiers
- Fixity
- Backups and recovery
- Metadata standards
- Conversion standards
- Preservation standards

Distributed Recognition and Control

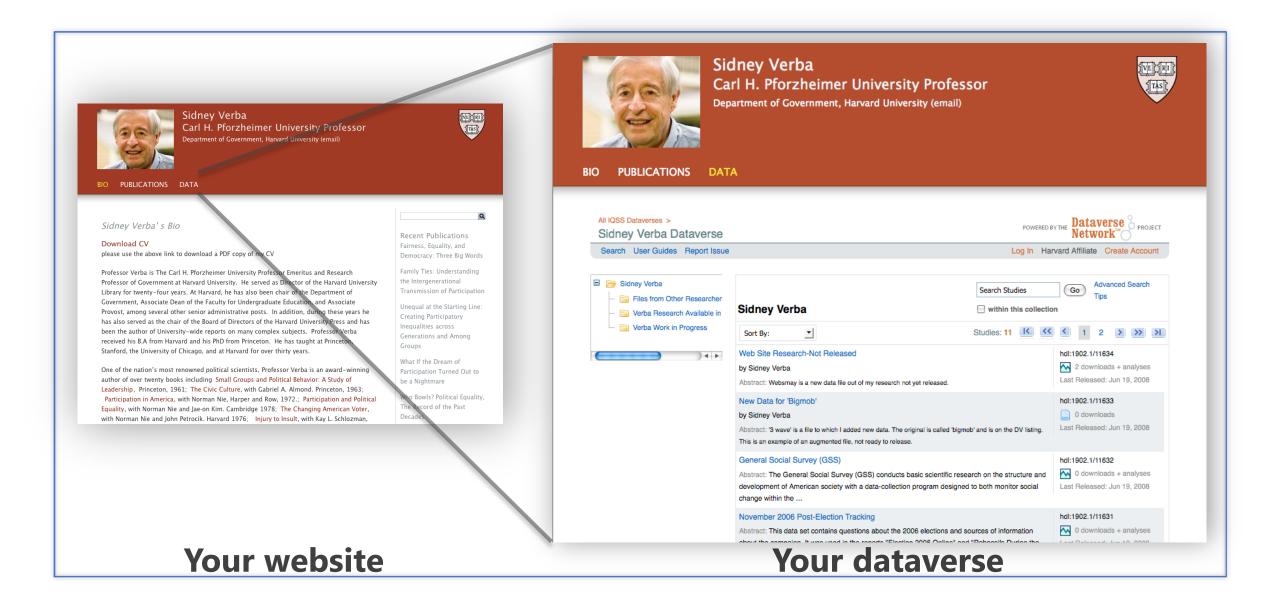
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The Dataverse Network

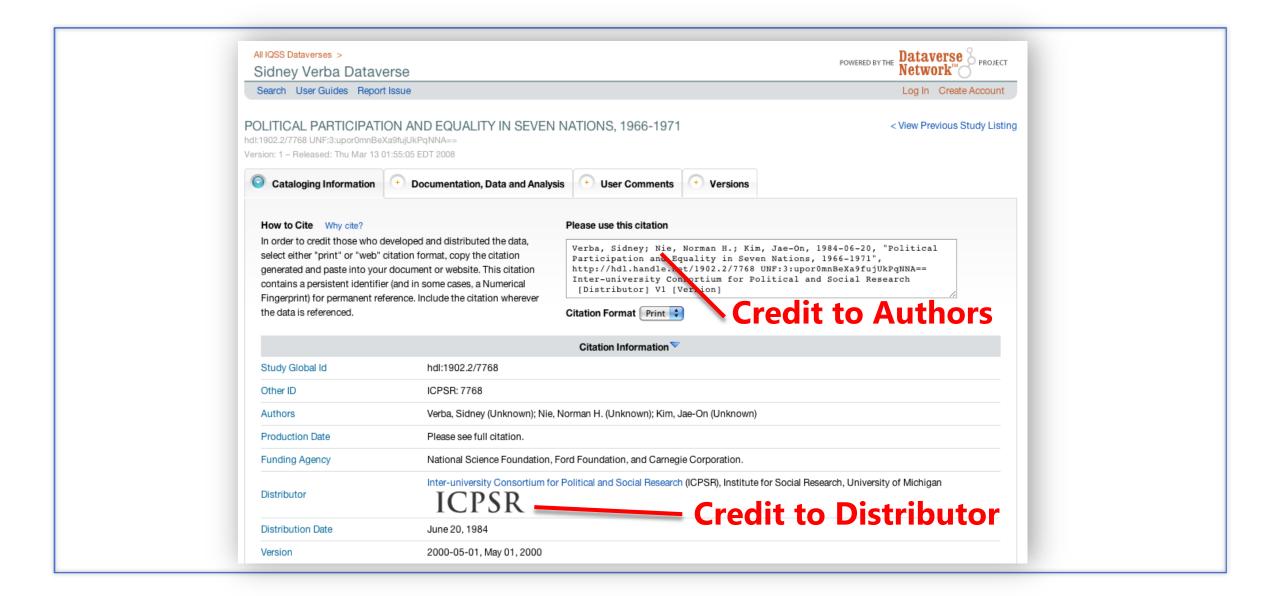
Enables people to solve a political problem through technology – Combining centralized archiving with distributed ownership



Use Case 1: Dataverse for Researchers – Web Visibility and Branding



Use Case 1: Dataverse for Researchers – Recognition through Citatition

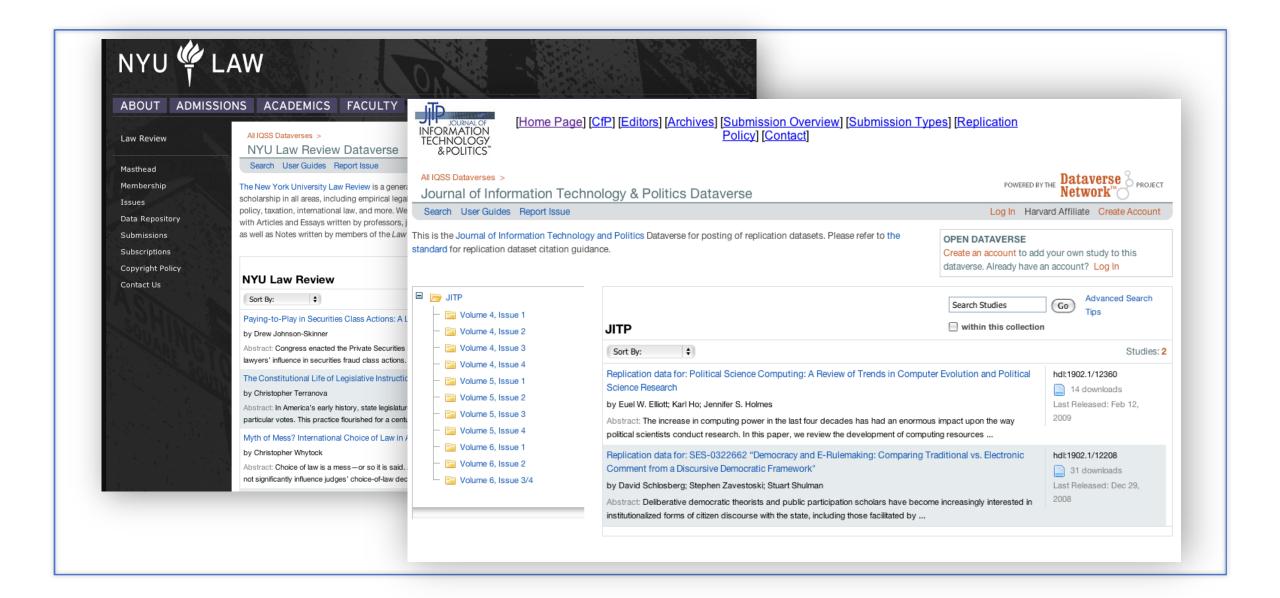


Use Case 1: Dataverse for Researchers – Control and Ownership

- The researcher is the administrator of his/her dataverse.
- Manages data curation workflow.
- Sets permissions and terms of use to datasets.

A Researcher ... Releases Sets Adds Creates Permissions Study Study Dataverse Enters Terms of Use Cataloging Uploads Data Files

Use Case 2: Dataverse for Journals – Replication of Published Work



Use Case 2: Dataverse for Journals – From Publication to Data

that never changes

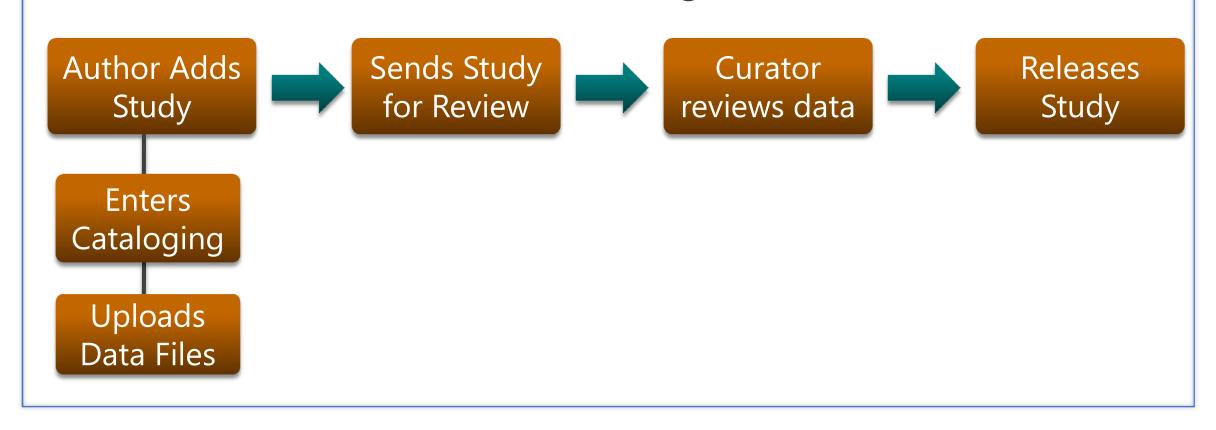
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Journal, Book Datasets, text, images Molecular SOCIAL SCIENCE Formal Data Citation Please use this citation Jacquelyn Boone James; Rosalind C. Barnett, 2003, "The Aspirations and Experiences of Undergraduates, 2000", http://hdl.handle.net/1902.1/00092 UNF:3:0sjRWertkBtT9wlgcuP4Fg== Murray Research Archive [Distributor] V1 [Version] **Universal Numerical** Persistent identifier and url Fingerprint (UNF) to verify

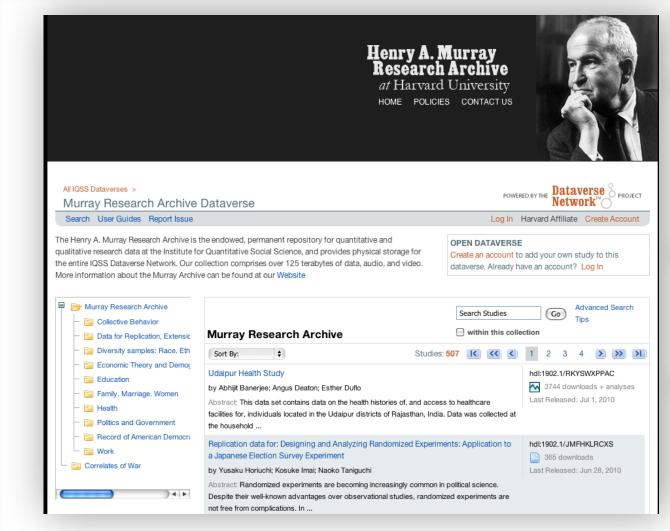
dataset

Use Case 2: Dataverse for Journals – Submission and Review Process

- A Journal for replication data can be set as an open dataverse.
- Authors upload data after registering.
- Journal reviews data before releasing it.



Use Case 3: Dataverse for Archives – Evidence is Never Lost



The Dataverse provides:

- Versioning Keeps all changes to data and metadata to allow citation of old versions.
- Deaccession Doesn't delete studies permanently so citation is valid forever.
- Universal Numeric
 Fingerprints Fixity that
 survives changes of
 format.

Use Case 3: Dataverse for Archives – Re-formatting for Preservation

Variable and Format Information

 1
 9
 2
 72
 ...
 104

 0
 2
 2
 2
 ...
 321

 1
 6
 2
 12
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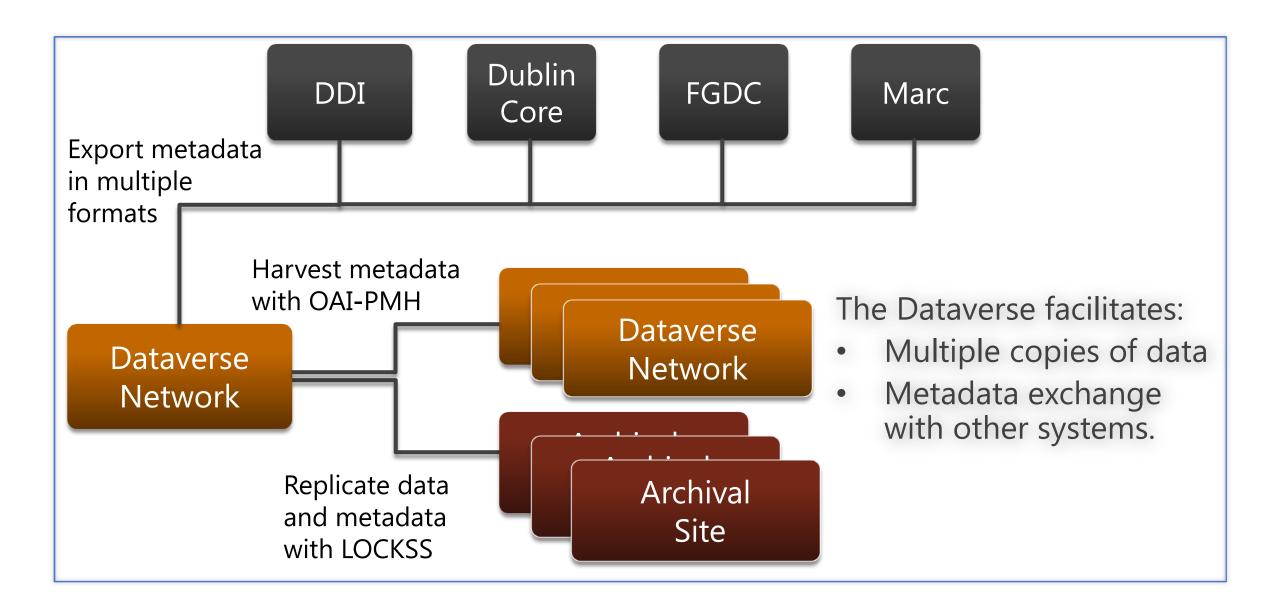
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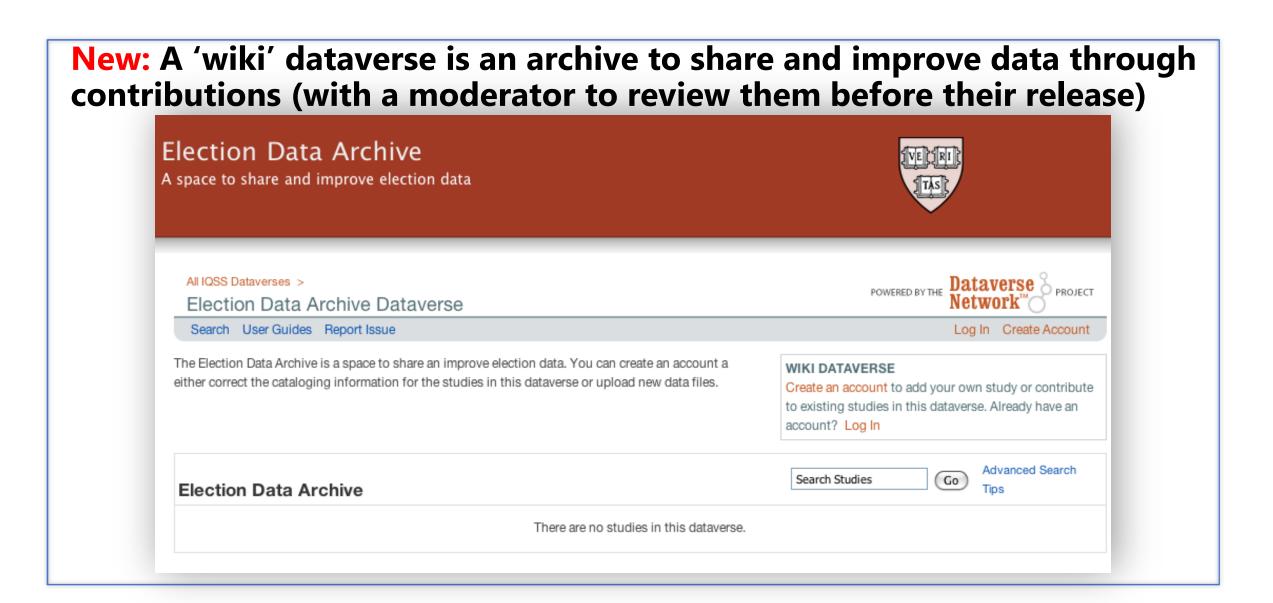
Preservation and verifiable format by:

- 1. Extracting variable and format metadata.
- 2. Converting dataset to a format independent of software package.
- 3. Applying cryptographic algorithm to canonical format.
- Obtaining an alphanumeric string based on semantic content: UNF5:EKgHvTNfkkS86dNzABlhNw==

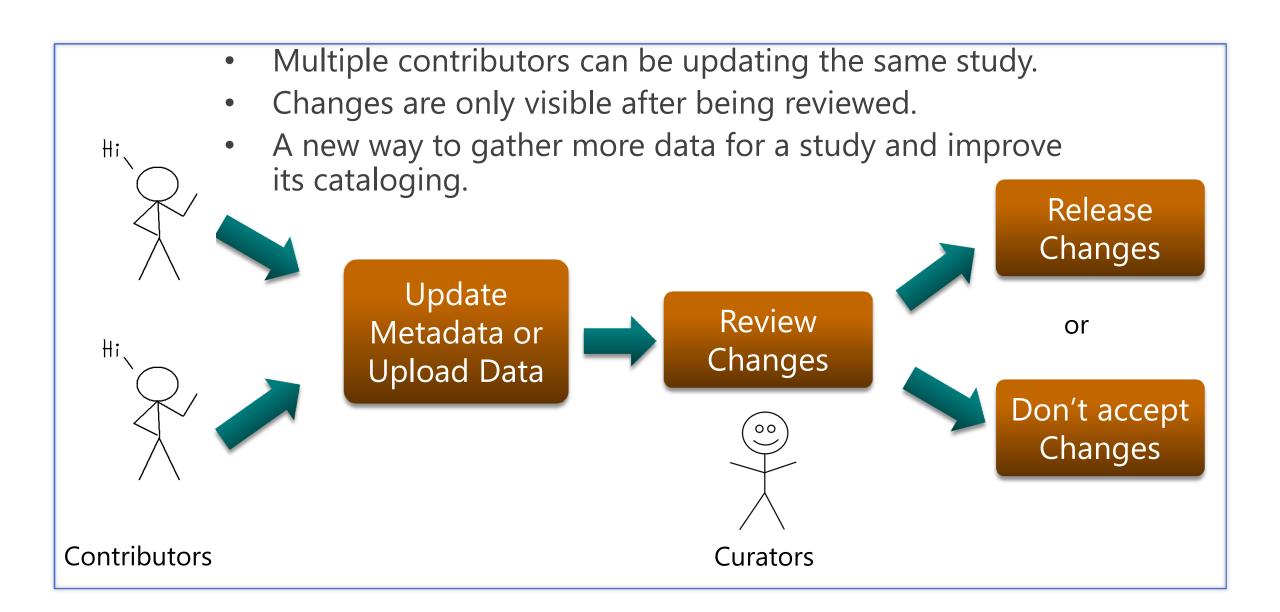
Use Case 3: Dataverse for Archives – Standards and Backups



Use Case 4: Wiki Dataverses – Collaborative Collection Development



Use Case 4: Wiki Dataverses – Mulitple Roles and Workflows



Current Usage

- The IQSS Dataverse Network at Harvard holds:
 - 257 public dataverses from around the world
 - 36,000 studies (mostly in Social Science)
 - 640,000 files
- ... and there are over 10 more installations of the Dataverse Network at other Institutions.

How to Get Started ...

- Create a dataverse at: http://dvn.iq.harvard.edu
- Or install the Dataverse Network software for your Institution.
- For more information, go to: http://thedata.org
- Contact me at: mcrosas@hmdc.harvard.edu

THANK YOU!



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