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Work-Related Unkempt Thoughts

LEAP: The Livingstone Online Enrichment and Access Project

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Description: LEAP is an NEH Humanities Collections and Reference Resources Grant to support ongoing enrichment of and access to [Livingstone Online](#). This site — a well established, transatlantic, digital archive initiative — seeks to provide worldwide access to the writings of Dr. David Livingstone (1813-73), the Scottish abolitionist, missionary, and explorer of Africa. The Livingstone Online site is directed jointly by Adrian S. Wisnicki (Indiana University of Pennsylvania) and Christopher Lawrence (University College London). The archive is published by University College London and is associated with the NEH-funded [Livingstone Spectral Imaging Project](#) published by the UCLA Digital Library. The Livingstone Online Enrichment and Access Project (LEAP) will support updating, integrating, and providing access to these two sites and their the digital image and transcription collections in order to secure their long-term sustainability as a unified, open-access resource for scholars and the general public. Dr James Cummings of the Research Support Team, IT Services, University of Oxford is providing around a month's worth TEI-related consultation and legacy data migration assistance to the project.

In collaboration with: Dr Adrian Wisnicki (University of Nebraska–Lincoln), and Livingstone Online

My work: I will be providing consultation work relating to encoding texts in TEI P5 XML. Specifically: Design and implementation of TEI conformant ODD customization for all existing and future Livingstone Online materials. Legacy Data migration from TEI P4 to customized TEI P5 schema. TEI, data migration, and XSLT consultation. Proofreading encoding choices for new transcriptions.

Resources: This project was funded by the NEH for \$275,000 total. I'm providing 240 hours worth of work.

Dates: This project is running from 2013-2016

Current Status: As of March 2014 the project is on track; My Tasks 50-57 have been completed, with Task 58 and 59 in progress (with slight delay), Tasks 62-67 pending. See Trello below for up-to-date details

URLs:

- www.livingstoneonline.ucl.ac.uk
- <http://livingstone.library.ucla.edu/>

Trello:

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LEAP - JamesC Tasks

To Do

Task 62: Update encoding guidelines/schema stored in LEAP TEI P5 ODD customisation, regeneration of web versions (est 2 Days Work)

Apr 25

Task 63: Remote tutorial on TEI P5 ODD customisation for interested project members (est. 1 Day Work)

Apr 28

Task 65: Initial conversion of TEI P4 files (est. 5 Days Work)

May 30

Task 66: Initial conversion of TEI P5 files and canonicalization of all LEAP files (est. 4 Days Work)

Jun 30

Task 67: Review results of conversion and re-asses LEAP TEI P5 ODD customisation in light of new transcriptions; produce example data extraction transformations (est. 4 Days Work)

In Progress

Task 58: Revise draft LEAP TEI P5 ODD customisation file (documentation & meta-schema (est. 1 Day work)

1Mar 21

Task 59: Develop template for TEI coding (est. 1 day Work)

Mar 21

Done

Task 50: Wisnicki-Cummings TEI Planning Telecon (.5 Days)

Oct 3

Task 51: Document Analysis of existing TEI P4 Files (3 days)

Oct 21

Task 52: Review of existing coding manuals (2 Days)

Oct 21

Task 53: Document Analysis of existing TEI P5 Files (2 Days)

Nov 1

Task 57: Produce schema for comment (4 Days)

Feb 21

Generate list of P4 Livingstone vs P5 Livingstone vs LEAP (.5 Days)

Mar 14

Other

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2013-08-29 at 1:06 pm

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