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Wednesday, November 5th, 2014

12:00-12:30	**Lunch**

12:30-1:00	*Welcome* ~ **Ben Vershbow, New York Public Library**
	Framing the Vision & Conference Agenda ~ **Matt Knutzen, New York Public Library**

1:00-1:15	**Group Introductions**

1:15-3:00	**Lightning Talks - The State of the Art - Part 1**

NLS digital mapping initiatives ~ **Chris Fleet, National Library of Scotland**
MapScholar ~ **Bill Ferster, University of Virginia**
Creating a World-Historical Gazetteer ~ **Tonia Sutherland, CHIA, University of Pittsburgh**
Focused Themes for Crowd-Sourced Map Digitization ~ **Karl Grossner, Stanford University**
Preservation of Municipal GIS Records ~ **Sue Bigelow, City of Vancouver Archives**
The Open Geoportal Cloud Federation ~ **Patrick Florance, Tufts University**
Temporal Gazetteer API ~ **Merrick Lex Berman, Harvard**
Turning scans into map services ~ **Petr Pridal, Klokan Technologies GmbH**
Historical maps, photos, community & mashup culture ~ **Jon Voss, Historypin/Shift**
Digital Stewardship at the Leventhal Map Center ~ **Evan Thornberry, Norman B. Leventhal Map Center, Boston Public Library**
Georeferenced collections of the Harvard Library ~ **Mark McGee, Harvard University**
Digitised old maps are better than paper ones ~ **Humphrey Southall, University of Portsmouth**
The OpenHistoricalMap Project ~ **Tim Waters, Topomany LLC**

3:00-3:15	**Break**

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3:15-5:00   **Lightning Talks - The State of the Art - Part 2**

Princeton's Portal Design and Historic Data Extraction Initiative ~ **Tsering Wangyal Shawa, Princeton University**
GeoBlacklight - Enhancing geodata discoverability ~ **Jack Reed, Stanford University**
Geospatial Professionals in Academia: Harnessing the Collective Brain Power ~ **Jessie Braden, Pratt Institute**
ETL and the Gazatteer at the Library of Congress ~ **Christopher Thatcher, Library of Congress**
British Library Geo Activity ~ **Kimberly C. Kowal, The British Library**
Digital Philanthropy: Opening up Hidden Collections ~ **Julie Sweetkind-Singer, Stanford University**
The Weird Geo Future ~ **Tom MacWright, Mapbox**
Geocoding Photogrammar ~ **Stace Maples, Yale University**
Mapping Long Island ~ **Michael Sperazza, Stony Brook University**
Using Spotlight to highlight Map Collections ~ **G. Salim Mohammed, Stanford University**
Neatline ~ **Wayne Graham, University of Virginia**
Wikimaps – Creating a maker space for location-based historical storytelling ~ **Susanna Ånäs, Wikimedia Finland**
A Training-by-Crowdsourcing Approach for Place Name Extraction from Historical Maps ~ **Ben Lewis, Harvard University**

5:00-7:00   **Reception**

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9:00-9:30	**Social** (coffee and light fare)	
9:30-10:15	**Outlining a Broader Vision** (Discussion)	
10:15-11:00	**Environmental Scan** (Breakout w/ mixed groups) ~ What technologies are being used to help move historical spatial data to the web? ~ What technologies do you wish existed, but doesn't? Why? ~ Of the existing technology, which ones work particularly well? Why? ~ Of the existing technology, which ones don't work well? Why?	Room 207 & Room 215
11:00-12:00	**Environmental Scan** (Report out & Discuss)	
12:00-1:00	**Lunch**	
1:00-1:45	**Identifying Collaborative Opportunities** (Breakout w/ affinity groups) ~ Are there areas you see in your work where you see opportunities for collaboration? ~ Are there areas you see in your work where you see opportunities for coordination? ~ Are there areas you see in your work where you see opportunities for reducing redundancy? ~ Are there areas you see in your work where you see opportunities for creating efficiencies?	Room 215 & Room 120
1:45-3:00	**Identifying Collaborative Opportunities** (Report out and Discuss)	
3:00-3:15	**Break**	

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3:15-5:00   **Broken and Missing Pieces** (Discussion)
     ~ Drawing on earlier discussions, what are the 3-5 missing pieces of technology that feel most should be built?
     ~ Is it possible to fill the missing and broken technology pieces?
         ~ If so, which institution is best positioned to do so based on skills and institutional support?
         ~ What sorts of resources would be required?
         ~ Are are there opportunities to piggyback on existing work or resources or financial commitments?

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Friday, November 7th, 2014

9:00-9:30	**Social (coffee and light fare)**

9:30-10:00 **Models - Frameworks for Collaboration**
        Open Geoportal ~ **Patrick Florance, Tufts University**
        GeoBacklight ~ **Jack Reed, Stanford University**
        Wikimaps ~ **Susanna Ånäs, Wikimedia Finland**

10:00-10:30 **Framework for Collaboration** (discussion)
~For those who have built collaborative efforts before, what worked and what would you do different?
~What's the most effective way for us to build a framework for collaboration?

10:30-12:00 **Identifying Next Steps**
~Where does your institution or organization fit and how could you help fill gaps?

12:00-1:00 **Lunch**

1:00-3:00 **Making a realistic commitment** (joining working groups)
~Exercise: Picking your top five missing pieces vis ease of execution and impact
                   Sequencing and prioritization of missing pieces/connective tissue
~Identifying working groups
~Joining working groups
~Establishing a timeframe for working group meetings

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