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Dot Porter Elected Vice President
of the Association for Computers and the Humanities

PHILADELPHIA, PA, February 26, 2014 – Dot Porter has recently been elected Vice President of the Association for Computers and the Humanities, a major professional society for the Digital Humanities (DH). Dot is the Curator of Digital Research Services in Penn Libraries' Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts. Dot's term as Vice President begins at the close of the Digital Humanities July 2014 conference, and she will serve in that role through 2016. She has previously served on the ACH Executive Council, and was the Executive Secretary of the ACH 2007-2012.

Dot plays an integral role in Digital Humanities scholarship at the Penn Libraries. She manages Vitale II Media Lab, a digital scholarship lab in the Kislak Center, which provides technology and staff resources for Digital Humanities projects that involve data formatting and analysis, web development, digital humanities tools, and special collections materials. Dot also arranges courses, workshops, and labs for students, staff, and faculty interested in learning these new methods of research and preservation. Dot's own research focuses on innovative applications of technology to the study of medieval manuscripts.

ACH is based in Boston, Massachusetts, but boasts an international membership representing 21 countries worldwide. ACH supports and disseminates research and cultivates a vibrant professional community through conferences, publications, and outreach activities.

The Penn Libraries is comprised of 15 separate libraries that serve a world-class faculty and the students of Penn's twelve schools. The collections comprise more than seven million volumes, a million of which are in electronic form, over 100,000 journals, and extraordinary rare and unique materials that document the intellectual and culture experience of civilizations ancient and modern. Today, the Libraries play an instrumental role in developing new technologies for information discovery and dissemination, and are noted for groundbreaking work in digital library design.

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