



## Plato L. Smith II

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Dr. Plato Smith is the Data Management Librarian at the University of Florida with experience in academic research libraries, digital libraries, and data management. Smith assists in the development of socio-technical (people, policies, technologies, communities) relationships with diverse stakeholders, leads the Data Management and Curation Working Group ([DMCWG](#)), contributes to UF Libraries' Academic Research Consulting & Services ([ARCS](#)), and conducts data management instruction and training workshops in efforts to further develop a culture of data management at UF.

Smith has received George A. Smathers Libraries' internal mini-grants (2016 – 2018), GreyNet International Data Papers Project Team Membership (2017 – 2018), CLIR/DLF Postdoctoral Fellowship in Data Curation at the University of New Mexico (2014 – 2016), DataONE Users Group Chair appointment (2015 – 2017), CLIR/Educause Leading Change Institute selection (2016), NSF EarthCube Technology Architecture Committee Gap Analysis Working Group Chair appointment (2015), and Digital Library Department Head position at Florida State University Libraries (2005 – 2012).

Smith's publications on research collaborations and faculty outreach include *Rediscovering EarthCube: Collaborate. Or collaborate not. There is no I* (2016) - Outstanding Paper Award 2017 and *Where IR you? Using 'open access' to extend the reach and richness of faculty research within a university* (2008) – Highly Commended Paper Award 2009.

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### Global Research Interests

- Adaptable, flexible, and scalable research data management & storage
- Communities of practice data management education, data policy, support and training
- FAIR data principles and standards-based research data repositories

### Country of Study

- United Kingdom

### Mentor

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