Introduction To
ProQuest/UMI & NDLTD

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ProQuest
1995 -
1000+ databases

UMI
1938 –
1.9 mill.+ dissertations

Collections, Services, Partnerships

STUDENTS
Register / index
Discovery / distribution
Archiving

UNIVERSITIES
Archiving
Access to Local Rsch
Consulting Services
Digital Commons etc.

RESEARCHERS
For-fee Databases
Purchase Publications
Cites back to 1861
**Things to Keep In Mind**

ProQuest/UMI has 70+ years experience, copyright and distribution expertise

Services Are Responsive to External Developments (IRs, Open Access, DigPres)

but...what do they *mean* when they use these terms
and... what do they actually deliver/require?

ProQuest/UMI is profit-driven; services are naturally fee-based

Preservation is Based on Microform: Still Working On Digital Preservation

Persistence of non-print-based ETDs? Non-print addenda?

Succession Plan if Service Is No Longer Profitable?

Pay attention to what you are entitled to/forbidden from doing in agreements
Helps graduate students learn and apply knowledge about electronic publishing

Helps libraries, universities learn and apply knowledge of digital libraries

Helps universities learn to learn to expose and leverage their IP for max benefit

Maintains a union catalog of ETDs produced by students at member institutions
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Small membership fees required to have your university’s ETDs deposited into NDLTD

If you wish to partner with NDLTD, make sure students know & agree to have their theses, dissertations freely available (separate agreements?)

Are your local workflow, formats, metadata compatible with NDLTD standards & requirements?

NDLTD has plans, mechanisms for ongoing fiscal stability. Other aspects of continuity and succession planning?
Summary

1) ETD Programs require planning in multiple areas
   - Policies & admin support
   - Technology support
   - Workflow and clear responsibilities
   - Post-deposit discovery, access and use?
   - Long-term maintenance, preservation

2) These external partners may be part of your overall plans

3) What if your plans change?