Opportunities Abound: ETDs as Harbingers of Institutional Change

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Because an ETD collection is generally produced at a single institution, its metadata can:
- Model interdisciplinary connections on campus
- Show departmental collaborations
- Suggest disciplinary directions and information flows
- Provide a “portrait” of academic activity

Linked Data provides a means for modeling this body of knowledge that highlights the richness of its connectivity.

- ETD information is highly interconnected with other datasets, including:
  - Institutional data-streams (about faculty, programs, departments)
  - Data-streams and networks from outside of the institution
  - Author and name authority streams

Using a linked data schema allows ETDs to extend in many directions:
- Faculty publication histories connect to larger world of library data
- An ever-growing network, an information ecology
- “Rhizomatic” vs. “Arborescent”

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