

PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOP

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Becoming Digital on a Budget

Adopting, staffing, and maintaining digital technologies across the institution

The challenges to planning and implementing organization-wide digital technologies can be daunting, especially when resources and skilled staff are at a premium. This management and policy workshop introduces and explains common technologies and best practices to help you create a holistic and successful Information Communication (ICT) enterprise.

This workshop requires little previous technical experience and emphasizes issues like planning, budgeting, training, staffing, fundraising, and managing the enterprise.

The Presenter: Cliff Missen is the director of the WiderNet Project and an instructor in the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Iowa.

With over 25 years experience in computers, networking, multimedia design, teaching, and applications development, Missen oversees the WiderNet Project's efforts to improve digital communication in developing countries through the development of human capacity and research into low cost applications of information technology.

As well, he leads the development of the non-profit eGranary Digital Library, an innovative way to deliver the world's knowledge to people and institutions with inadequate Internet access. The eGranary Digital Library is installed in more than 350 schools, hospitals, clinics, and universities in Africa, India, Bangladesh, and Haiti.

Since 2001, Missen has trained over 4,000 people across Africa and India in information and communication technologies, including a "Digital Librarian" workshop at the 2006 SCECSAL conference.



The WiderNet Project, a non-profit service program based in the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Iowa.

