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Data Professionals in Civic Life

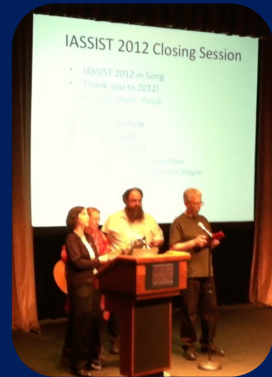
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Championing Data:
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"Championing Data: Data Professionals at the Nexus"

The Unicorn Problem



Statistical Software

GIS & Spatial Data

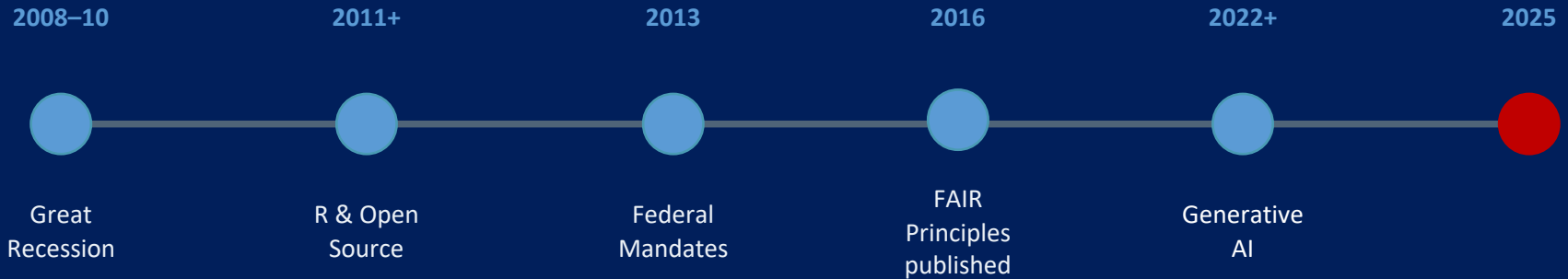
Government Data

Qualitative Methods

Data Management

Subject Expertise

A Profession Transformed?



Why This Moment Is Different



Attacks on higher education



Government data at risk



Shrinking capacity, rising demands



Convergence of instabilities

**We are seeing instability
in our systems and institutions.**

We document.

We organize.

We preserve.



Data Rescue Project as Community in Action

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Librarians have been crowd sourcing the data rescue efforts, some of which are mentioned here.

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- [End of Term Crowl](#) - The main coordinated effort to archive websites, but datasets have been more of a challenge.
 - [EDGI](#) - They have been focused on environmental data.
 - [A special out of Harvard's Library Innovation Lab, Team](#) - They have been focusing on data.gov and should release data soon.
 - [CDC's Data Lingo](#) - They have the older version of a lot of major data, including some from the CDC.
 - [PJMMS](#) - They have data and have been working on cataloging efforts but have a good amount of US federal data.
 - [Data Liberation Project](#) run by [BigLocalNews](#) and [MuckRock](#), which are good groups to follow.
 - There was a [special archive created on 16 of all CDC datasets](#) publicly available as of January 28, 2025
 - [DataVerse in Dataverse](#) - Includes CDC's Social Vulnerability Index data. Most of what's being placed here is data focusing on health and the environment.
 - [Silencing Science Tracker](#) - joint initiative of the Sabo Center for Climate Change Law and the Climate Science Legal Defense Fund. It tracks government attempts to restrict or prohibit scientific research, education or discussion, or the publication or use of scientific information.
 - [Self-archiving Research](#) - Looks like a reuse effort. Unclear where they are at this point. Can add more info if anyone knows about this.
 - [CAF](#) - an option for [journalists](#) (or your university's IR)
 - [Data Rescuer](#) - is coordinating community efforts to rescue data
 - [ArchiveTeam Workers](#) - They run a distributed crawler; data is uploaded to Archive.org by volunteers
- Tools
- [WebRescuer.net](#) has archived 87B+ of government sites, some from the End-of-Term-Archive seed list, some from EDGI Slack requests, and many sites independently

Data Rescue Efforts

These are suggestions coming from various sources, including IASSIST, BlueSky, LinkedIn. Feel free to ...

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Data Rescue 2025 Efforts and More

Updated 2025-02-06

These suggestions come from various sources, including [IASSIST](#), [RDAP](#), [Data Curation Network](#), BlueSky, LinkedIn, and others. A librarian at a university is compiling it.

I am keeping the document unshared, but I can add suggestions. Feel free to email iassistdata@gmail.com.

If you want to stay in touch with us about future efforts, fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/AQm5vVSkJCuzw63WA>. We will only use it to communicate efforts.

We set up a new bluesky account (@datarescue2025.bsky.social). Updates will be moved there. Please feel free to follow.

Data at risk

- There are similar efforts happening. We will link as we find out about others.
 - **This is our spreadsheet for agencies at risk with lots of helpful info. We JUST started this. Get in touch if you would like to work on this. We are pausing the spreadsheet for now. Back with more later this afternoon. Making sure coordinate and not duplicate.**
- [Spreadsheet collating information](#) on the impacts of the federal government EOs, funding freezes, litigation, and federal data collection and protection.
- Department of Education - see [NPR article](#)
- [NOAA](#) (of course bc they are awesome) - working with Harvard Dataverse and possible collaborations with [CAFE](#) project
- [ROSA P from DOT](#) - federal research and environmental reviews for urban planning, transit and passenger rail projects.

Larger and Established Data / Website Rescue Efforts

- [End of Term Crowl](#)
 - The main coordinated effort to archive websites
 - Datasets have been more of a challenge, especially data embedded in databases.
- [EDGI](#)
 - They have been focused on environmental data and a good organization to follow for updates.



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Highlight changes

**We had commitment.
We needed coordination.**

Our Community Infrastructure



900+ volunteers across disciplines and sectors

The Impact of Data Loss

~3,000

datasets believed removed
from federal sources

90+

federal agencies
affected

2,500+

at-risk datasets
preserved by DRP

USDA terminated its Household Food Security report

CDC stopped releasing maternal and infant mortality data

Gender identity questions removed from the National Crime Victimization Survey

DHS ended access to HIFLD geospatial infrastructure data



USAID
FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

Notification of Administrative Leave

As of 11:59 p.m. EST on Sunday, February 23, 2025, all USAID direct hire personnel, with the exception of designated personnel responsible for mission-critical functions, core leadership and/or specially designated programs, will be placed on administrative leave globally.

Concurrently, USAID is beginning to implement a Reduction-in-Force that will affect approximately 1,600 USAID personnel with duty stations in the United States.

Individuals that are impacted will receive specific notifications on February 23, 2025, with further instructions and information about their benefits and rights.

Designated essential personnel who are expected to continue working will be notified separately.

For overseas personnel, USAID intends a voluntary Agency-funded return trip to their home countries to ensure their safe return. Until they return home, personnel will retain access to Agency systems and email.

In the coming week, we will provide details on how to retrieve personal items and how to access personal data.

Additional guidance is forthcoming, and all future updates/notices will continue to be posted on this page. We will continue to support those without access to USAID systems.

[USAID Off](#)



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Please try the [CDC archives](#) or the [A-Z index](#).

Search CDC.gov

ICPSR's Data Lumos

DATA
LUMOS

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A crowd-sourced repository for valuable government data

DataLumos is an ICPSR archive for valuable government data resources. ICPSR has a long commitment to safekeeping and disseminating US government and other social science data. DataLumos accepts deposits of public data resources from the community and recommendations of public data resources that ICPSR itself might add to DataLumos. Please consider making a monetary donation to sustain DataLumos.

Support DataLumos

Search the archive



 Be the First – [Verify](#) that the data have not already been preserved to ICPSR

 Describe Data – Learn how to [make the data more findable and useful](#)

 Add Data Now – [Start uploading](#) to DataLumos



From Campus to Civic Life

AI PROMISES

*“Immediate access
to information”*

vs

WE PROVIDE

**Trustworthy access
to information**

Who Depends on Public Data?

Journalists

Exposing environmental contamination, public spending, and government accountability

Community Organizers

Building the case for housing and health policy using census and survey data

Health Departments

Planning vaccine distribution and disease surveillance

City Planners

Modeling climate risk and allocating infrastructure resources

Parents

Understanding school performance, community health, and neighborhood safety

We are not just
preserving datasets.

We are defending a public right.

Sessions

Session A.1

Introducing The "Data Advocacy For All" Toolkit: Curated Resources To Support Critical Data Education For Social Change

Session C.2

Cutting Deep: Maintaining A Licensed Data Collection Amid Abrupt and Unexpected Collections Budget Reductions

Session D Block

Managing Through Crisis: Supervising Data Librarians In Uncertain Times

Session F Block

From 2023 To Now: Adapting Research Data Services In An Era of Ai and Academic Instability

Session J.1

Championing Sustainable Data Services: Strategic Scoping As Advocacy



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Thank you.

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