

Biography for John H. Hagen



John Hagen is manager of Institutional Repository ([IR](#)) Programs and coordinator of the Electronic Thesis and Dissertation ([ETD](#)) Program at the West Virginia University Libraries, where he has provided counsel since 1989. He is Chair of the WVU ETD / IR Task Force and guides the development of program policies and procedures. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations, an international consortium of over 200 universities, since 1998. He also created the Appalachian Regional ETD Consortium to promote ETD program implementation in the mountain states.

He serves as Co-Chair for the WVU Council on Sexual Orientation and is a member of the WVU Social Justice Council. He also serves on the Board of Directors as President for Caritas House, a non profit charitable organization serving the needs of individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS and the community through outreach prevention programs in the North-Central West Virginia region.

Originally from Flint, Michigan, he studied sociology at Michigan State University where he launched his career at the MSU Libraries. He has published articles in library science journals and ETD symposia proceedings; he has also presented papers at a variety of digital library and information technology conferences. His interests are in ETD / IR implementation issues, multimedia and music/audio production. He is an amateur musician and loves to play jazz; his main instruments are alto saxophone, piano, vocals and percussion. He is an evangelist for the open access and social equality movements.

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