Data Services in the DSSC
Increasing Our Depth and Breadth

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About Me

- PhD in Political Science
  - Specialized in international political economy
  - Developed expertise in data analysis
- Joined CUL in October 2012
History of DSSC

- Electronic Data Service (EDS)
  - Established in the mid-1990s
  - Partnership between ACIS & Libraries
  - Hardware update in 2006 established high-end workstation model

- Digital Social Science Center (DSSC)
  - Evolution of EDS
    - Staff specialists
    - New spaces and complete hardware update, increasing the number of high-end workstations
  - Currently operating two service points in Lehman Library
    - Data Service
    - DSSC Reference
Components of Data Service
- Discovery & Collection Development
- Using Data
- Analysis & Interpretation

Development of Data Service in DSSC
- Responsive to users’ needs
- Responsive to changing technology
Expanding Services in the DSSC
- Developing support for numerical data analysis and interpretation
- Improving data literacy for our users and staff

Expanding Services beyond the DSSC
- Beyond Lehman
- Beyond Social Sciences
- Beyond CUL
- **New Service: Text Analysis Support**
  - Providing the software (NVivo)
  - Providing the hardware (workstations & scanners)
  - Providing the guidance

- **NVivo User Guide**
  - Online guide
  - Project of DSSC Intern Alyssa Nasca
  - The Guide!
Challenges and Opportunities

- **Challenges**
  - Maintaining updated technology
  - Tracking data sources/providers

- **Opportunities**
  - Leveraging new technologies
  - Collaboration within and outside the CUL community
Thanks!

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Questions?