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Peter Brantley Appointed DLF Executive Director

Washington, D.C.—The Digital Library Federation (DLF) has appointed Peter Brantley executive director, effective February 5, 2007.

Mr. Brantley is currently director of strategic technology for academic information systems in the University of California's Office of the President. He has 20 years' experience in systems development and management, including academic computing services at UC Berkeley and academic information systems management and digital library development at UC San Francisco and New York University. He also served as director of technology for the California Digital Library.

He has been active in the Digital Library Federation, participating in the Digital Library Federation Services Framework initiative and co-managing the Digital Library Federation Developers' Forum. An innovation leader, he was most recently recognized for conceiving and organizing the Reading 2.0 Conference in March 2006. The conference focused on how to encourage standards and protocols to support the development of new products and services for using massive collections of digitized texts.

"Peter Brantley is a terrific match to our expectations for the DLF director," said DLF Board President Carol Mandel. "He is a truly creative, visionary, and activist leader who is well grounded in the management and operations of research libraries and at the same time immersed in creating tomorrow's digital world of research, teaching, and scholarly communication."

"Libraries stand on the threshold of vast opportunities," Mr. Brantley said. "Our collective expertise in making available the diverse literatures of science and human expression, in concert with the increasing sophistication of commercial partners and the development of distributed, interactive forms of publishing, enable libraries to chart the engineering of new architectures for teaching,
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learning, and research. I am honored to have this opportunity to work with the DLF community, forging the collaborations required to build services that help enlighten people's quest for information, knowledge, and understanding."

Mr. Brantley will succeed David Seaman, who left DLF in December 2006 to become associate librarian for information management at Dartmouth College Library, and Katherine Kott, DLF Aquifer director who is currently serving as interim director.

The Digital Library Federation, founded in 1995, is a partnership organization of 39 academic libraries and related organizations that are pioneering the use of electronic-information technologies to extend their collections and services. DLF provides leadership for libraries by identifying standards and best practices for digital collections and network access, coordinating research and development in the libraries' use of technology, and fostering projects and services that libraries need but cannot develop individually.

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