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Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Announces New Program Director

Joshua M. Greenberg to join Digital Information Technology program

(New York, NY) The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation announces that Dr. Joshua M. Greenberg will join the organization as Program Director in its Digital Information Technology and Dissemination of Knowledge program. Greenberg is currently Director of Digital Strategy and Scholarship for the New York Public Library where he crafted a library-wide digital vision and supporting strategies.

Dr. Greenberg will join the existing team of Program Directors responsible for grant making in the Foundation's Digital Information Technology and Dissemination of Knowledge program, which aims to promote the use of digital technology to increase access to human knowledge and the fruits of human culture, and to develop a better understanding of alternative economic and regulatory frameworks for supporting the sustainable expansion of and the widest possible access to and use of digital information technology. Greenberg will partner with Sloan Program Directors Jesse Ausubel, Daniel Goroff, and Doron Weber in setting strategy and identifying grant opportunities for the program.

"Joshua Greenberg brings academic and practical experience at the intersection of information technology and knowledge and has successfully managed a major digital collection," said Paul Joskow, President, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. "He has the experience and understanding to advance the fair and efficient use of digital information technology to disseminate knowledge widely in order to benefit society."

To date, the Digital Information Technology and Dissemination of Knowledge program has primarily encouraged digitizing material in the public domain; assuring public archiving, preservation and open access of this material; and fostering its availability to people everywhere through such technologies as books on demand and organizations such as the Internet Archive, the Public Library of Science, and Wikipedia. The Foundation expects to expand its grant making activity in this general area in the future.

Prior to joining the New York Public Library, Greenberg was the Associate Director for Research Projects at George Mason University's Center for History and New Media, as well as a Research Assistant Professor in the University's Department of History and Art History.

Greenberg graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History of Science, Medicine and Technology from Johns Hopkins University. He went on to receive his Master of Arts and doctorate degrees from Cornell University's Department of Science and Technology Studies. Greenberg will join the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation effective September 1, 2010.

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