Embryo Project Launches New Website [1]

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The new site brings improvements to the Encyclopedia and to the Embryo Project in general. MBL programmer Lisa Walley, along with the Longsight Group (http://www.longsight.com [2]) in Ohio, redesigned the page layouts to make them easier to read, navigate, and interact with.

Longsight also worked with the MBLWHOI Library, especially former director Holly Miller and archivist Diane Rielinger, to design a new repository to hold a wide range of objects available to the Embryo Encyclopedia and to other projects. The result is a DSpace (http://www.dspace.org/) repository, replacing the fedora repository previously used. We designed the repository for use by many digital history and philosophy of science projects, and not just the Embryo Project.

The latest website has several new features. We’ve made browsing easier, with a navigation toolbar on every page to connect to many objects in the encyclopedia from any page. You can browse by subject or by object format. The toolbar wouldn’t exist without the extraordinary effort of Stephanie Crowe, Embryo Project research coordinator, and Diane Rielinger.

For the first time, you can subscribe to the Encyclopedia via our RSS feeds [4], and can interact with us on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/TheEmbryoProjectEncyclopedia [5]) and Twitter (https://twitter.com/embryoproject [6]), where we hope you’ll continue to discuss what you’ve seen here.

Coming soon, look for new tools on the website, including a semantic visualization tool, so you can see and explore relationships between the topics covered in encyclopedia articles. We’ll also have Exhibits, which bring together many objects to lead the way through complex historical stories.

The website continues to grow, publishing peer reviewed articles about the history of embryology [7], development, and reproductive medicine, and digitizing primary sources.

We invite you to explore the website and its new features, and to let us know what you think.