Aerial view of site of future James B. Hunt Jr. Library (red dot marks the spot), Centennial Campus, NC State University. See story on selection of architects in the “Library News” section.
Brian J. Dietz joined the NCSU Libraries as its digital collections archivist on August 1, 2007. Dietz is responsible for all aspects of the recently awarded NC ECHO digital architectural collection grant “Built Heritage of North Carolina,” including managing digitization standards, developing metadata schema, encoding digital files, and overseeing the creation of a public Web site for access to the complete digital collection. He will develop access mechanisms to the collection using specialized vocabularies, search tools, and by exposing the collection to Web search engines via OAI protocols. Dietz contributes to a number of other Special Collections’ initiatives, including projects to provide online access to collections documenting the university’s history.

Dietz brings considerable experience with digital projects in special collections and archives. He has been the project coordinator for the “Green ’N’ Growing, The History of Home Demonstration and 4-H Youth Development in North Carolina” digital collection in the Special Collections Research Center since July 2006. Before coming to the NCSU Libraries, Dietz was a graduate assistant for the Documenting the American South project at UNC–Chapel Hill. In both of these positions, he created archival and Web-accessible digital images for book, manuscript, and photographic materials. He also volunteered as manuscripts processor at both UNC–Chapel Hill and Duke University Special Collections.

He is co-author of “Developing Standardized Metrics for Assessing Use and User Services for Primary Resources” in Archival Lookout, as well as a forthcoming publication documenting the “Green ‘N’ Growing” project at the NCSU Libraries. Dietz holds an M.S.L.S. from UNC–Chapel Hill and graduated summa cum laude with a B.A. in sociology from James Madison University.
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