Some getting-started resources for humanities scholars new to project management

Forewarned is Forearmed. And you're going to need four arms.

Sharon M. Leon, “Project Management for Humanists: Preparing Future Primary Investigators” in #Alt-Academy (Nowviskie, ed.). MediaCommons, 2011. Other #Alt-Academy essays provide helpful context, too.

Digital Humanities Questions and Answers, a friendly, open Q&A forum hosted by the Association for Computers and the Humanities, in collaboration with ProfHacker. Ask your questions here, follow @DHanswers on Twitter, and see past posts, such as: Does DH Project Management Differ from Non-DH Project Management?; Best DH Project Management System?; and What Does It Mean to Future-Proof a DH Project?

Collaboratively-edited notes from Tom Scheinfeldt’s THATCamp session on project management. 3 June 2011. These are largely about grant-seeking and management of big, funded projects, but there’s useful stuff here for beginning DHers, too. Attending any local THATCamp is a great idea as well.


Bre Pettis and Kio Stark, “Cult of Done Manifesto.” 2009. (I like this poster version. The point here is to remind yourself that you’re not about nuance, ambiguity, and refinement in this role.)

Science Magazine’s how-to series on “How to Manage a Lab and Staff.” See especially Robert Austin’s 2006 article on managing knowledge workers.

Wikipedia’s comparison chart of project management software. (But don’t get too hung up on this. Common-sense practices, scaled to your needs are more important than any packaged system. Get a feel for your project first.)