

## **The Connected Scholar September 2011 Update**

The creation of the Connected Scholar is now underway. The Connected Scholar is a project to create a proof of concept for an online writing workspace that tracks sources and the development of ideas for students and scholars.

The Connected Scholar currently has:

- A collaborative writing space that tracks revisions/changes and includes a chat feature based on the existing application known as EtherPad.
- A functionality that provides access to the collaborative environment and a search function for documents, and a search function for Library Cloud. This is created through the existing application framework known as Rails.
- The layout exists in three columns as depicted in the storyboards, reflective of GoogleDocs.
- A general design is underway and will be provided by September 9th. A more sophisticated version of the design will be developed as the specific, more granular features of the Connected Scholar prototype are developed.
- Next step: Berkman developers to investigate Harvard Library's PrestoTools for access to Library e-resources databases.