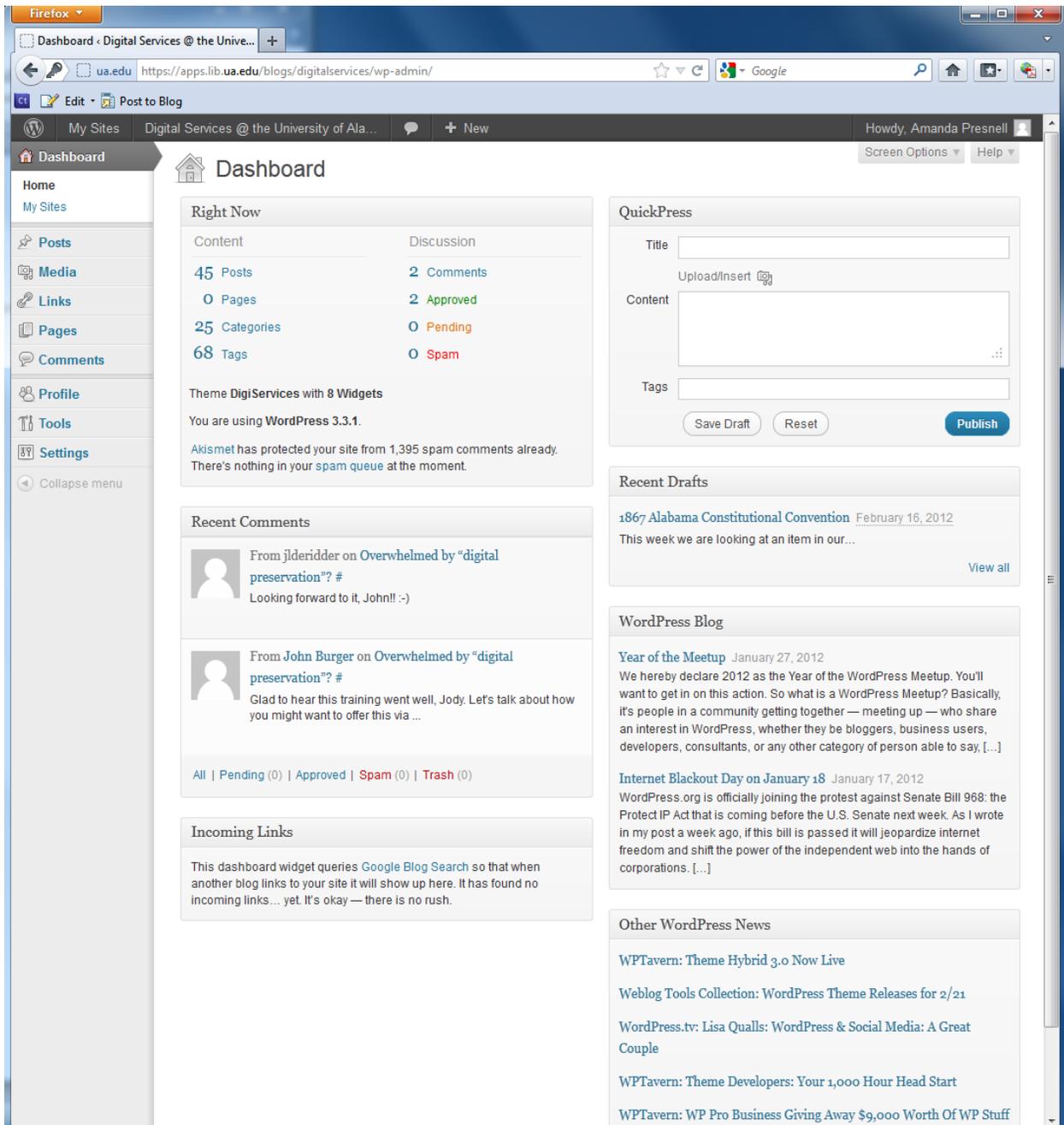


Posting with the Digital Services Blog

Blog log-in page: <https://apps.lib.ua.edu/blogs/digitalservices/wp-login.php/>

Once Steve has you set up, you will use your myBama username and password here.

When you log in, you will see the Dashboard:



The screenshot shows the WordPress Dashboard interface. At the top, the browser address bar displays the URL <https://apps.lib.ua.edu/blogs/digitalservices/wp-admin/>. The dashboard header includes the site name "Digital Services @ the University of Ala..." and the user name "Howdy, Amanda Presnell".

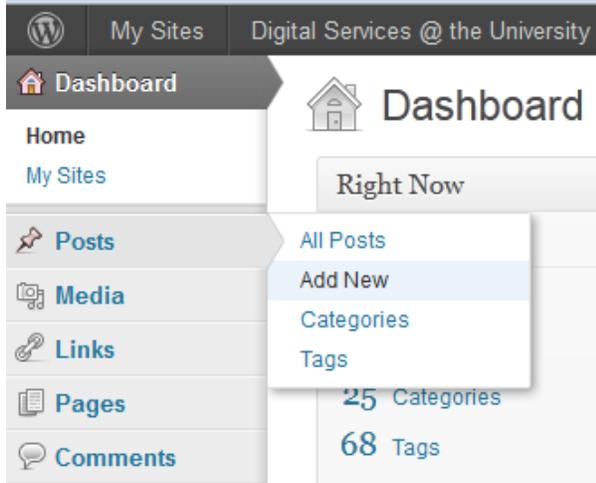
The main content area is titled "Dashboard" and features several widgets:

- Right Now:** A summary table showing site statistics:

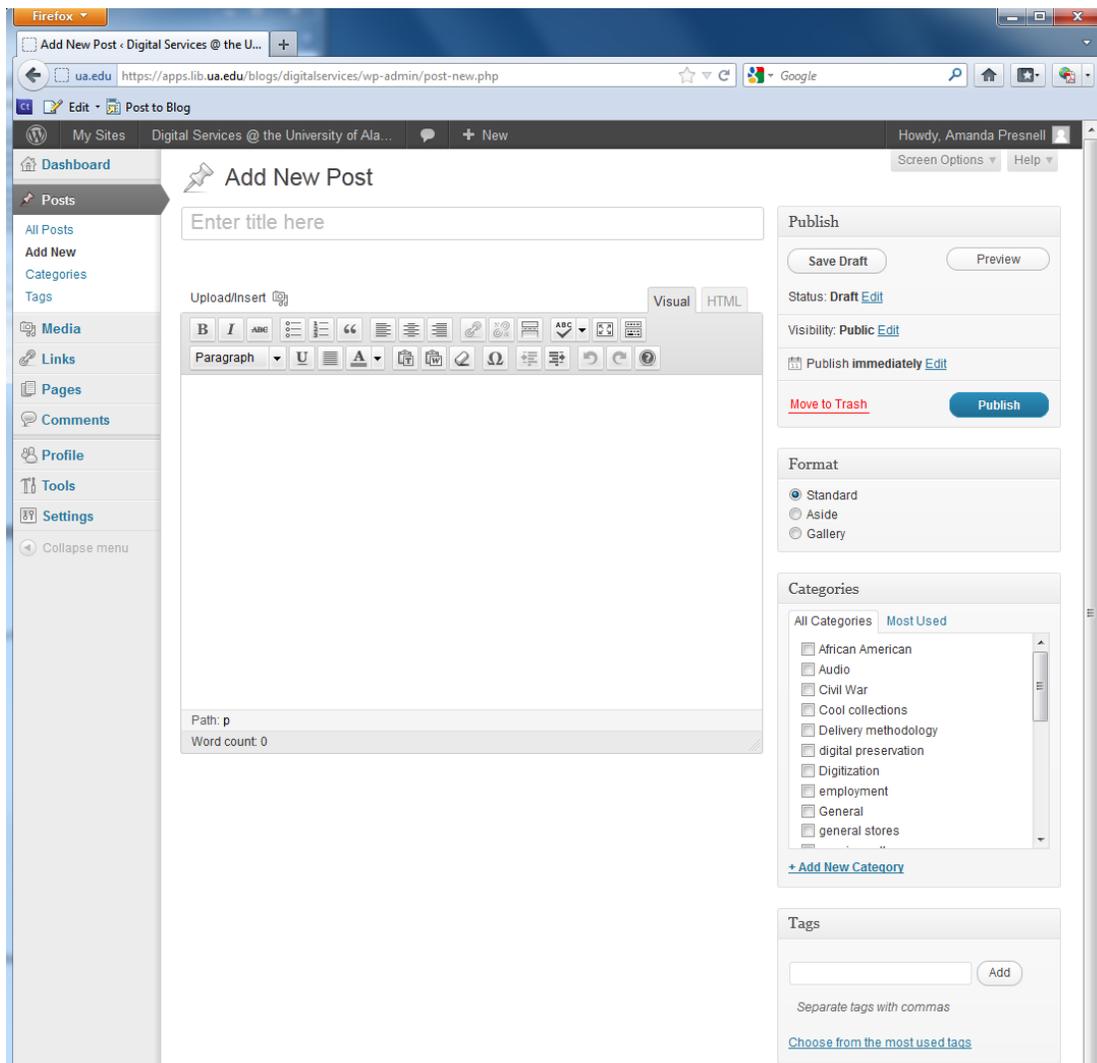
Content	Discussion
45 Posts	2 Comments
0 Pages	2 Approved
25 Categories	0 Pending
68 Tags	0 Spam
- QuickPress:** A form for creating a new post, including fields for Title, Content, and Tags, with buttons for "Save Draft", "Reset", and "Publish".
- Recent Drafts:** A list of draft posts, including "1867 Alabama Constitutional Convention" dated February 16, 2012.
- WordPress Blog:** A section with recent blog posts, such as "Year of the Meetup" (January 27, 2012) and "Internet Blackout Day on January 18" (January 17, 2012).
- Other WordPress News:** A list of external news items, including "WPTavern: Theme Hybrid 3.0 Now Live" and "Weblog Tools Collection: WordPress Theme Releases for 2/21".

On the left side, there is a sidebar menu with options like Home, My Sites, Posts, Media, Links, Pages, Comments, Profile, Tools, and Settings. Below the menu, a "Collapse menu" button is visible.

To create a new post, hover over Posts on the left-hand side and chose New Post.



Here's the interface for writing posts. It's a fairly straight-forward word processing program:



Enter your text. Click the Upload/Insert button to add photos or other media.

Upload/Insert 

Chose appropriate Categories and Tags for your post. When you are ready, click Publish on the right-hand side of the page.

Selecting topics to blog about:

- Recently uploaded collections. Think about collections you have recently scanned. I believe Jody can also provide a monthly list of what has gone online that month. It doesn't have to be a big or a flashy collection, just highlight it and point out what's interesting or useful about it.
- Consider any holidays, birthdays, or historic events that are happening right now. There may be a collection that relates to the event or you may be able to pull items from several collections to make up a post. I have a couple of resources for these:
 - <http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history> This site has lots of historic events for every day. You can even sign up for a daily email so you get the list in your inbox if you want.
 - This week in Alabama history: <http://www.archives.alabama.gov/historythisweek/>. Sometimes this one is a little more applicable to what we have since we have so many historical Alabama documents in our collection.
- Blog about a new workflow you have implemented or some other topic related to digital collections and digital libraries.
- When all else fails, browse the collections we have online, find one you think is interesting and feature it. <http://www.lib.ua.edu/digital/browse>