

Revisioning Archival Discovery: User-Centered Collaboration

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Background

Your Name Here Special Collections | Wayward Family papers

Collection Overview | Collection Organization | Container Inventory

The Wayward family papers includes material from several Wayward descendants living in the 19th and 20th centuries, and was collected by various family members. Document types in the collection include correspondence, diaries, clippings, posters and audio tapes about the Wayward family and their various activities.

See the scope and content note for each series for more details about the collection contents.

Dates
1847-1963

Creator
• Auchincloss, Theresa, 1904-1967 (Person)

Language of Materials
English

Collection materials are all in English.

Conditions Governing Access
The collection is available for research.

Search Collection

Years: From To To

Search

Collection organization

- Wayward Family papers
 - Asa Wellspring Wayward diaries, 1847-
 - ▶ Sara Wayward Lewis journal and letters
 - ▶ Grover Allen Wayward OFF records, 19-
 - ▶ Theresa Wayward Auchincloss genealo

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Online Archival Search Information System

Full Finding Aid | Summary Context | Digital Content | Bring main window to front | Easy print view | Help | Download CSV

Aldrich, Thomas Bailey, 1836-1907. Thomas Bailey Aldrich papers: Guide. (MS Am 1429)
[Persistent ID: <https://nrs.harvard.edu/urn:h:h:ocw:hdh0000277>] [View HOLLIS Record](#)
Houghton Library, Harvard Library, Harvard University

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COLLECTION Identifier: Arch GA 9.75

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Andrew F. Brimmer papers

FOUND IN: [Baker Library Special Collections and Archives, Harvard Business School](#) / Andrew F. Brimmer papers

Search within Collection SEARCH ▶

From year To year

COLLECTION ORGANIZATION

- Andrew F. Brimmer papers
 - ▶ Series I. General Files and Correspondenc...
 - ▶ Series II. Teaching and Research (not HBS)...
 - ▶ Series III. Federal Government, 1944-2006
 - ▶ Series IV. Harvard Business School, 1967-1...
 - ▶ Series V. Brimmer & Company Records, 19...

COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Overview

The collection documents the career and research of Andrew F. Brimmer, Harvard Business School professor and first African-American app... serve as a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Dates
1944-2014

Creator
• Brimmer, Andrew F. (Andrew Felton) (1926 September 13-2012 October 7) (Person)

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In development



User Testing - Feedback (2017-2021)

I like to see the big picture and it's very difficult to get any sense of that.

Visually, the layout isn't helpful.

I don't know the distinction between collection and item.

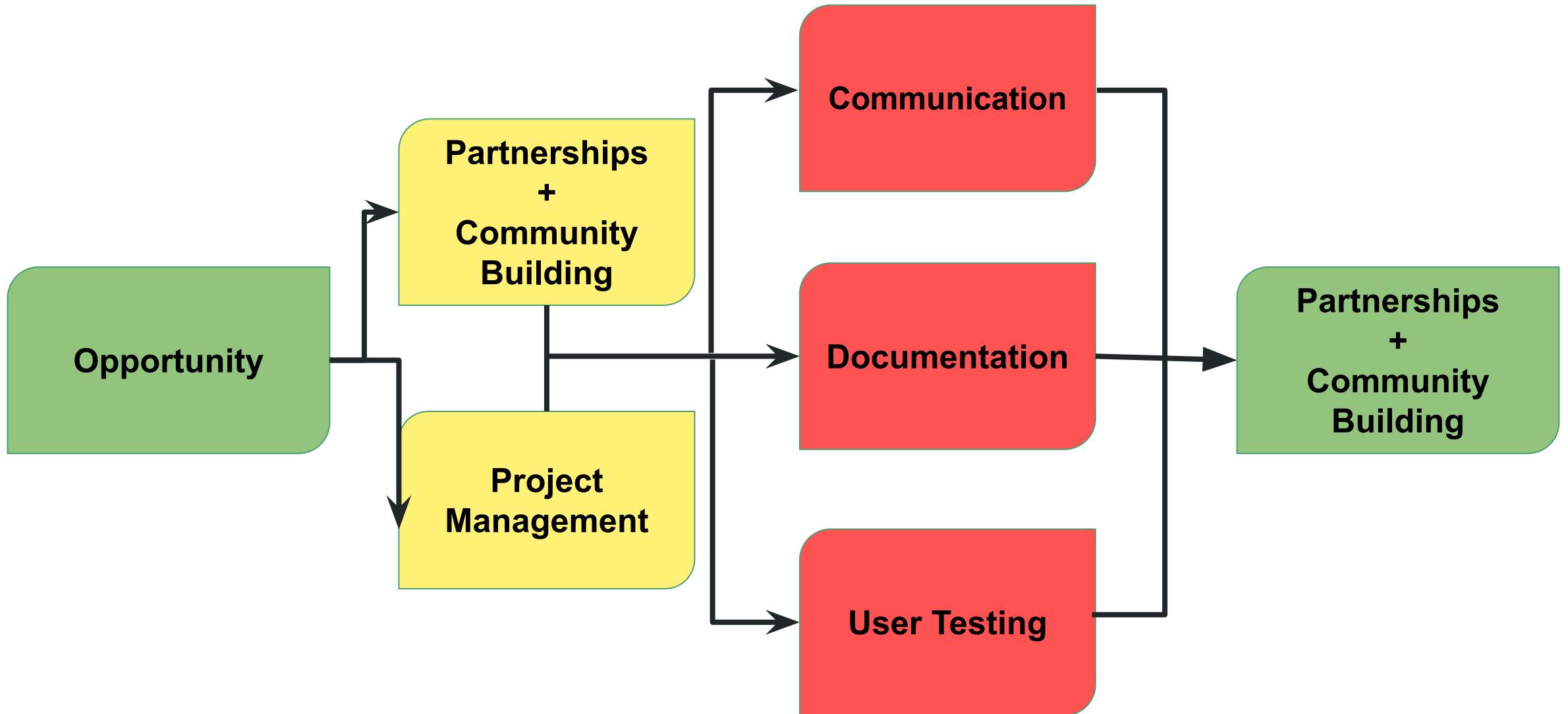
It's hard get a sense of the whole when it's split like this. That's what I keep looking for..



UX Evidence

- Users are struggling
 - the interface and jargon make users feel like they must be “insiders” to understand
 - users want to find everything (not just digital)
 - when they cannot, they seek help or give up
- Finding aids need to be restructured
 - simplify the layout and navigation
 - remove “dead end” links and tabbed navigation

ArcLight Project Process





User Testing - Feedback (2022)

That is great. You can feel yourself tabbing through the folders... You thought you just wanted HOLOS, but it gives you context about what else is going on in Pauli's world or framework. It connects you with some discovery you might not have anticipated.

The lists are so long... I want to be able to search the entire finding aid at once. It is very hard to do that.

... and since every archive does it differently... you have to just learn a new system every time...

The content inventory view gives you context about what else is going on in the collection. It connects you with some discovery you might not have anticipated. You are there to discover - having the full folder list is really a gift.

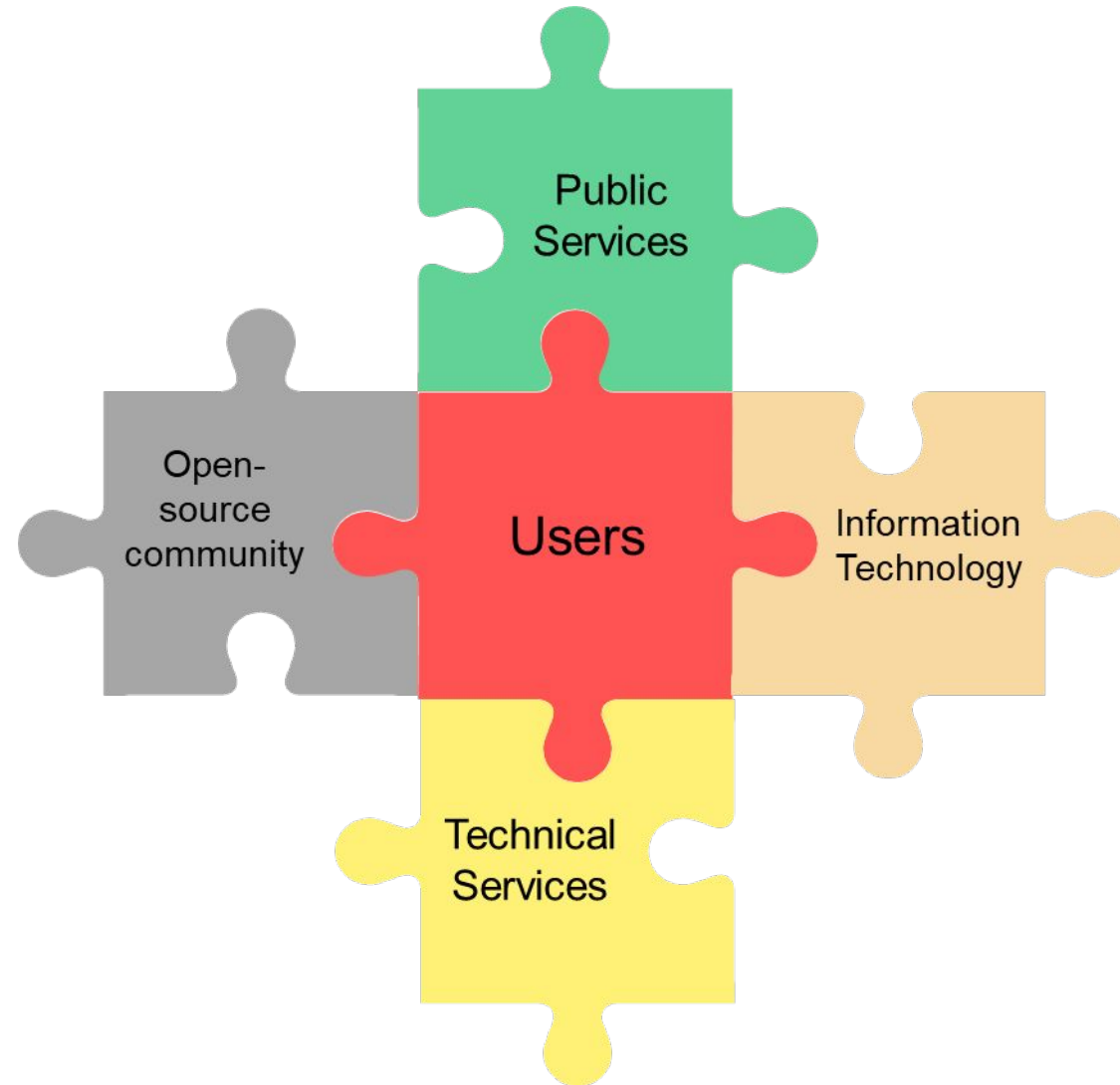


What We Learned/What Comes Next

- User testing is never complete
- Building relationships matters
- Advocacy is key

- ArcLight community
- Systems AND people

Interconnected Model





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