# An Exploration of Digital Collection Development Policies

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But WHY?

# And where are we going?

# Digital Collection Development Policy

A policy that describes the selection criteria for Special Collections materials (eg. rare and unique archival photographs, manuscripts, ephemera, rare books, and born-digital items) to be digitized and published in an open-access digital library.

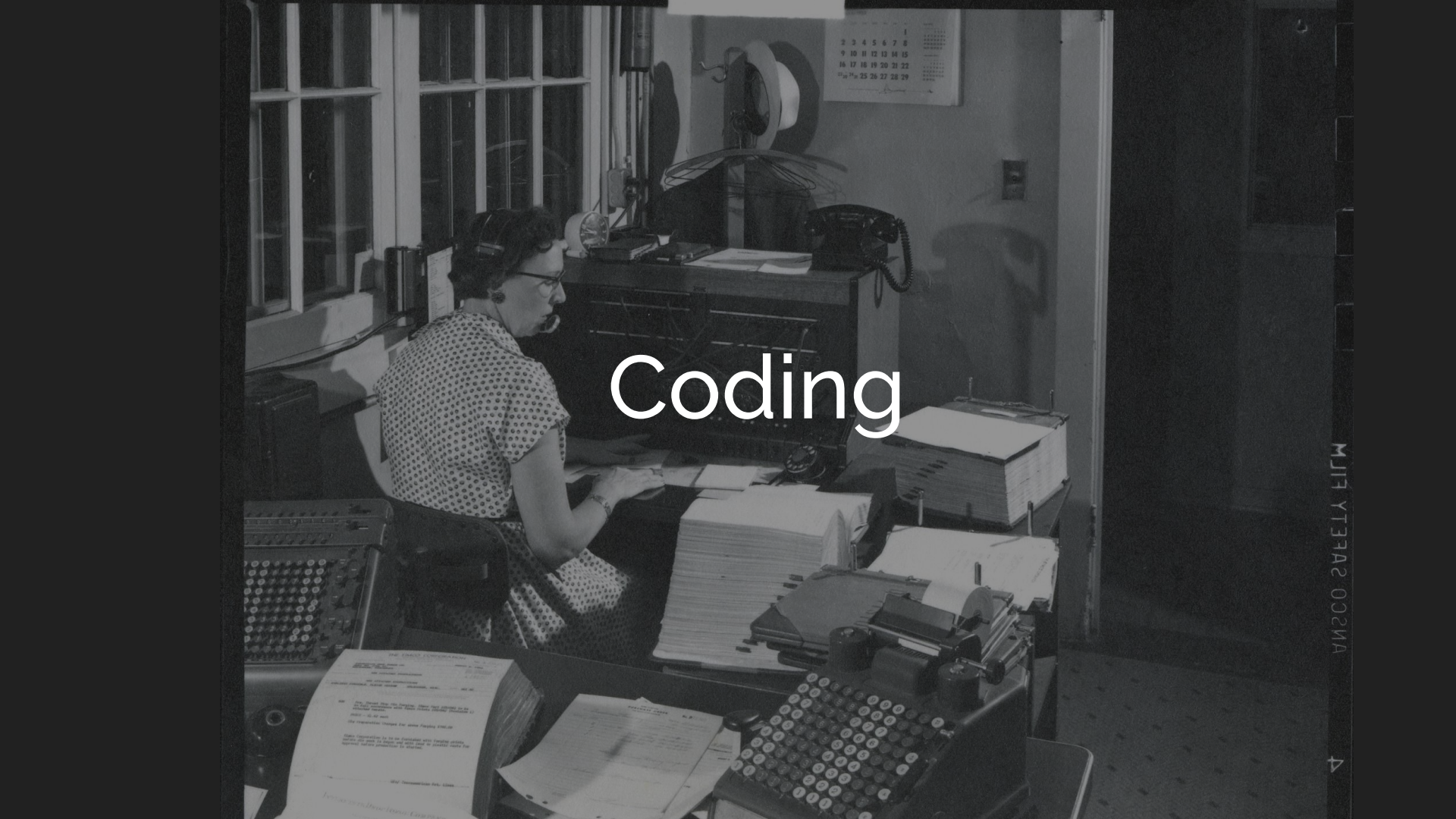
This project is intended to investigate how many organizations have these policies, what criteria they use to identify collections, and how the policies are managed and implemented.

# Mixed methods

Survey (coming Fall 2024!)

Coding available policies using Atlas.ti

# Where we stand now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# Recoding...again

Coding is never neutral.

The codes will explode.

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That is normal.

Reflect and document.

# The future

Coding, coding, coding!

Survey, Fall 2024 (We need YOU!)

Digital Library Forum lightning talk, October 23 (virtual):

*What is Worth Doing Over Time?:  Using Digital Collection Development Policy to Support DEAI*

# Questions?

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