CENTERING USERS

DEVELOPING A COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE FOR USER EXPERIENCE & ARCHIVAL DESCRIPTION

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INTRODUCTION

• Focus on the need to center and engage users in archival description
• This is particularly important for inclusive and reparative description efforts meant to reduce harm.
• Importance of establishing guideline and best practices for work related to user experience.
BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

- Minimal, infrequent user experience research.
- Increased efforts in conscientious and reparative archival description work.
- Institutional commitments regarding DEI and anti-racist initiatives.
RECOMMENDATIONS

We think archivists would greatly benefit from the establishment of a User Experience section or task force within SAA.

Guiding principles should prioritize scalability and customization.

We advocate for a professional community of practice so this work can be supported and informed by standards and guidelines.
THOUGHTS? QUESTIONS?

IF YOU HAVE THOUGHTS BEYOND THIS DISCUSSION, EMAIL US!

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