WHO PENNED THIS?: UNBOXING HYBRIDS

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TAKE AWAYS

Define
Museum Curator
Archivist

Who are we?
Museum Curator
Professor

Variations
Job duties

Commonalities

Case Studies
"Museum Curators are subject-matter specialists in a field related to their museum’s mission, researchers, supervisors of museum collections, exhibition developers, and public advocates for the collection. As scholars, curators provide museums with credibility within academic circles and as trusted sources of information amongst communities by serving as information brokers and conduits for conversation.” American Alliance of Museums
“We bring the past to the present. They’re records collectors and protectors, keepers of memory. They organize unique, historical materials, making them available for current and future research.”

SAA elevator speech winner Lisa Lewis

Our collections support and encourage researchers to develop new understandings through research and creativity.
ARCHIVAL WORK
COMMONALITIES

- Research and scholarship
- Commonalities-Intersection (Hybrid)-Best practices and industry standards as a guideline
- Collections Management
- Emergency Management
- Preservation/conservation
- Documentation (Cataloging, Accessioning)
CASE STUDIES EXAMPLES
HYBRID COLLECTION CASE STUDIES

- **Case study 1**

  - What would you do? How would you process this collection?

  - This artist manuscript collection records reflecting more than thirty years his artistic career. The artist’s paper contain an extensive collection of photographs, negatives and slides, paintings, and drawings.
HYBRID COLLECTION
CASE STUDIES

- **Case study 2**
  - Hybrid manuscript collection with original art images embedded.
  - This artist manuscript collection contains a variety of artistic works including photographs, drawings and designs and decades worth of correspondence. The artist was an avid collector whose papers reflect her own personal and professional artwork and several examples work by her contemporaries.
Resources


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THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

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