Responsible Archival Stewardship Through Reappraisal and Deaccessioning

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Abstract
One of the challenges facing archives and special collections librarians is balancing their collecting with their available resources, including human resources, physical space, and time. This session will present the results of a recent survey on the use of reappraisal and deaccessioning in university archives and special collections repositories to help archivists responsibly manage their holdings. The analysis will update research by Marcella Huggard and Laura Uglean Jackson from 2017 on the adoption of these methods by archival repositories, with an added focus on media-based differences in archival administration. Other areas of inquiry included the level of adoption of the OCLC Total Cost of Stewardship Model and the programmatic use of reappraisal within archives and manuscript repositories. The survey was distributed to library representatives from the 102 U.S.-based academic libraries that are members of the Association of Research Libraries.

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