**EAD Roundtable Meeting 2014**

**Election Announcement**

New co-chair: Ruth Kitchin Tillman

Ruth is the Metadata Librarian for the NASA Goddard Library. She’s most well known in this corner of the world as the author of EADiva.com, a version of the EAD 2002 tag library for the rest of us. I’m pleased to have her as my co-chair and look forward to a productive year.

New ST member: Monish Singh

Monish is the Assistant Librarian for digital content services at Marist College. He’s looking forward to helping us all unleash the power of EAD.

Outgoing co-chair: Mark Custer

Archivist and Metadata Coordinator, Beinecke Library, Yale

My senior co-chair for the last year, and the junior co-chair to Hillel Arnold the previous year. Many thanks to Mark for all he’s done to keep our work going

Outgoing ST member: Regine Heberlein

Principal Cataloger and Metadata Analyst, Rare Books and Special Collections, Princeton. Thanks to Regine for being a productive member of a great team!

Outgoing Council liaison: Bill Landis

Head of Public Services, Manuscripts & Archives, Yale University Library

Bill wears a tower of hats, and this is one of many. We thank him for a well-done job as always!

**EAD3 Study Group Overview**

Some of you may recall a notice that went out late last year seeing members for an EAD3 study group. We called for a small group of archivists and other practitioners to come together to share advice, experiences, and first practices around EAD3 implementation. We found that there were a lot of people interested in this effort. We met for the first time in late January of this year and formed three subgroups to focus on conversion and migration, systems and infrastructure, and discovery and data quality.

With the delay in the release of EAD3, the groups have gone ahead with their slated work, with the knowledge that it is preliminary.

The desired end point for the study group investigations is to be able to make decisions that could form the basis of institutional or consortial best practices for EAD3. Our hope is that by sharing information and decisions, we can more easily develop shared best practices for EAD3.

What also emerged during these conversations was a clear need for some more non-technical approaches or information about EAD3. Although it too is put off pending the release of EAD3, we also have another initiative which I currently call “EAD for Regular Humans” ready to move along.

So I’ll now step aside and let you hear from Elizabeth Dunham (chair of conversion and migration), Adrian Turner (chair of systems and infrastructure) and Merrilee Profitt (chair of discovery and data quality)