

Web Archiving Round Table minutes  
Wednesday, August 14, 2013  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, New Orleans, Louisiana

- Welcome from Trevor Alvord - regrets from Tessa Fallon
- Introductions
  - ◇ What is your favorite thing you have archived off the web?
- Update from Council
  - ◇ Working on Strategic Plan - encouraged to engage with it
    - ◆ Advocacy
    - ◆ Enhancing professional growth
    - ◆ Advancing the Society
    - ◆ Making Society more Inclusive
  - ◇ How to make SAA groups more responsive and flexible
    - ◆ How effective are roundtables and sections given changes in technology and communication
    - ◆ Imagine other possibilities for being participative
  - ◇ Adopted Principles and Priorities for Annual Meeting
  - ◇ Accepted Communications Task Force recommendations
    - ◆ Improve website
    - ◆ Social media
    - ◆ How to push information out to members timely and encourage communication btwn members
  - ◇ Create Infrastructure for advocacy goal in the Strategic Plan
    - ◆ Advocacy and Public Policy committee
- Panelists - Nicholas Taylor, Jefferson Bailey, Benn Joseph, Trevor Alvord
  - ◇ Trevor:
    - ◆ Tasked with starting a thematic web archive for Mormonism and the "Bloggernacle," "Mormon Mommy Blog," missionary blogs
    - ◆ How to reach these web content creators
    - ◆ Latched onto ARL Best Practices for Fair Use and started capturing websites based on "Transformative value" of the web capture
  - ◇ Nicholas:
    - ◆ Web Archiving Service Manager at Stanford
    - ◆ Study to identify web archiving needs
      - (1) Support Research and Teaching
      - (2) University legacy
      - (3) Gov't Docs
      - (4) orphaned projects
      - (5) Data mining
    - ◆ Two full-time positions grew out of study; deciding now what activities can be done in locally and what should be outsourced
    - ◆ Wanted to be able ingest within institutional repository

- ◆ Curatorial workflow is challenging - manage permissions, add metadata, tagging, discovery
- ◆ Copyright policy regarding embargoes, robots.txt
- ◇ Benn
  - ◆ Northwestern University Archives and Special Collections
  - ◆ Need realized when student publications stopped submitting printed publications
  - ◆ Given limitations of local repository, signed up with Web Archiving Service for hosted service
  - ◆ Ask permissions for student websites and other websites not on Northwestern servers
- ◇ Jefferson
  - ◆ Updating NDSA Survey report that includes web archiving activities
  - ◆ Policy - specific policies are often non-existence
  - ◆ Strategic Planning - web archiving not rolled into larger plans
  - ◆ Staffing and how are workflows organized
  - ◆ Role of non-archivists/librarians as appraisers for URLs for web archiving
  - ◆ Tool development - WARCreate/WAIL - Desktop clients for DIY web archiving, Microgrants at Columbia - Full-text mining and indexing back-end post-acquisition technology for management
  - ◆ Access and Display - integration with OPACs/catalogs, interface design
  - ◆ Description - How is description fitting into existing standards
  - ◆ Use - How well do we gather use and analytics of website prior to capture - Tracking how web archives are used in scholarly research
- Questions
  - ◇ BYU: are you notifying web creators when invoking fair use? No. Working on "take down" policies and honoring robots.txt.
  - ◇ Is anyone working with social media and developing policies regarding copyright
    - ◆ Nicholas: very little being done across the board. Some work done at the LOC – Guiding policy to work with everything on a case-by-case basis
    - ◆ Session on #OccupyWallStreet will address social media issues
    - ◆ ArchiveSocial - State Archives of North Carolina can use this for social media creators because they become "public record" - Using social media policies to guide how they might be archived off the web
  - ◇ What's the biggest issues being faced by web archiving efforts
    - ◆ Nicholas
      - (1) Dynamic nature of the web - tools we currently have will become inadequate if they aren't already - As a community can we collectively muster the resources to keep pace with the changing web and preserve and allow access in the future.
    - ◆ Benn
      - (1) Agree - Too often have to tell web content creators we can't capture their content because of format - web has outpaced the technology - description and QC are also difficult to manage
    - ◆ Jefferson
      - (1) Barrier of entry for institutions to begin web archiving regarding staff and resources
    - ◆ Audience
      - (1) Need for collaboration
      - (2) Methods hasn't been fine-tuned in a way to allow for deep access – standardization in access

- What as a roundtable can we do to help our members out the most?
  - ◇ More anecdotal knowledge sharing - hearing from people about experiences without sanitized formal pubs
  - ◇ Linking distributed web archives
  - ◇ SAA Roundtable brings ability for a national forum
- Bylaws - Adopted
- Election ballots passed and subsequently submitted