

## **The Formulation of Grand Challenges within AERI Scholarship, 2009-2017**

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**Abstract:** The Archival Education and Research Initiative (AERI) community has explored archival scholarship and recordkeeping practices that intersect with societal grand challenges—complex, multifaceted and widely recognized fundamental problems with broad applicability and interdependencies that require extraordinary breakthroughs and the engagement of multiple areas of expertise to address. The community has also looked inwardly at the grand challenges that face the field of archival and recordkeeping scholarship and practice. This presentation builds on the work of the AERI Grand Challenges Working Group and other presentations and plenaries about grand challenges previously presented during AERI institutes and other conferences.

This presentation is an overview of the research that examines how members of the AERI community have explicitly raised the ways that archival and recordkeeping scholarship can help address grand challenges. This research also surveys the corpus of presentations, posters, workshops, and plenaries presented during the AERI institutes from 2009 through 2018. This research project used this dataset to analyze the ways that the AERI community has articulated a set of archival grand challenges by expressing a pattern of repeated concerns and issues. Finally, we explore how these patterns compare to the challenges explicitly articulated by the AERI grand challenges initiatives.

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