How do you encode the “context” of archival records?
AGENDA

• Announcements

• Review the role of provenance in archival description

• Discuss readings

• Introduce ISAAR(CPF) and EAC standards

• Demonstration of “History Research Tool”
ROLE OF PROVENANCE IN ARCHIVAL DESCRIPTION

• “External” and “internal” factors of arrangement

• “Static” versus “dynamic” relationships between records

• Practical application of theoretical concept of respect des fonds has been challenged in recent literature
ROLE OF PROVENANCE IN ARCHIVAL DESCRIPTION

- Sandra Barr’s “accession based” processing
- Australian “series system”
- Fonds vs. collection vs. hybrid
- Multiple contexts, multiple interpretations
ROLE OF PROVENANCE IN ARCHIVAL DESCRIPTION

• Trend towards separate descriptions of creators

• “Authority records” created with new International Standard for Archival Authority Records (ISAAR-CPF)

• What does this mean for RAD’s rules for administrative histories and biographical sketches?
ORDERING CHAOS

Walt Whitman Archive:
http://www.whitmanarchive.org/
WALT WHITMAN ARCHIVE

• How does the site integrate EAD XML finding aids and TEI transcriptions?

• How did archivists overcome the challenge of untitled manuscripts?

• How does the site integrate digital objects into the archival descriptions?

• How would you “rebuild” or “migrate” this site?
SONG OF THE UNIVERSAL
WALT WHITMAN

Come, said the Muse,
Sing me a song no poet yet has chanted,
Sing me the Universal.

In this broad Earth of ours,
Amid the measureless grossness & the slag,
Enclosed & safe within its central heart,
Nestles the seed Perfection.

By every life a share, or more or less,
None born but it is born—conceal'd or unconceal'd the seed is waiting.
In Whitman's Hand

Song of the Universal
June, 1874 Camden

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SOCIAL NETWORKS AND ARCHIVAL CONTEXT (SNAC)
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• Why is it a good idea to separate authority records from the archival descriptions?

• How has SNAC “set the stage” for international collaboration?

• What standards are used in the SNAC project?
DESCRIPTION OF DIGITAL RECORDS

- Digital information increases tenfold every five years
- 90% of the data in the world are said to have been created in the last two years
- By 2020, there will be 5,2000 GB of data per person
DESCRIPTION OF DIGITAL RECORDS

• What are some of the approaches to archival description that Geoffrey Yeo describes?

• What are the advantages and disadvantages to each approach?

• Can you think of other approaches to help archivists describe digital records?
DESCRIPTION OF DIGITAL RECORDS

• Minimal processing

• Reuse of metadata supplied by creator

• User contributions

• Automated capture of descriptive information
ISAAR(CPF)

- First edition published in 1996
- Second edition published in 2004
- Provides guidance for preparing authority records
- How can authority records be used in archival description systems?
ELEMENTS OF AN AUTHORITY RECORD

• Identity area
• Description area
• Relationships area
• Control area
### AUTHORITY RECORD

#### McCulloch, Thomas, 1776-1843

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Thomas McCulloch was a Presbyterian minister, author, and educator. He was born in 1776 in Fereneze, Scotland to Michael and Elizabeth McCulloch and was raised in a prosperous, intellectual environment engendered by a community of highly-skilled textile workers. He graduated in logic from Glasgow University in 1792, started medical school, and continued independent studies in mathematics and astronomy.
### AUTHORITY RECORD

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EAC

- Approved in January 2011

- Maintained by the Society of American Archivists in partnership with the Berlin State Library

- Supports the exchange of ISAAR (CPF) compliant authority records

- We will revisit the EAC standard during Week Eleven “Archives Technology”
HISTORY RESEARCH TOOL

social networks and archival context  PROTOTYPE HOME  ABOUT PROTOTYPE

Search by:  All  Person  Family  Organization

enter a name or keywords

Explore featured identities

Week Seven: Theory, Standards, and Best Practices | http://hdl.handle.net/10222/64533
INFO 6850 Archives II
HISTORY RESEARCH TOOL

• What are some of the challenges associated with maintaining an international standards-based bank of names?

• How can the SNAC “History Research Tool” support archival reference and research services?
HISTORY RESEARCH TOOL DEMO
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Barton, Clara, 1821-1912

Dates:
- birth 1821-12-25
- death 1912-04-12

Gender:
- Female

Authority Source:
- umd, cjh, colu, taro, LC, harvard, VIAF, fivecol, cnlu, mhs, WorldCat, nyp, oac, nara, rutu, lc

Nationality:
- American

Language:
- French, Unknown, English, Latin

Biographical notes:

Founder of the American Red Cross.
From the description of Letter to James Langstaff Dunn

Links to collections:
- Archival Collections
- Related Resources
- Related External Links

Related names in SNAC:
- People
- Families
- Organizations
HISTORY RESEARCH TOOL DEMO

Clara Barton (1821-1912) was the founder and for twenty-three years president of the American Red Cross. She was born in North Oxford, Mass.

Bancroft, George, 1800-1891. Papers, 1816-1890.
Massachusetts Historical Society

Anthony, Susan B. (Susan Brownell), 1820-1906. Collection of material pertaining to American women of the 19th and 20th century.
Copley Press, J.S. Copley Library

Barton, Clara, 1821-1912. Typescript letter signed from Clara Barton, Washington, D.C., to Augustin Daly [manuscript], 1894 November 26.
Folger Shakespeare Library

Barton, Clara, 1821-1912. ALS: Glen Echo, [MD], to Roscoe [Wells] and Mary [Kensel], 1906 April 27.
Boston Public Library

Barton, Clara, 1821-1912. ALS: Red Cross Park, Ind., to "my dear cousin," 1895 Oct. 31.
Boston Public Library

Barton, Clara, 1821-1912. ALS: Washington, D.C., to "my dear cousin"
HISTORY RESEARCH TOOL DEMO

Papers, 1816-1890.

Author: George Bancroft; Aaron Bancroft; Clara Barton; William Cullen Bryant; Joseph Green Cogswell; [All authors]
Edition/Format: Archival material : English
Database: WorldCat
Summary: Papers of historian and diplomat George Bancroft. After graduating from Harvard University in 1817, Bancroft spent several years studying in Europe. Descriptions of his travels and meetings with the great scholars of Europe are contained in several volumes of journals. Most of his later diaries are datebooks containing few observations. Bancroft corresponded with political leaders and diplomats as U.S. minister to Great Britain, 1846-9, and to Berlin, 1867-74. He also corresponded with numerous academic, cultural, and political leaders, including John Thornton Kirkland, Edward Everett, Andrews Norton, George Ticknor, William Cullen Bryant, Jared Sparks, William Hickling Prescott, Samuel A. Eliot, Robert C. Winthrop, Francis Parkman, Joseph Cogswell, Clara Barton, Henry John Temple (the third Viscount Palmerston), William Gladstone, his father Aaron
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Virtual International Authority File

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Clara Barton American Civil War nurse
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Alternative names

Links to collections

Archival Collections 132

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Agassiz, Alexander, 1835-1910. American and English literary and historical papers collected by Atcheson L. Hench [manuscript] 1300-1926. University of Virginia


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Visualize:

List collection locations

Radial Graph Demo

View source EAC-CPF

Subjects:

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Occupations:

- Educators.
- Lecturers.
- Nurses.
- Philanthropists.
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READINGS


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IMAGES

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Slides 21-22: Screenshot of authority record from Dalhousie Archives Catalogue and Online Collections
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