

Linked Data Approaches for Archival Description

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Abstract: This presentation describes the accomplishments of the LiAM (Linked Archival Metadata) planning project at Tufts University <http://sites.tufts.edu/liam/>. LiAM, funded by IMLS, examines linked data approaches to creating, structuring, managing, and exposing archival description. The project reviews the benefits that linked data approaches could bring to archives and their users along with the efforts required to implement these approaches. This presentation is a follow-up to Anne Sauer's 2013 Research Forum presentation where she introduced the LiAM project and previewed the guidebook.

Most of the presentation will focus on the core deliverable of the grant, "Linked Archival Metadata: A Guidebook." The guidebook, as the title suggests, provides a roadmap for archivists seeking to understand and implement linked data as an approach within their repositories. The guidebook will provide a conceptual overview as well as specific implementation strategies, and is scheduled for a late 2014 release. This Research Forum presentation will provide an important opportunity for the Tufts LiAM team to preview the Guidebook. Additionally, the presentation will highlight research questions raised during the planning project and guidebook development, such as how do we measure the precise cost of implementing linked data for archival description and what are the measureable benefits that linked data affords archival users?

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