Evaluating More Product Less Process
A Methodological Approach

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Problem of Backlog

27% manuscripts
35% video holdings
36% graphic materials
37% audio format
Greene and Meissner’s Solution: MPLP

**Resources (inputs)**
Money, Staff and Materials

**Activities**
Arrangement, Description, Preservation

**Outcomes**
Decrease Backlog
Increase Access
Research Questions

1. What methods could be employed to measure the impact that MPLP is having on archival institutions? What aspects of impact should be investigated?

1. What factors have made it difficult to assess the impact of MPLP?
Evaluation Needs Assessment

Percent of First and Second Choice Evaluation Priorities

- Preservation: 13.75%
- Access: 13.75%
- Processing Rates: 16.25%
- Interpretation/Implementation: 35%
Evaluation Questions

1. Does MPLP increase access to archival materials?

1. Does MPLP decrease arrangement and description time?
Reference Survey

Designed to measure:

1. How easily a patron can find the information

1. Whether they are satisfied with the services
Processing Rates and Usage Statistics Slip

Designed to Track:

1. Processing Rates
2. Correlation between format and speed
3. Imposed Arrangement, Description, and Preservation Measures
4. Use
Retrospective Processing Rates Study

Conditions:

1. One person per collection
2. retrievable hours
Difficulties of Evaluating MPLP

1. Relatively New

1. Loose Guidelines are up for Interpretation

1. Problem of Processing Metrics and Format
Target Reference