Collaborating to Preserve Archives in the Athens of the South: Fisk University, Lipscomb University, and Meharry Medical College

We want to do more than survive; we want to thrive together.

Dare to Transform

Despite our heritage differences, all three institutions struggle with funding for:
- staffing
- policy development
- professional development

Adopt New Policies

Guided by LYRASIS consultants, each institution developed appropriate new policies and procedures:
- Fisk University - Exhibit Policy
- Lipscomb University - Disaster Plan
- Meharry Medical College - Copyright & Intellectual Property Statement Policy

Despite the disruptions from COVID-19, the Collaborative continued to meet via Zoom.

Struggling Archives Unite

Great strategies evolve the archive.

Engage for the greater good

Find and establish community.

Connect through struggles

Similar challenges create common ground.

Invite others to the table

Intentionally cultivate relationships.

Fisk and Lipscomb are not the only small archives in Nashville. Minor Harris reached out to invite colleagues at the Meharry Medical College archive to participate in the work.

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