

# Caring for Collections:

## Accessioning & Effective Archival Stewardship

SAA 2021 Research Forum



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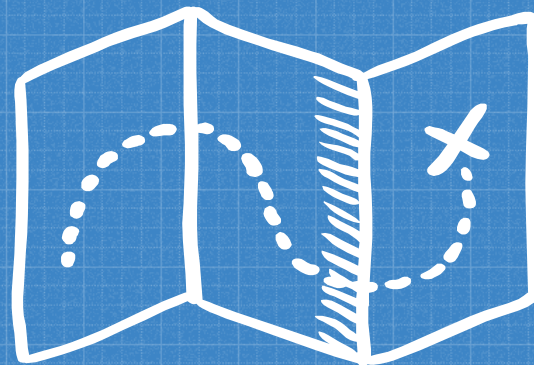
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# THE PROGRAM



- **Research overview**
- **Survey**
- **Best practices**
- **Q & A**





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# Overview



# Our research goals

## People

Surfacing the lived experiences of people performing accessioning duties

## Tools

Creating a well-resourced community of practice for those of us doing accessioning work

## Perception

Developing a holistic definition of accessioning as a constellation of workflows and collaborative relationships



# Our research components

## Survey

A profession-wide survey of individuals performing accessioning labor types in the field.

## Site visits

In-person site visits to see accessioning in action + learn directly from the people doing this work.

## Standard

Developing national best practices for accessioning that everyone can use, adapt, and push further.



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# Survey



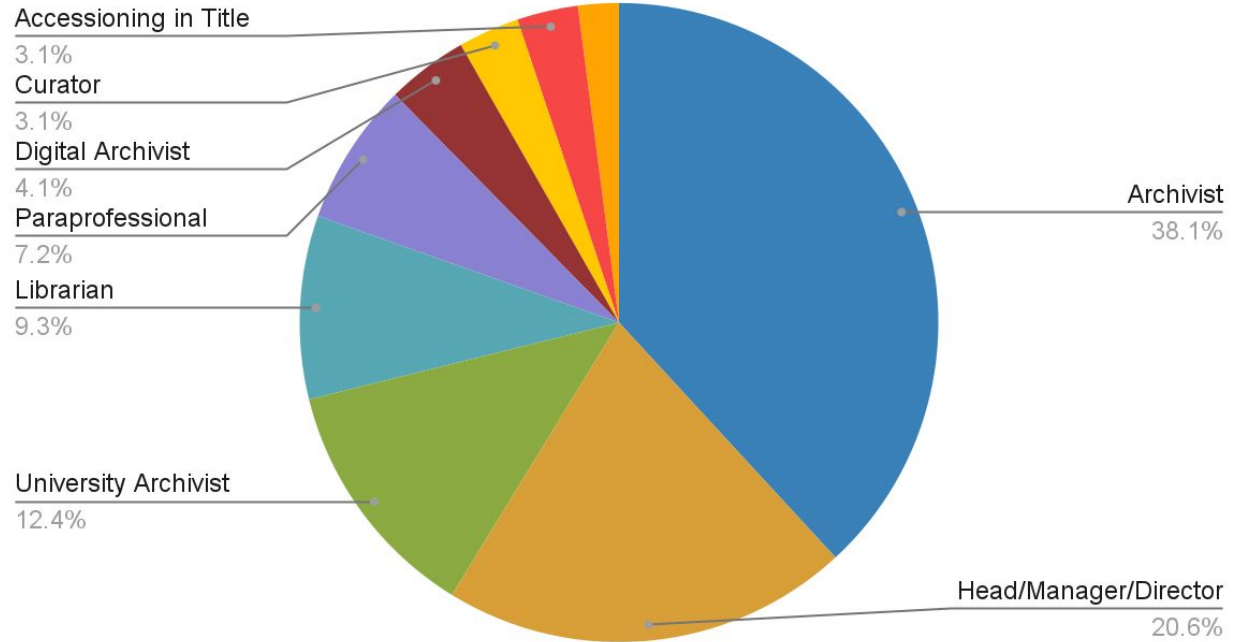
# SURVEY SUMMARY

- Open October-December 2019
- 169 total responses
- 118 completed responses
- 141 responses with 50% completed



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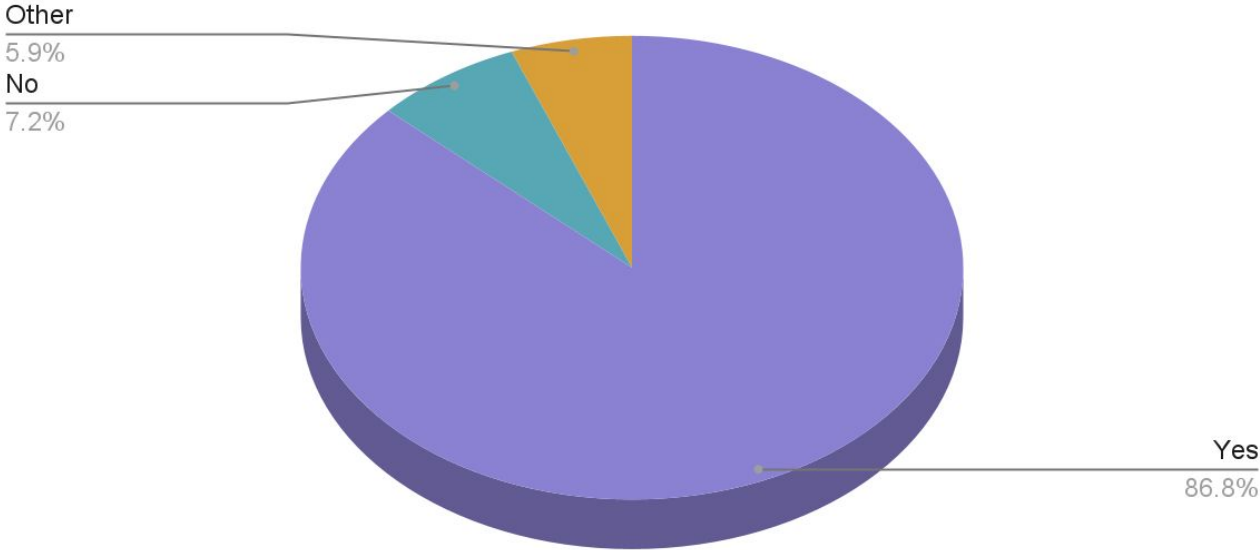
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## Best practices



# National Best Practices for Archival Accessioning

- **2 chairs (us) + 30 members** in SAA-sanctioned working group
- **5 subgroups**
  - pre-custodial work (including selection, acquisition, and appraisal)
  - arrangement and description
  - stabilization, storage, and preservation
  - labor, ethics, relationships, and the work environment
  - born digital accessioning and preservation
- **Final draft delivered in Summer 2023** with rounds of public feedback happening throughout the development phase





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Q & A



# REACH OUT



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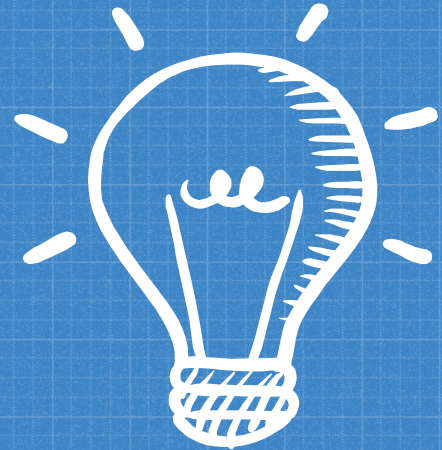
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