A Glimpse Into the Past and a Roadmap for the Future: University of Oregon Digital Collections

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What, Why, and How

• Glimpse of some of our collections
• Our organizational impetus for building digital collections
• Why we chose CONTENTdm
• Highlights of our implementation process
• How we handled metadata, importing/exporting, training, publicizing collections
• How the collections are being used
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University of Oregon Libraries

ABOUT UO DIGITAL LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

Tour some of the UO Libraries’ digital collections [here](http://libweb.uoregon.edu/diglib/aboutdiglib.html).

According to its mission statement, the "University of Oregon Libraries enriches the student learning experience, encourages exploration and research at all levels, and contributes to advancements in access to scholarly resources." Digital collections, like all collections within the University of Oregon Libraries, are designed to support the instructional and research needs of the University of Oregon and the citizens of the state of Oregon. The key to building successful, durable digital collections is to develop and strengthen partnerships within the Libraries, across campus, with specific user communities, and with our counterparts at other institutions. Materials in the Libraries’ digital collections are carefully selected by collection curators and subject specialists, digitized according to prevailing standards, described in such a way as to facilitate their discovery and use, and preserved so that they will be accessible over the long term.

Current efforts

A number of collections are currently available to the public. To search the live collections visit the [Digital Collections home](http://libweb.uoregon.edu/diglib/aboutdiglib.html) page.

Metadata and Digital Library Services coordinates and maintains the Libraries’ digital collections that are being implemented using the CONTENTdm and DSpace software packages. The public pages for these sites are under development and will be undergoing significant change over the coming months. There are currently five collections available to the public and a number of test and developing collections not yet publicly available.

- Athletics and the Academy
Tour of UO Digital Libraries

UO LIBRARIES DIGITAL LIBRARY TOUR

Glacier east of Skagway
Tour of UO Digital Libraries

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Indians fishing at Celilo
Tour of UO Digital Libraries

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Native basket weavers
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Ku-Massag Cayuse Tribe
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Klamath Basket from the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History
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- *To explore new delivery mechanisms for content*
Explore new delivery mechanisms

THE COLUMBIA UNVEILED

I had always been interested in the Columbia River, due mainly to the fact that one of my ancestors, Samuel Brown, was one of the six Boston merchants who outfitted the expedition that discovered the mouth of the River.

I had had much experience with life out-of-doors. As an engineer I had roughed it on the plains of Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado; in the mountains of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona, and California; and on the table-lands of New Mexico and Mexico. When a youth on the survey of the southern boundary line of Wyoming Territory I had carried a chain 368 miles directly west across the Rocky Mountains. I was born and raised on a stream down which it was but four miles to the Mississippi River; had always owned, or had the use of a rowboat which I learned to handle as soon as big enough to use the oars; and spent much time hunting, fishing, and camping on that great stream.

When still a young man, together with a friend, each of us in our own double-ended, dinker-built skiff, descended the Mississippi, starting from Galena, Illinois and finishing our journey at Oscar.

INTRODUCTORY

Ice was still running strong they were not yet on their run. Not wishing to wait we launched our skiff below the Eads bridge and started towards home, expecting that a steamboat would overhaul us in a few days and we would board her. In this we were mistaken. Taking advantage of the eddies we averaged thirty miles a day, up stream; and the next day after arriving home learned that the first Diamond Jo boat had just reached Dubuque, Iowa, sixteen miles from Galena. We had beaten her by one day. We were seven months on the trip having a varied experience, encountering many serious windstorms, and getting caught in ice jams that formed overnight.

After the above experience I spent many years between the Mississippi River and the Pacific Ocean, locating and constructing railway lines, roughing it, living in a camp most of the time—doing pioneer work. In 1903, while engaged in making a location survey on the North Fork, Feather River, California, for the Western Pacific Railway, I had my first experience in boat-building, constructing a rough skiff for conveying one crew of prospectors across the

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• *To help shape the digital landscape*
Western Waters Digital Library
The Columbia River Basin in Oregon

The Western Waters Digital Library: Columbia River Basin in Oregon is a collection of historical and contemporary resources focused on the Columbia River Basin. Its objective is to provide access to well-organized, comprehensive information sources and analysis based on high quality research and accurate historical records, with the goal of enabling westerners to meet the challenge of managing their water resources wisely in the 21st century.
Why We Chose CONTENTdm

• Accepts variety of digital formats
• Allows for submission item-by-item or batch loading
• Highly customizable
• Growing body of users
• Underlying mapping to Dublin Core
• Supports controlled vocabularies for any field, according to your specifications
Metadata Implementation Group

The Metadata Implementation Group was formed to implement digital library initiatives at the University of Oregon Libraries. Some of its members previously served on the Digital Library Initiative. The diglib discussion list continues to serve as a discussion forum for any member of the University of Oregon Libraries community who is interested in digital library efforts. There is a separate discussion list for the members of the Metadata Implementation Group that is set up at http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~catdept/meta-data/.
Highlights of our Implementation Process

Metadata Implementation Group
Picturing the Cayuse, Walla Walla, and Umatilla Tribes

This collection derives from the UO Libraries' collection of photographs from the Major Lee Moorhouse collection. The UO Libraries are partnering with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla and the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education in creating a digital collection of selected images from the Moorhouse collection.

Project Description

Access to the Collection

- Picturing the Cayuse, Walla Walla, and Umatilla Tribes Web Site
- Custom Search Page Picturing the Cayuse, Walla Walla, and Umatilla Tribes (under development)
- OAI, Crosswalks, and XSLT

Documentation Specifically for the Project

- Moorhouse Data Dictionaries (data dictionaries are undergoing revision)
  - Data Dictionary (Abridged View): September 14, 2004
- Subject Analysis
  - Context for Describing the Images in the Moorhouse Collection (June 13, 2003)
  - Current Controlled Subject Vocabulary List for Moorhouse (March 26, 2004)
  - Moorhouse Subject List Analysis (March 26, 2003)
Case Study of One Collection

Picturing the Cayuse, Walla Walla, and Umatilla Tribes

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Metadata Implementation Group

SUBJECT ANALYSIS GUIDELINES FOR DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

- Analyzing the Subject of a Picture: UO Guidelines (June 11, 2003)
- Best Practices for Subject Access to Digital Collections at the University of Oregon (July 25, 2003)
- Controlled Vocabulary Terms for the Subject Field of *Picturing the Cayuse, Walla, and Umatilla Digital Collection* (March 26, 2004)
- Creation of LCSH Vocabulary List for UO’s CONTENTdm Collections (April 16, 2004)
- Subject Access to Digital Collections: Background and Rationale for UO Decisions (April 13, 2004)
Metadata Issues for Picturing the Cayuse

- Project goal to provide native peoples the opportunity to describe images in their own words
- Also wanted to provide UO descriptions
- Devised separate metadata fields for each, mapped to same DC fields but with distinct labels
- Prominence given to native peoples’ descriptions
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**General Notes:** A Native American man identified as Poker Jim, Chief of Round Up, sits in front of a backdrop. He wears traditional Native American clothing, including a buckskin coat and a headdress with feathers, furs, and other ornamentation. His eyes are closed and in his right hand he holds a medal with a likeness of a European American man in profile. In his left hand he holds an object, possibly a scabbard, that is made of buckskin and decorated with beadwork.

**Subject:** Indians of North America

Headdresses

Medals
**View of Technical Metadata for Image**

- **Type:** Image  
- **Sub Type:** Studio Portrait  
- **Descriptive Title:** Poker Jim, chief of the roundup.  
- **UO Title:** Poker Jim, chief of Round-up  
- **Image (File) Size:** 271,744 bytes  
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- **Source Format:** Glass-plate negative  
- **Source Dimensions:** 5.00 x 6.92 inches  
- **Capture Method:** Scanned in Twain 32 negative mode on UMAX PowerLook III flatbed scanner  
- **Resolution:** 125 dpi  
- **Digitization History:** Adobe Photoshop used to adjust levels from 0 - 1.00 - 255 to 10 - 1.23 - 245. Images saved in greyscale. JPEG compressed from greyscale tiff at 125 dpi with quality setting at 6 of 12.  
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  - Production tiff -- PH036_3723ag.tiff -- 8 bit, Gray Gamma 2.2 -- 3000 x 4151 pixels -- 600 dpi -- 2,474,360 bytes //  

**Cataloger's Notes:** nsg
Technical Metadata

- Includes administrative metadata to help us manage the collections
- Also includes metadata designed to assist in preservation and long-term access to collections
  - Informed by work of RLG/OCLC, Digital Preservation Coalition, NEDLIB, etc.
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http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~oq/

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The winner of the student division of the 2004 Oregon Quarterly Northwest Perspectives Essay Contest offers a personal perspective on Alaska’s fishing industry.

Allegiance to the Law
by Kimber Williams
Judge Ted Goodwin drew fire for his opinion about the constitutionality of “under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance. He thought he was just doing his job.

Photographic Memory
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The tribes of the Umatilla Reservation and UO library staff are collaborating to give new meaning to historic photographs.
Use of the Collections

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Feedback and Comment Form

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Your location: (city, state, or country)

Comments about the image and description. Please comment on additional people or places you can identify and the significance of this image: 

General Comments on the web site design or usability: 

Other Comments: 

Comments about the image or metadata: I am browsing the collection to look for any relations to my fiance (Umatilla Tribal Member), and came across this photo. I was touched by the sweet little dog in the photo asleep on the blanket, and wondered why he was not mentioned in the description. I know it took a long time to pose for these photos, and merely getting the scene right must have made the baby and dog both exhausted.
Challenges

• Public interface – Web design
Public Interface: Browsable Subject Lists for the Collections

Picturing the Cayuse, Walla Walla, and Umatilla Tribes
Browse by Subject

A-C

Aged persons
Agricultural facilities
Agriculture
Animals
Antiquities
Antler, Deer
Antlers
Applique
Arbors (Bowers)
Arm Bands, Beaded
Arm Bands, Brass
Arm Bands
Arrowheads
Arrows
Automobile driving
Automobiles
Axes
Bag, Beaded--Geometric
Bag, Beaded

Public Interface:
Drop-down Navigation Bars at Top

The Cayuse, Walla Walla, and Umatilla Tribes

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Challenges

- Public interface – Web design
- *Context for Collections*
Lee Moorhouse of Pendleton, Oregon, was a multifaceted and intriguing man. Born in Marion County, Iowa, he came with his family to Walla Walla, Washington, in 1861 on the Oregon Trail where he received the title Major, which he used for the rest of his life).

Major Moorhouse also liked to photograph. He was one of the many Americans who took up photography in the 1880s, after George Eastman made an easy-to-use film camera available. But unlike most amateur photographers, Major Moorhouse worked with gelatin dry glass plate negatives, large cameras, and a tripod, the equipment of professional photographers. Major Moorhouse was unlike other amateur photographers in another important regard - his photography quickly progressed beyond family portraits and quaint scenes. From the 1888 to the 1916 Major Moorhouse produced over 9,000 images, which document urban, rural, and Native American life in the Columbia Basin, and particularly Umatilla County, Oregon. So extensive and revealing are Moorhouse's images that his collection is one of the preeminent social history collections for Oregon.

ABOUT THE COLLECTION

Seven thousand of Moorhouse’s images now reside in the University of Oregon Library, a generous gift of the Moorhouse family in 1948. Another 1,400 images were given to the Umatilla County Library about 1950, and 300 were purchased by the U.S. Bureau of American Ethnography in the 1930s. About one third of the images at the University of Oregon are concerned with native peoples. These images fall into two broad categories – studio portraits of tribal members and images of native life on the Umatilla Reservation. During his lifetime Moorhouse was most celebrated for his portraits, some of which were known around the world. Many recent scholars find these images somewhat unsatisfactory, however, because they are stiffly posed and unauthentic - Moorhouse supplied the clothing that the subjects wore and the implements they held from his extensive collection of Native American artifacts. Critics also find the pictures troublesome because Major Moorhouse, like Edward S. Curtis and other photographers of the era, held the view that Indian lifeways were doomed to extinction. One of their goals was to preserve on film the last shimmers of these traditions before they passed into oblivion. This notion, as many have pointed out, presents a selective image of Native American life - an image that extols and idealizes their past but fails to deal with their present experiences, which were often quite harsh.

But this is only part of the story of Major Moorhouse’s Native American photographs. Moorhouse was also very capable of presenting pictures
Challenges

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• Context for Collections
• *Building multiple collections simultaneously*
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• *Preservation*
Links to Digital Preservation Resources
http://libweb.uoregon.edu/catdept/meta/metatools.html

- Digital Preservation
  - Care and Handling of CDs and DVDs: A Guide for Librarians and Archivists / by Fred R. Byers
  - CEDARS: CURL Exemplars in Digital Archives
  - Digital Preservation and Copyright (2003) / Peter B. Hirtle
  - Digital Preservation Coalition Home
    - DPC/PADI What's New in Digital Preservation / Comp. by Gerard Clifton (National Library of Australia) and Michael Day (UKOLN)
    - DPC/OCLC Technology Watch Report: The Open Archival Information System Reference Model / Brian F. Lavoie, OCLC Office of Research
    - Handbook
  - Digital Preservation Management: Implementing Short-Term Strategies for Long-Term Problems / Cornell University Online Tutorial, 2003
  - NEDLIB (2000) "Metadata for Long Term Preservation"
  - OCLC Digital Archive
    - OCLC Digital Archive Metadata Elements (April 18, 2003)
  - PREMIS (PREservation Metadata : Implementation Strategies) : OCLC RLG Preservation Metadata Working Group
  - Preservation in the Digital World / Paul Conway, Head, Preservation Department, Yale University Library (March 1996)
University of Oregon Libraries

DIGITAL CONTENT COORDINATORS

Charge

The Digital Content Coordinators are charged to 1) develop a robust digital preservation strategy for the UO Libraries and work with Library Administration and digital content providers to implement it; 2) discuss, review, and make decisions about policies and guidelines; 3) make recommendations to Library Administration about the resources needed to support digital collections (e.g., labor, equipment, software, etc.); 4) serve as advisers to other members of the library or campus community in the planning and creation of digital collections; and 5) make recommendations to Library Administration about which proposals it strongly supports, supports or considers not ready.

Membership

While membership of the Digital Content Coordinators group may change, it will always include representatives from both the Access and Collections and Instructional Services divisions. The individuals named to the group bring varied experience to the group, including expertise in: selection of content, provision of access to library materials, application of metadata standards, creation of digital content, technology, licensing of content, instruction and outreach, management of resources, grant writing, and project development and management.

Most coordinators have designated an alternate who can make decisions in their absence. Coordinators who have
Challenges

- Public interface – Web design
- Context for Collections
- Building multiple collections simultaneously
- Preservation
- *Training staff*
Future Goals

• Keep building collections
• Expand training to more staff
• Make processes more routine and less dependent on a few key staff
• Build new partnerships to involve a wider group of people in the library and beyond
Contact Information

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