

No Right Answer? Collection Development Decisions in the History of Aerospace and Technology

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Abstract:

Deciding what, and how, to collect is the most critical responsibility of archivists and curators. This panel will discuss the pressures and opportunities faced by archivists and curators who document the history of space exploration, computing, and technology development, as well as potential solutions and responses to critical collection development issues. Issues brought forward will include aligning collection development policies with evolutions in institutional branding; evolving issues in appraisal criteria for records, digital media, and/or 3-D objects; oral histories and community outreach; public vs. private sector pressures in collection development; ensuring digital preservation and future accessibility of software; and interactions between collection users and curators.