Toward a National Archival Finding Aid Network

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California State Library, 1928. California History Section Picture Catalog
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Aggregators

- Archival Resources in Wisconsin
- Archives West
- Arizona Archives Online (AAO)
- Black Metropolis Research Consortium (BMRC)
- Chicago Collections Consortium
- Connecticut Archives Online (CAO)
- Empire Archival Discovery Cooperative (EADC)
- OhioLINK (OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository)
- Online Archive of California (OAC)
- Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries (PACSCL)
- Rhode Island Archives and Manuscripts Online (RIAMCO)
- Rocky Mountain Online Archive (RMOA)
- Texas Archival Resources Online (TARO)
- University of Nebraska Consortium of Libraries
- Virginia Heritage

Meta-Aggregators

- ArchiveGrid
- History of Medicine Finding Aids Consortium
- Social Networks and Archival Context (SNAC)

Advisors

- Christine di Bella, ArchivesSpace
- Mark Matienzo, ArcLight Project
- Clifford Lynch, Coalition for Networked Information
- Michele Kimpton, Digital Public Library of America
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- Mary Lacy, Library of Congress
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- Jerry Simmons, National Archives
- Robert Horton, Smithsonian Institution
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Objectives

1. **Research** to establish a comprehensive profile of finding aid aggregation in the US
2. **Symposium** with partners and advisers
3. **Action Plan** for next phase of collaborative planning and implementation phases of future work
Objectives 1 and 2

- "Finding Aid Aggregation at a Crossroads" report (May 2019)
- Symposium hosted by UC Riverside Library (June 2019)

Report and symposium summary are linked from the project wiki: http://bit.ly/nafan-project
Objective 3: Action Plan

- Phased approach (through 2024+): from research and demonstration project to program
- High-level functions and research agenda
- Immediate to near-term (2020-2022):
  - Establish initial partnerships
  - Kick-start with grant/seed funding and in-kind contributions
  - Engagement across aggregator and contributor communities
  - Validate user and contributor needs
  - Technical evaluation of systems
  - Business and market analysis
**Action Plan**

- Participation by the community of finding aid aggregators
- Research agenda support from OCLC
- Technical assessment and prototyping support from SNAC team at University of Virginia Library
- Consultation on ArchivesSpace integration scenarios from LYRASIS
- Project support from CDL

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