INF 389S: Introduction to Archival Enterprise II, Spring 2018
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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

• To introduce students to the theory and practice of administration in archival repository and professional environments. This semester we will focus on discussions around diversity, advocacy, and technology.
• To prepare students to operate in and to become leaders in archival environments by:
  o Laying a solid foundation in understanding archival operations and strengthening professional delivery of the archival service to society.
  o Exploring important historical issues and current trends in the archival community.
  o Stimulating creative thinking about the process and functions of archival institutions.
  o Fostering an interest in ethical considerations and culturally responsible approaches to archival work.
  o Researching innovation within the archival profession.
  o Exercising abilities to present thoughts, studies, and conclusions orally and in writing.

CLASS RESOURCES

Required Textbook

Use of Canvas in Class
Canvas - a Web-based course management system with password-protected access at http://courses.utexas.edu – will be used to distribute course materials, to communicate and collaborate online, to post announcements, and to submit assignments. You can find support for using Canvas at the ITS Help Desk at 475-9400, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
1. Class Attendance, Discussion, and Participation

Regular attendance and active participation in each class session are critical for receiving a good grade in this course. Attendance will be taken during each class period. Absences will be excused in situations following university policy (illness, religious holy days, participation in University activities at the request of university authorities, and compelling absences beyond your control). Absences should be accompanied by timely notification (prior to class for non-emergencies) and proper documentation.

This is a discussion-oriented course and student participation is essential to help introduce, refine, and explore important topics and ideas raised by the readings. Students will be required to synopsize, analyze, and discuss the issues under study using the assigned readings as a starting point. Students must prepare by reading and critically engaging with all the assigned articles/book chapters. This will involve:

- Reading each assigned text and being able to summarize the content and to describe the main concepts, points and/or themes.
- Articulating the primary value of each assigned reading as it relates to the larger goals and objectives of the course.
- Evaluating the merit of the assigned readings (strengths and weaknesses).
- Developing and articulating a point of view on the topic(s) under discussion.
- Analyzing and articulating points of commonality and difference across each reading.

In weeks with no guest speaker(s), students should submit at least one discussion point related to the readings to the course Canvas discussion board no later than 9am the day before class. These posts will then form the basis for the in-class discussion.

In weeks with guest speakers the main discussion will take place online the week leading up to class. Students are expected to post a discussion point to Canvas and, in addition, should engage in the online discussion by responding to the posts of others in ways that advance the conversation. This could include responding thoughtfully to a discussion point based on personal experiences, building from prior points to make new connections to the readings, providing an alternative perspective to the one currently dominating the discussion, or synthesizing or summing up the current arguments or discussion points. The virtual discussion will close at 9 am the day before class so students should plan accordingly and not leave the readings until the last minute.

Please note that discussion points should be focused and simply stated; be built from a
careful and critical reading of the text; facilitate comprehension, analysis, synthesis, and/or evaluation of the work and the issues it raises; create and challenge connections and comparisons between the reading and other texts; invite personal responses and connections; and lead to new perspectives and deeper understanding of the issue for yourself and others.

In submitting discussion points think about at what level you are engaging with the readings, both for yourself and others:

- Level 1: Eliciting (gathering information, clarifying definitions)
- Level 2: Making Meaning – making connections between things (within and across archival content)
- Level 3: Asking the Larger Questions – connecting the content out to things beyond archives

Students will also contribute to a class writing blog (available through Canvas) over the course of the semester. The purpose of the class writing blog is to help stay on track with a goal of writing a minimum of 250 words a day, 5 days a week. Think of the blog as a way of frequently checking in and letting others in the class know of your progress on your term paper (see below). The blog can also be used to get feedback on sections of the paper, to share references to articles with others, to get support during periods of writer’s block, etc. Please note that the blog entries need not be extensive.

2. Term Paper on the Radical Archive

This semester each student (either singly or in pairs) will write a paper on the topic of the radical archive. Students can take a broad interpretation of the paper’s mandate and should focus on some aspect of change or action on the part of the archival profession, or a departure or innovation in terms of how we understand records, archives, and the nature of the archival process.

In writing the term paper, students should choose one of the article formats appropriate for submission to the American Archivist. As such, papers can be a Research Article (analytical and critical exposition based on original investigation or on systematic review of literature), a Case Study (analytical report of a project or activity that took place in a specific setting and which offers the basis for emulation or comparison in other settings) or a Perspective (commentary, reflective or opinion piece, addressing issues or practices that concern archivists and their constituents).

Term papers should be between 12 and 15 typed pages (double-spaced). Students should use the Chicago Manual of Style as the standard of style and endnote format. Writing the paper will be broken down into several components:
a) Outline of the paper. By week five (Wednesday, February 14, 2018), in no less than four double-spaced typed pages provide an outline of the paper. The outline must include the following elements.

1. The title of the paper.
2. A statement about the format that paper will take (research article, case study, or perspective) and the name of an appropriate journal for the paper.
3. A brief overview of the paper topic. This should include a clearly articulated research question, thesis statement or topic statement.
   • A research question is an analytical question that you want to answer in your paper. In your paper, you will analyze and explore possible answers to this research question. On the other hand, a thesis statement is an argumentative statement that you work to prove in your paper. Unlike the research question, you begin by taking a side. If the purpose of your paper is to provide information about the subject, the topic statement simply identifies the subject and indicates what you have to say about it.
4. A description of the purpose and significance of the paper.
5. A list of the main concepts or keywords that apply to the paper.
6. A description of the audience for the paper (What can you assume your reader already knows about the topic? What do they need to know? What impact will your paper have on this reader? Inform/persuade? How will you spark a reader's interest?)
7. A citation for a published article that you will use as the model for the structure of your paper.
8. A detailed organizational plan for your paper (drawing from the paper you have chosen as a model, set out the blueprint of what will be covered in each section of the paper - introduction, body, conclusion, etc.).
   • A traditional research paper will typically include an introduction (establishes the landscape, describes the nature of the problem and your contribution to the problem, sketches the intent of the paper), literature review (description and evaluation of prior research, gaps in the literature), methodology, results, discussion, and a conclusion section. A case study could include an introduction (landscape, purpose, justification etc.), background (literature review - description and evaluation of previous research etc.), methodology, results, discussion, and a conclusion. A perspective piece could include an introduction (landscape, purpose, justification etc.), background (historical context, information for understanding the thesis), analysis/argument (core of the paper), and a conclusion. If you want to specifically argue one side of an argument the paper may consist of an introduction, supporting evidence (evidence to support the claims outlined in your introduction), a rebuttal section, and a conclusion.
9. A list of at least a dozen sources for the paper.

b) The paper is due in class week 13 (Wednesday, April 11, 2018). I will read the paper and return it to you with any revisions/suggestions within one week.

c) The revised version of the paper is due in class week 16 (Wednesday, May 2, 2018). At this stage, the content of the paper should be finalized and the paper should include a 150 to 200-word abstract.

Criteria for grading of final papers:

- Structure and coherence (there is a clear introduction built around a research question/thesis statement/topic statement; subsequent paragraphs contribute significantly to the development of the paper – paper contains logical and clear ideas, solid arguments, coherent paragraphs and good transitions; and there is a persuasive conclusion that ‘pulls together’ the body of the paper)
- Depth of analysis (well informed, use of evidence, arguments are supported, analysis is clear and logical, serious consideration of counter arguments)
- Style (clarity of expression, good sentence structure, grammar, spelling, punctuation, and citation style)
- Originality and independence of ideas (ability to move beyond course concepts).

3. Open Source Software Presentation

Each student will work as part of a team to research innovation within the archival profession in the area of archives and technology. The graded component of this assignment involves each group giving a two-and-a-half-hour presentation on open source software tools (BitCurator, Archivematica, AtoM).

- **BitCurator** is a joint effort led by the School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (SILS) and the Maryland Institute for Technology in the Humanities (MITH). BitCurator consists of a suite of open source digital forensics and data analysis tools that allow archivists to process born-digital materials. [http://www.bitcurator.net/](http://www.bitcurator.net/)

- **Archivematica** is a web-based digital preservation tool designed to maintain standards-based, long-term access to collections of digital objects. In bundling together open-source digital preservation tools into one interface, Archivematica allows archivists to process digital materials in any format and to make standards-compliant packages for preservation. [https://www.archivematica.org/en/](https://www.archivematica.org/en/)

- **AtoM** is a web-based multi-lingual archival description software that was originally commissioned by the International Council on Archives to aid archival institutions in putting their archival holdings online. [https://www.accesstonmemory.org/en/](https://www.accesstonmemory.org/en/)
Each presentation should cover the following topics: (1) an overview of the tool (who, what, when, why, how), (2) how to install the software (Mac and PC), (3) overview of the main components, (4) a critical evaluation of the software, (5) and a user walkthrough. Each group will be responsible for creating installation guidelines (Mac and PC) and PowerPoint slides for their presentation. The installation guidelines must be finalized and sent to Ciaran no later than one week before the date of the presentation. The PowerPoint presentation must be finalized and sent to Ciaran no later than 9am the morning before the presentation. The installation guidelines and PowerPoint slides will be posted to the class Canvas website for students to download prior to class. Members of each group should complete the online training module, “Teamwork Fundamentals” [available through Canvas] before beginning the assignment. **Due Date: See course schedule.**

A formal grading rubric for this assignment (covering the areas of preparation, content, organization, visuals, and presentation mechanics) will be handed out in class and includes criteria such as:

- Relevancy, clarity, thoroughness, organization, and conciseness of oral content
- Relevancy, clarity, thoroughness, organization, and conciseness of PowerPoint slides
- Presentation mechanics (delivery of presentation)
- Effectiveness of the teamwork (each team member contributed to the presentation, each team member fielded questions)

### COURSE EVALUATION

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Term Paper (60% - 10% for the version handed in week 13 and 50% for the version handed in week 16), Open Source Software Presentation (30%), Class Participation (10%).

Assignments are due by 8am on the due date: For each 24 hours that an assignment is late, ten percent of the possible points may be deducted from the score. Assignments will not be accepted more than 6 days past the due date.
UNIVERSITY POLICIES

University of Texas Honor Code
The core values of The University of Texas at Austin are learning, discovery, freedom, leadership, individual opportunity, and responsibility. Each member of the university is expected to uphold these values through integrity, honesty, trust, fairness, and respect toward peers and community.

Policy on Academic Integrity
A fundamental principle for any educational institution, academic integrity is highly valued and seriously regarded at The University of Texas at Austin. More specifically, you and other students are expected to maintain absolute integrity and a high standard of individual honor in scholastic work undertaken at the University. This is a very basic expectation that is further reinforced by the University's Honor Code. At a minimum, you should complete any assignments, exams, and other scholastic endeavors with the utmost honesty, which requires you to:

- acknowledge the contributions of other sources to your scholastic efforts;
- complete your assignments independently unless expressly authorized to seek or obtain assistance in preparing them;
- follow instructions for assignments and exams, and observe the standards of your academic discipline; and
- avoid engaging in any form of academic dishonesty on behalf of yourself or another student.

For the official policies on academic integrity and scholastic dishonesty, please refer to Chapter 11 of the Institutional Rules on Student Services and Activities.

Q Drop Policy
If you want to drop a class after the 12th class day, you will need to execute a Q drop before the Q-drop deadline, which typically occurs near the middle of the semester. Under Texas law, you are only allowed six Q drops while you are in college at any public Texas institution. For more information, see: http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/csacc/academic/adddrop/qdrop

Use of E-Mail for Official Correspondence to Students
E-mail is recognized as an official mode of university correspondence; therefore, you are responsible for reading your e-mail for university and course-related information and announcements. You are responsible to keep the university informed about changes to your e-mail address. You should check your e-mail regularly and frequently—I recommend daily,
but at minimum twice a week—to stay current with university-related communications, some of which may be time-critical. You can find UT Austin’s policies and instructions for updating your e-mail address at [http://www.utexas.edu/cio/policies/](http://www.utexas.edu/cio/policies/)

**Religious Holy Days**

The University of Texas at Austin is strengthened by its global and multicultural character and is committed to diversity and equal opportunity in employment and education. This commitment includes embracing religious diversity and cultivating a community of inclusion and respect. Please notify me of your pending absence at least fourteen days prior to the date of observance of a religious holy day. If you must miss a class, an examination, a work assignment, or a project to observe a religious holy day, I will give you an opportunity to complete the missed work within a reasonable time after the absence. Students who have questions or concerns about academic accommodations for religious observance or religious beliefs may contact the [Office of Inclusion and Equity](mailto:).

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**UNIVERSITY RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS**

Your success in this class is important to me. If there are aspects of this course that prevent you from learning or exclude you, please let me know as soon as possible. Together we will develop strategies to meet both your needs and the requirements of the course.

**Personal or Family Emergencies**

If you experience a personal or family emergency (death in the family, protracted sickness, serious mental health issues) you should contact Student Emergency Services in the Office of the Dean of Students. As advocates, SES supports students by providing the most comprehensive outreach, assistance, intervention, and referrals. They will also work with you to communicate with me and your other professors and let them know of your situation. [http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/emergency/index.php](http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/emergency/index.php)

**Services for Students with Disabilities**

This class respects and welcomes students of all backgrounds, identities, and abilities. If there are circumstances that make our learning environment and activities difficult, if you have medical information that you need to share with me, or if you need specific arrangements in case the building needs to be evacuated, please let me know. I am committed to creating an effective learning environment for all students, so please discuss your needs with me as early as possible. I promise to maintain the confidentiality of these discussions. If appropriate, also contact Services for Students with Disabilities, 512-471-6259 (voice) or 1-866-329- 3986 (video phone). [http://ddce.utexas.edu/disability/about/](http://ddce.utexas.edu/disability/about/)
The University Writing Center
The UWC provides free programs to support and empower all UT graduate students. UWC consultants provide one-on-one feedback on any project at any stage of your writing process. For group accountability and instruction, check out UWC monthly writing groups, workshops, and Saturday retreats. For more information, please visit http://uwc.utexas.edu/grad/.

The Sanger Learning Center
If you are looking to improve your study skills, writing skills, or public speaking skills you should take advantage of the Sanger Learning Center’s classes and workshops, private learning specialist appointments, peer academic coaching, and tutoring. For more information, please visit http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/slc or call 512-471-3614.

Counseling and Mental Health Center
There are many helpful counseling and mental health resources available on campus and an important part of the college experience is learning how to ask for help. If you or anyone you know experiences any academic stress, difficult life events, or feelings like anxiety or depression, I strongly encourage you to seek support, including from the relevant university resources. http://www.cmhc.utexas.edu/individualcounseling.html

Important Safety Information
If you have concerns about the safety or behavior of fellow students, TAs or Professors, call BCAL (the Behavior Concerns Advice Line) at (512) 232-5050. Your call can be anonymous. If something doesn’t feel right – it probably isn’t. Trust your instincts and share your concerns.

The following are recommendations regarding emergency evacuation from the Office of Campus Safety and Security, 512-471-5767, http://www.utexas.edu/safety/

• Occupants of buildings on The University of Texas at Austin campus are required to evacuate buildings when a fire alarm is activated. Alarm activation or announcement requires exiting and assembling outside.
• Familiarize yourself with all exit doors of each classroom and building you may occupy. Remember that the nearest exit door may not be the one you used when entering the building.
• Students requiring assistance in evacuation shall inform their instructor in writing during the first week of class.
• In the event of an evacuation, follow the instruction of faculty or class instructors. Do not re-enter a building unless given instructions by the following: Austin Fire Department, The University of Texas at Austin Police Department, or Fire Prevention Services office.
• Link to information regarding emergency evacuation routes and emergency procedures can be found at: www.utexas.edu/emergency

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

• You have a right to a learning environment that supports mental and physical wellness.
• You have a right to respect.
• You have a right to be assessed and graded fairly.
• You have a right to freedom of opinion and expression.
• You have a right to privacy and confidentiality.
• You have a right to meaningful and equal participation.
• You have a right to learn in an environment that is welcoming to all people.

With these rights come responsibilities:
• You are responsible for taking care of yourself, managing your time, and communicating with the teaching team and with others if things start to feel out of control or overwhelming.
• You are responsible for acting in a way that is worthy of respect and always respectful of others.
• Your experience with this course is directly related to the quality of the energy that you bring to it, and your energy shapes the quality of your peers’ experiences.
• You are responsible for creating an inclusive environment and for speaking up when someone is excluded.
• You are responsible for holding yourself accountable to these standards, holding each other to these standards, and holding the teaching team accountable as well.

Personal Names and Pronouns
Professional courtesy and sensitivity are especially important with respect to individuals and topics dealing with differences of race, culture, religion, politics, sexual orientation, gender, gender variance, and nationalities. Class rosters are provided to the instructor with the student’s legal name. I will gladly honor your request to address you by an alternate name or gender pronoun. Please advise me of this early in the semester so that I may make appropriate changes to my records.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week One (Wednesday, January 17, 2018)
Outline of the Course, Archives and the Notion of Rights and Interests
Writing Clinic – Developing and articulating a research focus, writing a research paper

- Along with the assigned readings for the first week of class, and in preparation for the term paper, check out the following blogs:
  - Cheryl Oestreicher. Publishing in the Archives Profession.
  - Richard J. Cox, Reading Archives and the Academy.
  - Richard J. Cox, Reading Archives.

Week Two (Wednesday, January 24, 2018)
Extending the Archival Paradigm – Archival Pluralism

Writing Clinic – Techniques for brainstorming a paper topic, modeling the process from topic to a research question

- Valerie Love and Marisol Ramos, “Identity and Inclusion in the Archives - Challenges of Documenting One’s Own Community,” Through the Archival Looking Glass (Chapter 1).
- Mark A. Greene, “Into the Deep End: One Archivist’s Struggle with Diversity, Community, Collaboration, and Their Implications for Our Profession,” Through the Archival Looking Glass (Chapter 2).
- Sharon Thibodeau, “Building Diversity Inside Archival Institutions,” Through the Archival Looking Glass (Chapter 8).

Week Three (Wednesday, January 31, 2018)
Community Based Archives and the Community Liaison Model (Pluralizing the Archival Mission and the Notion of ‘the Archive’)
Guest speakers: Amanda Jasso, Mexican American Community Archivist, Austin History Center; Itza Carbajal, Benson Latin American Collection


Week Four (Wednesday, February 7, 2018)
Archives and Human Rights
Guest Speakers: David Bliss, Digital Processing Archivist, UT Austin Human Rights Documentation Initiative; Gabriel Solis (Executive Director) and Jane Field (Project Coordinator and Digital Archivist), Texas After Violence Project


Week Five (Wednesday, February 14, 2018)
Archives and Social Justice
ASSIGNMENT DUE: Paper Outline

Writing Clinic – Working sources into paper, structural aspects of the paper, audience, etc.


Week Six (Wednesday, February 21, 2018)

*Records, Archives, and the Lives of Children*

Writing Clinic – Feedback on paper outlines

- Sonia Yaco and Beatriz Betancourt Hardy, “A Documentation Case Study: The Desegregation of Virginia Education (DOVE) Project,” *Through the Archival Looking Glass* (Chapter 6).

Week Seven (Wednesday, February 28, 2018)
The Ethical and Social Turn in Working with Technology and Born-Digital Content


Week Eight (Wednesday, March 7, 2018)
Archives, Big Data, and the Age of Algorithms
Guest Speaker: Maria Esteva, Research Associate/Data Archivist, Texas Advanced Computing Center; Ashley Adair, Digital Archivist, PCL

• Martijn van Otterlo, “From Intended Archivists to Intentional Algivists. Ethical Codes for Humans and Machines in the Archives,” in Frans Smit, Arnoud Glaudemans and Rienk Jonker (eds.), Archives in Liquid Times (Stichting Archiefpublicaties, ’s-Gravenhage, 2017), 266-293.
• Read the following papers from the 2016 IEEE International Conference on Big Data, workshop on Computational Archival Science: Digital Records in the Age of Big Data.
  o Jason R. Barron and Bennett B. Borden, “Opening Up Dark Digital Archives Through the Use of Analytics to Identify Sensitive Content.”
Sonia Renade, “Traces Through Time: A Probabilistic Approach to Connected Archival Data.”

Week Nine (Wednesday, March 14, 2018)
Spring Break

Week Ten (Wednesday, March 21, 2018)
Presentation - Bit Curator

| Download and install BitCurator using the installation guidelines |
| Writing Clinic – Writing the introduction and conclusion |

Week Eleven (Wednesday, March 28, 2018)
Presentation – Archivematica

| Download and install Archivematica using the installation guidelines |
| Writing Clinic – Writing a good abstract |

Week Twelve (Wednesday, April 4, 2018)
Presentation – AtoM

| Download and install AtoM using the installation guidelines |
| Writing Clinic – Responding to Reviewer Feedback |

Week Thirteen (Wednesday, April 11, 2018)
The Nature and Politics of Advocacy
Guest Speaker: Dr. David B. Gracy II, Governor Bill Daniel Professor Emeritus, The University of Texas at Austin

ASSIGNMENT DUE: Paper

• Bradley J. Wiles, “Politics and Advocacy: A Dilettante's View of Archival Activism,” *The Primary Source: Society of Mississippi Archivists* 28 (2) (Fall 2009).


**Week Fourteen (Wednesday, April 18, 2018)**

*Advocacy through Outreach*


**Week Fifteen (Wednesday, April 25, 2018)**

*Advocacy through Advancement, Development, and Budgeting*

Guest speakers: Cassie Alvarado, Director for Development and Alumni Relations, UT School of Information; Jelain Chubb, State Archivist, Texas State Library and Archives Commission

• Watch the training module, “Nonprofit Fundamentals.” [2hrs 55 min – focus on sections 1 – Leadership Strategies, 2 – Effective Fundraising and Marketing, and 4 – Governance, Finance, and Accounting].

• Rebecca Schulte, *Successful Fundraising with Library and Archives Collaboration* (SAA Case 17, 2017).

• American Library Association, *Making Budget Presentations* (sections 1-6).

• American Library Association, *Navigating a Challenging Budget Year* (sections 1-6).

• TSLAC Legislative Appropriations Request for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019.

**Week Sixteen (Wednesday, May 2, 2018)**

*Course Wrap-up*

ASSIGNMENT DUE: Revised Paper