

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

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2:00 P.M.–3:00 P.M. • ARAGON ROOM

An update from ARL's Working Group on Special Collections coupled with a briefing on the CLIR initiative to identify and catalog hidden special collections and archives.

Presenters:

Alice Prochaska, University Librarian, Yale University

Chuck Henry, President, Council on Library and Information Resources

Background

The ARL Working Group on Special Collections was appointed in February 2007 to advise the Research, Teaching, and Learning Steering Committee on special collections issues on an ongoing basis. A first priority for the Working Group is to identify opportunities and recommend actions for ARL and other organizations that will encourage concerted action and coordinated planning for collecting and exposing 19th- and 20th-century materials in all formats, coupled with identifying criteria and strategies for collecting digital and other new media material that currently lack a recognized and responsible structure for stewardship.

In this briefing followed by open discussion, Working Group chair Alice Prochaska will provide an update on the work of the group. She is joined by Chuck Henry who will portray CLIR's new Mellon-funded initiative "Cataloging Hidden Special Collections and Archives: Building a New Research Environment."

Attachment: New Grant Program to Fund Cataloging of Hidden Collections, article from *CLIR Issues*, March/April 2008

