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Boiling the Ocean, Together: Web Archive Collection Development in a Global Context

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COLLECTION EFFORTS

by the numbers


- **70** web archiving initiatives on Wikipedia
- **313** Archive-It partners
- **33** CDL WAS subscribing institutions


broad but shallow




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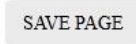
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Archive-It enables you to capture, manage and search collections of digital content without any technical expertise or hosting facilities. [Visit Archive-It to build and browse the collections.](#)

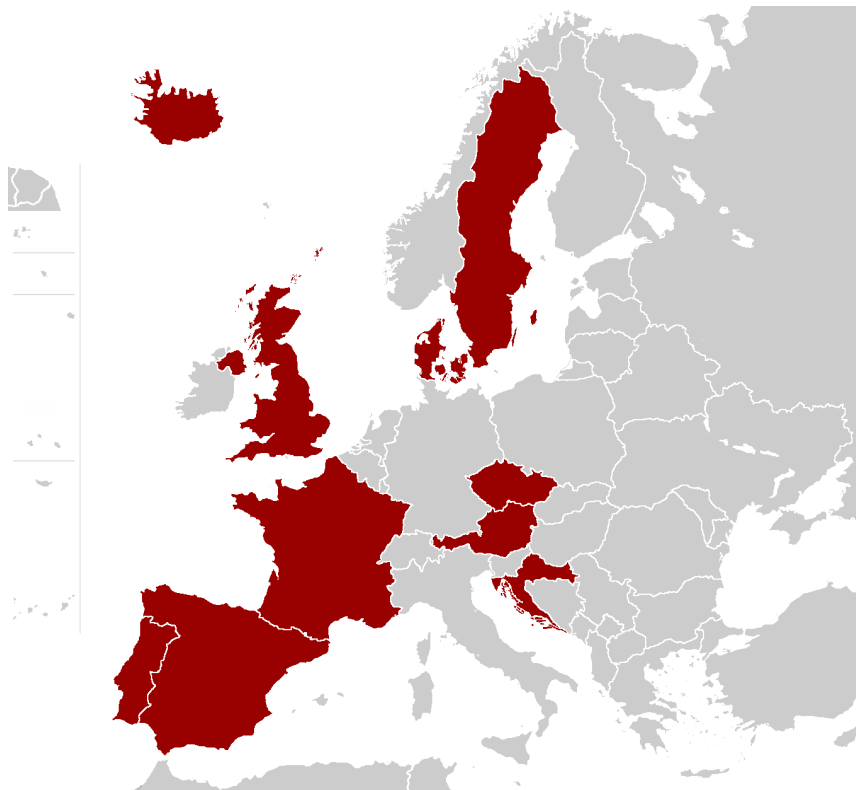
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topical collections



government information



institutional legacy



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Collection Guide

Collection Title: Guide to the Stanford University Website Collection

Collection Number: SC1015

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Collection Overview

Description The materials consist of Stanford University websites captured by University Archives staff. Included are the websites of Stanford's seven schools, their departments, and many school-affiliated labs and research centers; independent research centers and institutes reporting to the Dean of Research; interdisciplinary programs; and administrative units overseeing academic affairs, faculty development, student life, research, public affairs, human resources, and other areas of the university. Also included are sites providing information on campus events, such as Commencement and Parents' Weekend; sites established to disseminate information on specific initiatives, such as the Stanford in NYC proposal of 2011; and publications, such as the university's Annual Report and news stories produced by University Communications.

Extent 479272 megabyte(s) (2,711,689 files in 1,068,700 directories)

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Availability The materials are open for research use.

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Collection Contents

Administrative Units

- Administrative Systems
- Admission and Financial Aid
- Advisory Panel on Investment Responsibility & Licensing
- Athletics
- Bechtel International Center
- Business Affairs and Chief Financial Officer,
- Office of the Vice President for Continuing Studies
- Development, Office of
- Diversity and Access
- Environmental Health and Safety
- Export Control
- Faculty Development and Diversity Office
- Faculty Staff Housing
- Faculty Senate
- General Counsel, Office of
- Graduate Education, Office of the Vice Provost for
- Help Center



How

OTHERS COLLECT

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necessary but not sufficient



*“In principle, the **collection development policy** for the Tamiment Library’s Web Archive **parallels** that of the Tamiment Library as a whole (labor and radicalism)”*

*In practice, this is complicated by (a) the **enormous size and variety of born digital materials** within Tamiment’s collecting scope...and (c) **resource restraints**. Thus the Library will not only have to **carefully appraise** materials, but to **set priorities and limitations**.”*

necessary but not sufficient

- align with organizational **mission**
- support **research** and **teaching**
- preserve **institutional legacy**
- consider **history** and **geography**

sufficient-y

- collect within **subject area**
- focus on **at-risk** content
- collect content **previously collected in print**
- limit to particular **types of organizations**

sufficient?

- consider **what others are collecting**
- **don't** aim to **be comprehensive** (if you can't be)
- **complement** existing **strengths**
- prefer **current** and/or **unique** content
- mind **resource constraints**
- anticipate **value to researchers**
- collect **content, not links** to content
- only collect **publicly available** content
- only target specific **resource** or **format types**
- enable **designated research**

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a clear plastic container filled with various fly fishing lures. The lures are made of feathers, fur, and other natural materials, in various colors like brown, orange, and white. One lure is being held between the fingers of the other hand, showing its details. The background is a blurred blue, possibly water.

Additional

COLLECTION CONSIDERATIONS

copyright and access policy



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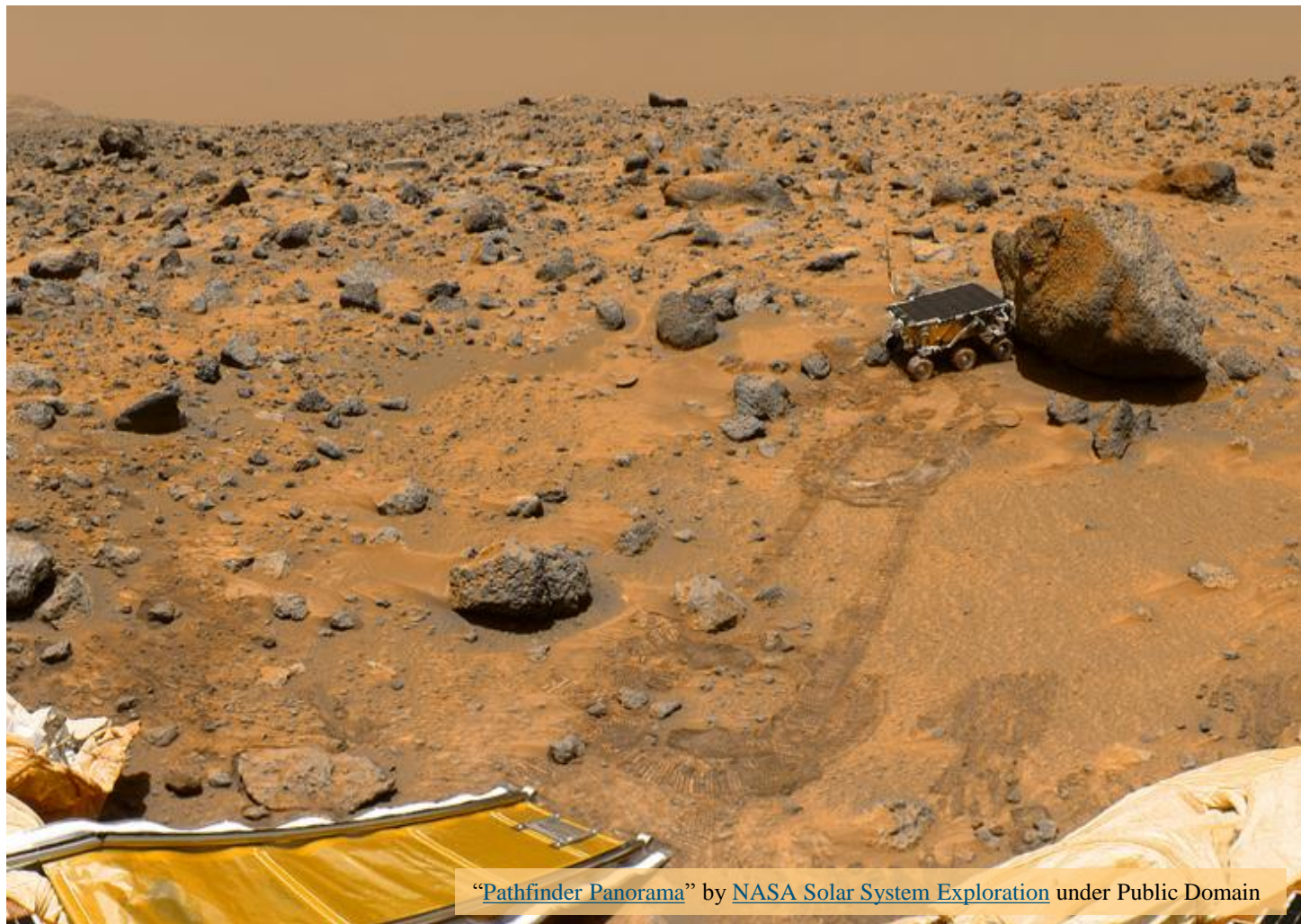
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archiving proscriptions



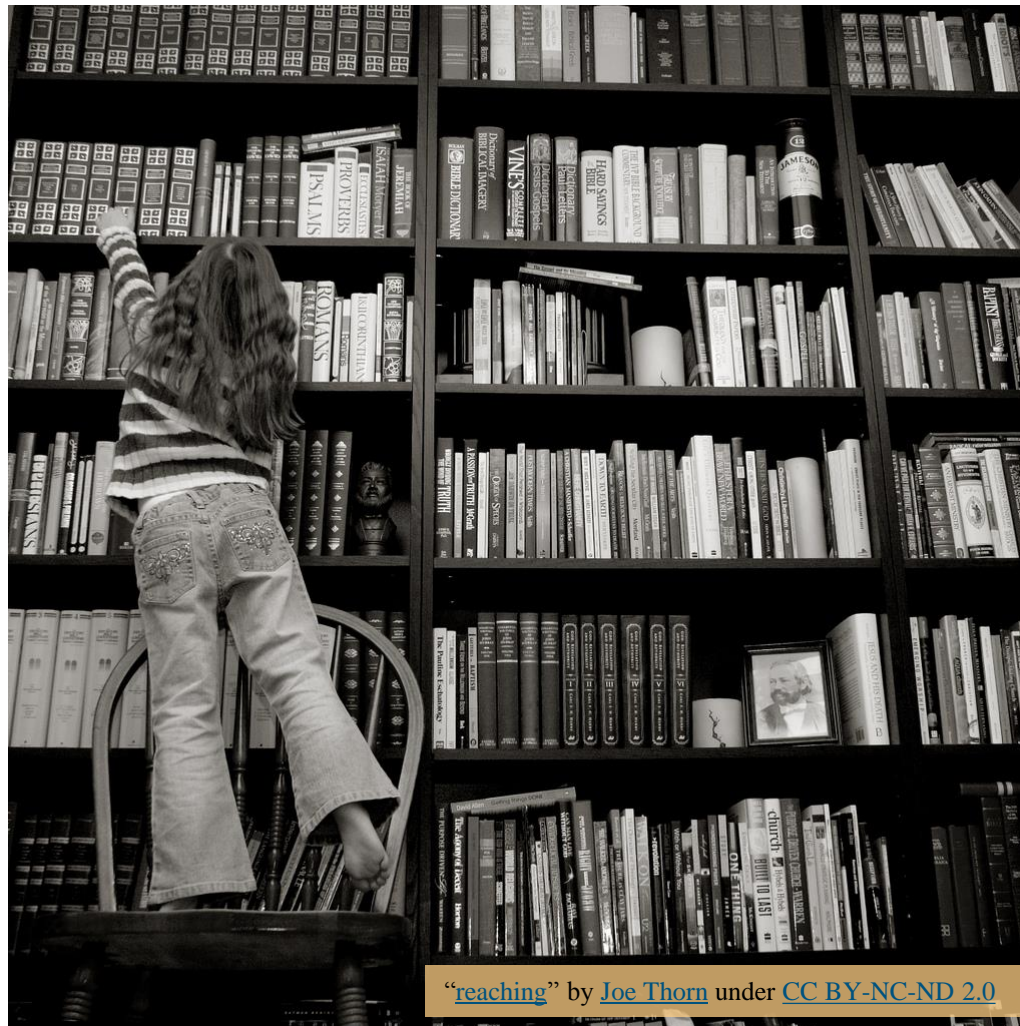
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technical challenges



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cost modeling



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collection use cases

- outreach and education
- persistent citation
- documenting spontaneous events
- preserving citizen journalism
- saving at-risk content
- litigation risk mitigation
- capture related resources
- records management

research use cases

- how incumbent candidates talk to local constituencies
- inter-link graph of websites in different languages
- policies and practices of public health NGOs
- Honduran government websites after 2006 coup
- file format analysis for preservation planning
- prevalence of semantic markup
- most commonly-used JavaScript libraries
- digital archaeology of GeoCities
- resource persistence in Egypt Revolution social media



Questions for

DISCUSSION

where do we start?

1. **maintain awareness** of topical web archives
2. promote and **facilitate access** to existing web archives
3. provide **curatorial assistance** for **collaborative projects**
4. **enhance our collection dev policies** for web archives
5. **evaluate local/global gaps** to **build unique collections**

how do we do it?

- how can we **maintain awareness**, **facilitate discovery**, and **promote use** of **other web archives**?
- what is relative importance of **collection development policies**, **at-risk nature** of the content, **research use case tangibility**, **what others are collecting**, etc.?
- how to **maximize value** of **existing web archives** and **those we create**, for Stanford and larger community?
- what are the **key elements** and **optimal approach** for **creating our own** collection development policies?

thank you!

