Donor Guidelines

Preparing to donate materials

Consider the questions below and please circle YES or NO.

YES	NO
YES	NO
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Questions regarding born-digital acquisitions

Are there any passwords or known encryptions protecting data on this device?	YES	NO
Will you be giving us any external drives to transfer data (e.g., flash/thumb drives, media cards, external hard drives)? If so, do you want the drive(s) back? If so, do you have a hard deadline you need the drive(s) back by?	YES	NO
Do you have drives/items you are donating for which you do not have data connection/power cables? If so, list the items:	YES	NO
Please provide the approximate amount of data that will be gifted, in megabytes, gigabytes, terabytes, etc., if known.		
Did you organize the data you are donating in any particular way?	YES	NO
Did you rely on the devices to organize the data for you?	YES	NO
Are you donating an entire computer workstation, laptop, tablet, phone, etc.? If so, what do you remember about using this device?	YES	NO
Might there be deleted content you wish to have recovered, if possible, and saved with the collection?	YES	NO
Would you like us to crawl any websites that are part of this collection for web archiving, including publically-accessible social media sites?	YES	NO

Some common file formats:

Text documents	Microsoft Word, Rich text format, OpenOffice Writer, GoogleDocs, PDF, TXT, Word
	Perfect, etc.
Email	Google, Outlook, Yahoo!, AOL, Mozilla Thunderbird, etc.
Images	JPEG, BMP, TIFF, GIF, PNG, SVG, IMG, camera RAW (DNG, NEF, CRW, etc.), etc.
(raster or vector)	
Audio	AIFF, WAV, Broadcast WAV, FLAC, M4A, MP3, MP4, MP2, MIDI, etc.
Video	AVI, QuickTime, MPEG-1, MPEG-2, MPEG-4 ASP, MPEG-4 H.264, 3GP, Flash
	Video, RealNetworks (RV), Windows Media Video (WMV), video RAW, etc.
Presentations	Microsoft PowerPoint, Google Slides, OpenOffice Impress, PDF, PowerPoint XML,
	Keynote, etc.
Spreadsheets	Microsoft Excel, OpenOffice Math, Google Sheets, CSV, etc.
Websites*	HTML, CSS, PHP, etc.
Databases/big	Microsoft Access, Oracle, Microsoft SQL Server, MySQL, SQLite, DB, NoSQL,
data	Mongo, Cassandra, etc.

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Geospatial	Raster (ADRG, ECW, GeoTIFF, JPEG2000, etc.), Vector (AutoCAD, GM, GeoJSON, GeoMedia, KML, Shapefile, SOSI, VPF, etc.) Grid formats (USGS, DTED, SDTS, etc.), DIME, GDF, GPKG, WKT, WKB, etc.
Archived files; disk images	ZIP, TAR, WIM, ISO, gz, 7z, DMG, RAR, etc.
Software	Executable files (.EXE, etc.), source code

*note: only applies to donated web files; we can crawl publically available, active URLs separately

Have you migrated/converted any file formats yourself? (e.g., WordPerfect to Microsoft Word, JPEG to PDF) Why or why not? If so, did you save the original file formats from which you converted the files?	YES	NO
Are you aware of any third-party licensed or copyrighted data on this device (e.g., software, copies of published writings, commercially available music/videos)?	YES	NO

Review Form for Incoming Collections

Collection Information		
Curator or Liaison/Department:	Date:	
□ New Collection □ Addition	on	
Donor/Source:		
Email:	Phone:	
☐ Gift	Is a Deed of Gift or Gift in Kind needed? (Y/N):	
Transfer	Is a Transfer of Record Form needed? (Y/N):	
Purchase	Will there be a Bill of Sale or Purchase Agreement? (Y/N):	
Describe any rights, restrictions, or	privacy agreements requested by the donor:	
Describe any digitization needs or r	requests:	
Metadata and processing from (che		
	hival Processing 🗌 Metadata Services 📋 Repository and Digital Curation	
Special metadata expectations or n	needs (language, expectations for keeping collection together, level of detail for	
cataloging, etc.):		
Size and Format		
Estimated Current Size (number of	boxes, items, linear feet, etc.):	
Final Storage/Stacks location (chec		
	□ Special Collections □ Music □ Africana □ Transportation	
	eneral Collection 🛛 Oak Grove 🗍 Other:	
Formats (check all that apply):		
·	□ Photographs □ Slides □ Negatives □ A/V □ Artifacts	
	gs 🗌 Born-digital 🔲 Microformats 🗍 Other:	
Do you foresee any storage issues'	? (fit on shelving, etc.):	
Condition		
Has anyone visited and/or seen the	e collection?	
Where is it stored?		
	e materials, etc.)?	
Donor inventory exists Are there any concerns for Preservation (signs of mold, water damage, insect/pest activity, etc.)?		
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	ation (signs of molu, water damage, insect/pest activity, etc.)?	

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Packing, Shipping, and Receiving		
Packing: Who?		When?
Shipping/Moving:	Who?	When?
Arrival date(s):		Point Person for Receiving:
*If you need a comp	any to pack and/or m	ove the collection, contact Head of Print Collection Management.

Please submit this form to:

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Preservation Questionnaire for Prospective Collections

Date:	
Current Storage Location:	
Donor/Owner:	
Curator:	
Preservation Assessor:	

Description of the Collection

Describe the content of the collection.

What type of material is in the collection? List all material types and condition and number.

Are there AV materials? Are these candidates for digitization?

Storage Information

Describe current storage location. How long was it stored in this location?

Describe previous storage location. How long was it stored in this location?

Environmental Issues

Does the current storage location have temp / humidity controls?

Are the items stored on the floor/pallets/shelves?

Are their visible signs of mold or pests?

Does it smell moldy or musty?

Are the storage boxes intact?

Summary of Collection Condition and Recommendations: (include: vendor or contractor, conservation recommendations)