Session/Meeting Name: ARTIST FILES SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP  
Date, Time: Friday, March 29, 2012 4:00 – 5:00 pm

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Summary of Achievements:


The Artist Files Revealed Online Directory was created as a centralized repository for cultural institutions to promote their collections of artist files and for users to discover these resources more readily. Experimenting with Open Source software, contributors added their own institutional records.

Discussion:

We then opened the floor for a discussion on where the group will go from here. How can we update the Directory and make it a more useful tool for researchers and professionals alike? Where would we like to see the group go from here?

Barbara Rominski discussed the possibility of a pilot project with the non-for-profit organization Archive-it.

The group also discussed the possibility of dividing up the work (and material) that was thus far decentralized. Try to move forward with material types which have the most urgency (e.g. checklists, born digital announcements, email announcements that tend not to be captured elsewhere or on a consistent basis). Galleries are not archiving the web content mostly academic groups are. . .

The Guggenheim’s - digitized artist files were mentioned and are online http://www.guggenheim.org/new-york/collections/library-and-archives/archive-collections/A0008/  
The material is low-resolution, lists use/publication restrictions, and includes a “take-down” notice.

It was decided the SIG would concentrate on four main issues:

1) Updating the Directory, with more added value and content, & migrating it to another software program.
2) Investigate methods for capturing Born Digital material.
3) Investigate a pilot project with Archiv-IT and web archiving.
4) Digitizing/reformatting analog materials.

We collected names of individuals who’d be interested in participating in a pilot project and the following attendees signed up: Heather Slania, Anne Simmons, Cyndie Campbell, Jonathan Franklin, Lea Whittington, Barbara Rominski, Samantha Deutch, Jessica Shaykett. Joyce Weaver of the Mint Museum and Eric Wolfe from the Menil later expressed an interest in learning more about the project.