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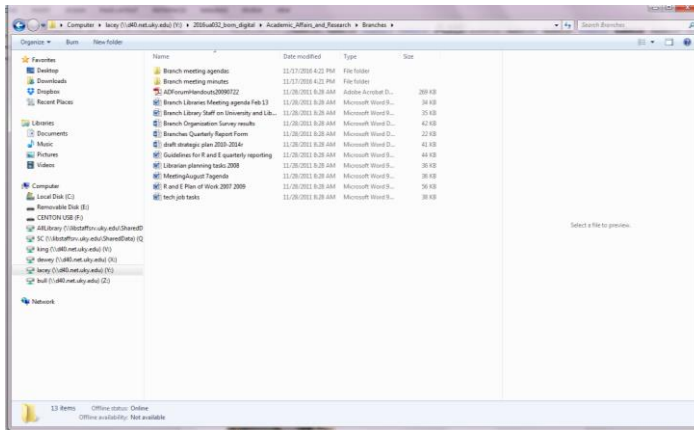
# Alpha Delta Kappa presentation, March 2, 2017

## Ruth Bryan, University Archivist

### University of Kentucky Special Collections Research Center

#### What are Archives?

- Stuff of history
  - Papers, electronic records, photographs, audio recordings, film
  - Created by people or organizations as they go about their daily lives and work



- A place
  - Spaces for research, preservation and cataloging, digitization, secure storage, exhibits, teaching, and events, staff offices



- An organization: staff organized into units to carry out mission, policies and procedures, activities, and build relationships

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## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS RESEARCH CENTER

HOURS for March 2, 2017: Now Closed

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### Our Mission

Special Collections Research Center is home to UK Libraries' collection of rare books, Kentuckiana, the Archives, the Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History, the King Library Press, the Bert T. Combs Appalachian Collection, the John G. Heyburn Center for Judicial Excellence, and the Wendell H. Ford Public Policy Research Center.

SCRC collects, preserves, and provides access to materials documenting the social, cultural, economic, and political history of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Materials are acquired regardless of format and include both primary and secondary sources; Kentuckiana is collected comprehensively. SCRC maintains the University Archives and records management program for all records generated by the University and serves as its archival repository for permanent records. SCRC advances and supports the research, teaching, and scholarship of the University and beyond by preserving and providing access to its holdings.

Associate Dean Deirdre A. Scaggs

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## What do Archivists do?

- Acquire



- Preserve and catalog; train students and volunteers



- Help researchers find information and understand how the information was created



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Format: books (371,810) archival material (204,372) journals (81,275) images (81,344) monographs (89,399) source catalogs (95,538) yearbooks (37,010) website publications (39,803) newspapers (26,420) directories (11,731) newsletters (6,439) maps (4,768) architectural drawings (visual content) (1,487) collections (1,511) legends (1,312) oral histories (1,011) indexes (reference sources) (84) audio (438) annual reports (333) drawings (visual content) (8)

Collection: Minutes of the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees (68,247) Shakespeare Collection (8)

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Explore UK War Memorial records, 1929-1972

Abstract: The war memorial records are comprised of information gathered on the Kentucky casualties of World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

Table of Contents

Abstract

Descriptive Summary

Title: War Memorial records, 1929-1972

Creator: OHL, Edith L.

Extent: 23 0 cubic feet (61 boxes)

Subjects: Kentucky; Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1925-1945; University of Kentucky; Lexington (Ky.); Korean War, 1950-1953; Vietnam War, 1961-1975; World War, 1914-1918; World War, 1939-1945; War casualties -- Kentucky

Funding and Acquisition: Provided by John Tompkins III under the supervision of Debbie A. Stagg, University Archivist. Machine-readable finding aid created by Janice Childers

Repository: University of Kentucky

Contents of the Collection:
 

- I. Memorial Cards
- II. Newspaper Clippings
- IV. War Logs
- V. Memorials, 1930-1954
- VI. Miscell.

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- Build exhibits, teach classes using archives, conduct outreach activities



## How does one become an Archivist?

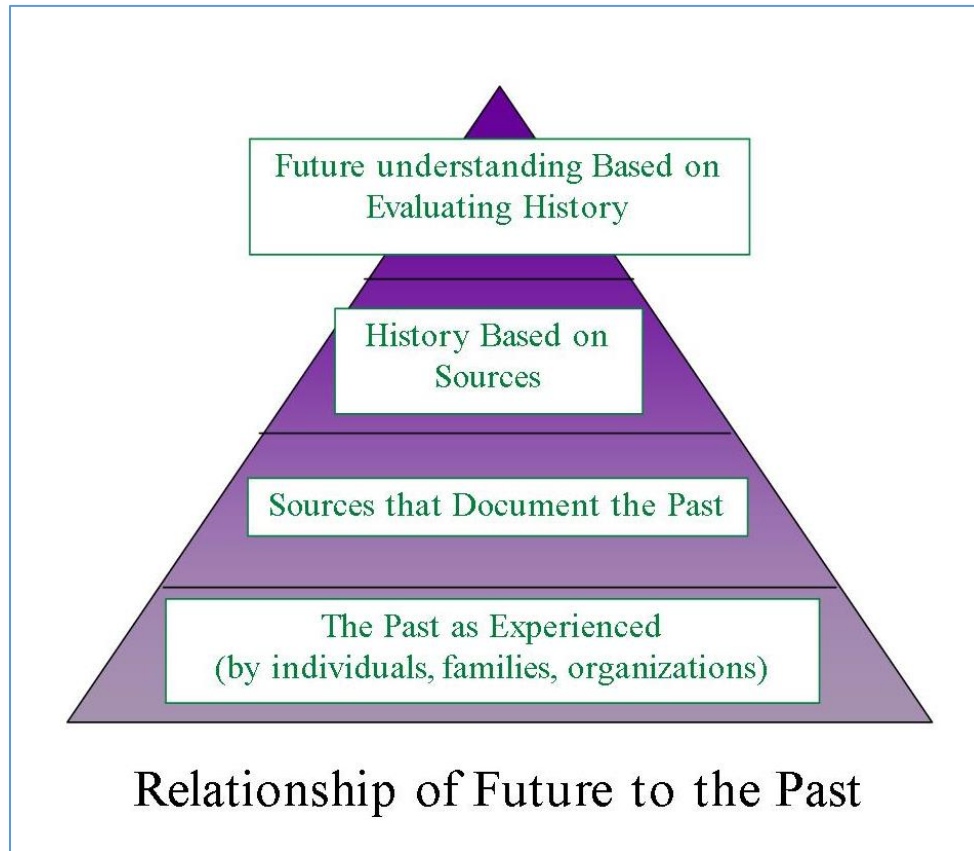
- Graduate school with concentration in archival theory and practice: library science, public history, historic administration
- Internships, field placements
- Certification as a Certified Archivist
- Attendance at conferences, workshops, Webinars





## Why do Archives matter?

- One important way to understand and evaluate the past for future understanding



- Part of cultural heritage:
  - Physical and intangible attributes of a group or a society that the current generation inherits from past generations. These attributes help give the current generation its identity as a group distinct from other groups.
  - Physical cultural heritage includes documents, objects, artwork, buildings, animals and plants, and landscapes

**What are the differences and similarities among  
Archives, Libraries, and Museums?**

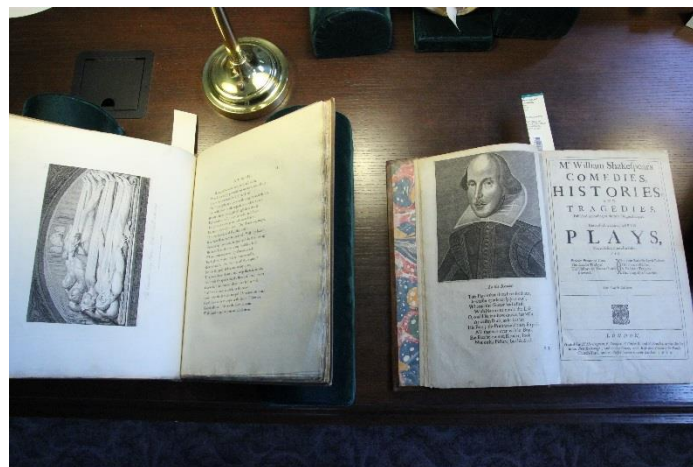
Museums	Archives	Libraries
1. All Cultural Heritage Institutions		
1. Unpublished, 3-D objects	Unpublished, 2-D objects	Published, 2-D objects
2. All use shelves		
2. Items loose on shelves	Items in boxes	Items loose on shelves
3. All serve the public		
3. Primary role: exhibits or other interpretation Primary users: learners	Primary role: providing information Primary users: researchers	Primary role: providing information Primary users: researchers
4. All provide guides to objects in their care		
4. Describe by item	Describe by folder	Describe by item

## What's in a Special Collections Research Center?

- Archives: 60,000 cubic feet
  - University of Kentucky records
  - Appalachian-related collections
  - Public policy and judicial collections
  - Documentary film and photographs
  - Kentucky family and individuals' papers
  - Central Kentucky organizations' records
  - Architectural drawings



- Rare and special books: 65,000 items (175,000 books overall)



- Oral histories: 10,000 interviews

