ARLIS/NA + VRA 3rd Joint Conference 2016, Seattle – Conference Session

Scope Drift: New Roles and Responsibilities in Visual Resources

In project management, "scope drift" or "scope creep" refers to a continuous expansion of the scope of a project; in this session we will explore the same phenomenon within the VR profession as a mechanism for innovation and collaboration. This session will celebrate the opportunities created by scope drift and focus on a few successful instances drawn from VR professionals in ARLIS/NA and VRA. In doing so, the session will encourage VR professionals to think proactively about avenues for contribution beyond the traditional scope of their positions while prompting non-VR attendees to reconsider the roles of their VR peers and think more openly about natural sites for collaboration. Examples of scope drift in VR include new and challenging media formats, participation in open access initiatives, teaching, repository development and management, alternative formats for print-disabilities, data management, and specialized labs dealing with things like GIS and 3D printing, scanning, and design. The joint conference is the ideal environment in which to call attention to the changing reality of the VR profession and to call attention to especially successful changes and collaborations that have been driven by scope drift. In this era of "hack your library school" specialization and interdisciplinary collaboration, scope drift can be regarded as a propulsive force by which to carve out niche roles and do meaningful work. Endorsed by Education Committee (VRA) and the Visual Resources Division (ARLIS/NA).

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