



## **NDSA Digital Preservation 2026 Tentative Schedule**

### **Conference Theme: Striking a Balance: Optimizing Labor for Sustainability and Resilience**

As digital preservation professionals, we are accustomed to juggling diverse tasks and balancing multiple priorities. However, recent technological and political developments have impacted our perspectives on labor and how we can best allocate resources and effort. For the 2026 NDSA Digital Preservation conference, we invite proposals that explore the ways that we approach, manage, and perform labor from multiple angles. Which tasks can we assign to software applications, and which still require human intervention? How can we leverage the potential benefits of AI tools while protecting the security and integrity of our collections and digital assets from unauthorized exploitation? Our current reality of budget cuts and hiring freezes is coupled with ever-expanding digital collections. With this reality, what are the practical limits of our capacity and potential, and how do we line those up with our visions and ideals? How can we advocate differently to secure resources that can support a resilient preservation infrastructure in the midst of humanitarian and environmental crises? How can effective programs be established in the midst of constant change? Once established, what steps can be taken to stabilize a digital preservation program and ensure its continuance? What opportunities exist for community engagement that might help navigate these emerging challenges? What opportunities can we create? What self-care strategies can digital preservation practitioners adopt to manage the demands of productivity and the stress of an ever-changing environment?

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This document contains information on all conference presentations and lightning talks, including their title, presenter(s), affiliation(s), and abstract. All times presented are Eastern Daylight Time and presentations within a given session block are arranged in alphabetical order by title.

### Day 1 Schedule - Wednesday, November 4th

| Time (Eastern Daylight Time) | Session                                                     |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11:00 am - Noon              | <a href="#">Keynote</a>                                     |
| Noon - 1:00 pm               | Lunch + <a href="#">Sponsor Presentation</a>                |
| 1:00 - 1:15 pm               | Break                                                       |
| 1:15 - 2:15 pm               | <a href="#">Track 1A: Program Building</a>                  |
|                              | <a href="#">Track 1B: AI at Human Scale</a>                 |
| 2:15 - 2:30 pm               | Break                                                       |
| 2:30 - 3:30 pm               | <a href="#">Track 2A: Lightning Talks</a>                   |
| 3:30 - 3:45 pm               | Break                                                       |
| 3:45 - 4:45 pm               | <a href="#">Track 3A: Organizational Lifecycles</a>         |
|                              | <a href="#">Track 3B: Scalability and Limited Resources</a> |
| 4:45 - 5:00 pm               | Closing Announcements                                       |

## Day 2 Schedule - Thursday, November 5th

| Time (Eastern Daylight Time) | Session                                                                            |
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| 11:00 am - Noon              | <a href="#">State of the NDSA / Membership Forum</a>                               |
| Noon - 1:00 pm               | Lunch + <a href="#">Birds-of-a-Feather Sessions</a>                                |
| 1:00 - 1:15 pm               | Break                                                                              |
| 1:15 - 2:15 pm               | <a href="#">Track 4A: Shared Infrastructure and Collaboration</a>                  |
|                              | <a href="#">Track 4B: Labor and Capacity</a>                                       |
| 2:15 - 2:30 pm               | Break                                                                              |
| 2:30 - 3:30 pm               | <a href="#">Track 5A: Sustainability</a>                                           |
|                              | <a href="#">Track 5B: AI in the Workflows</a>                                      |
| 3:30 - 3:45 pm               | Break                                                                              |
| 3:45 - 4:45 pm               | <a href="#">Outputs Reporting: Staffing Survey and Web Archiving Survey Groups</a> |
| 4:45 - 5:00 pm               | Closing Announcements                                                              |

## Day 1 - Wednesday, November 4

### [11:00 am - Noon]

#### **Keynote Address**

*Sharon McMeekin, Preserve Together*

### [Noon - 1:00 pm]

**Lunch Presentation with sponsor, Preservicea**

### [1:15 pm - 2:15 pm]

#### Track 1A: Program Building

##### **(1A1) One Bite at a Time: Eating the Digital Preservation Elephant**

*Marcella Lees  
Art Institute of Chicago*

##### **(1A2) Moving Beyond Metrics: Using Conversation and Community to Advance Digital Preservation Work**

*Alyssa Davis, Sarah Mainville, Leila Sherbini  
Michigan State University*

#### Track 1B: AI at Human Scale

##### **(1B1) From Fear to Fluency: Helping Digitization Staff Embrace AI Without Losing the Work They Love**

*Irina Schmid  
The American University in Cairo*

##### **(1B2) Striking a Balance in Accessibility: Using AI to Meet WCAG 2.2 AA at Scale**

*Megan Lohnash, Guadalupe Martinez, Christopher Winters  
California Revealed*

**[2:30 pm - 3:30 pm]**

**Track 2A: Lightning Talks**

**(2A1) Digital Preservation Triage: Utilizing Risk Statements**

*Katie Santa Ana  
United States Holocaust Memorial*

**(2A2) Working on a WARC's Workflow**

*Hilary Wang  
Brown University, John Hay Library*

**(2A3) Surveying ETD Submission File Format Requirements at R1 Universities**

*Grayson Murphy  
University of Alabama at Birmingham*

**(2A5) Social Media: Who Owns a Memory? The Future of Digital Preservation**

*Saja Noor, William Neumaier, Chelsea Rook, Hannah Winkles, Elisa Torres  
Wayne State University*

**(2A6) Extending Content Authenticity and Provenance Metadata: A Generalized Approach for Digital Preservation**

*David Cirella  
Yale University Library*

**(2A7) Reporting Is Infrastructure: Lessons from a Large-Scale Digital Preservation Migration**

*Grete Graf  
Yale University*

**(2A8) Six to Forty to Fourteen: Student Assistant Management in Texas Tech's Digital Scholarship Lab**

*Matthew McEniry, Joy Perrin, Shelley Barba  
Texas Tech University*

**[3:45 pm - 4:45 pm]**

**Track 3A: Organizational Lifecycles**

**(3A1) Digital Preservation in the Time of Vendor Solutions: Perspectives on Navigating Library-Vendor Relationships**

*Alisha Baginski*  
*University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

**(3A2) Sunsetting as Stewardship: A Framework for Closing with Care**

*Chelle Sanders*  
*Software Preservation Network*

**(3A3) Preserving the Publisher: Stabilizing Governance for an Electronic Literature Journal**

*Alex Kinnaman, Soham Patel*  
*Virginia Tech*

**Track 3B: Scalability and Limited Resources**

**(3B1) The Middlebury Model: A Scalable Digital Collections Strategy for Small Teams**

*Patrick R. Wallace, Kaitlin Buerge*  
*Hamilton College*

**(3B2) A Digital Preservation Toolkit for Organizations with Limited Resources**

*Martha Anderson*  
*University of Arkansas*

*Chelsea Denault*  
*Michigan Digital Preservation Network*

*John Dewees*  
*University of Rochester*

## Day 2 - Thursday, November 5

### [11:00 am - Noon]

#### State of the NDSA / Membership Forum

*Stacey Jones (Membership Working Group Co-Chair), University of Arizona*

*Matthew McEniry (Levels of Digital Preservation Steering Group Co-Chair), Texas Tech University*

### [Noon - 1:00 pm]

#### Birds-of-a-Feather Lunch

### [1:15 pm - 2:15 pm]

#### Track 4A: Shared Infrastructure and Collaboration

##### **(4A1) From Single-Tiered to Multiple-Tiered Storage: Redesigning the Amata Digital Preservation System for Chulalongkorn University**

*Siriporn Khamayard, Pimnapa Amaritworachai, Cherdwong Hongsrichinda  
Chulalongkorn University*

##### **(4A2) A Model for a Collaborative and Accessible Digital Preservation Network**

*Chelsea Denault  
Michigan Digital Preservation Network*

#### Track 4B: Labor and Capacity

##### **(4B1) The New Kid on the Block: Building a Foundation for Successful Collaboration and Preventing Burnout in a New Digital Archivist/Digital Preservation Librarian Position**

*Evan N. Miller  
Indiana University Indianapolis*

**(4B2) Making Digital Preservation Work Visible: Using Labour Market Evidence to Support Sustainable Workforce Development**

*Dorothy Waugh, Amy Currie  
Digital Preservation Coalition*

**(4B3) Where Will the Work Make a Difference? Navigating Capacity and Constraint in Digital Preservation**

*Stacey Jones  
University of Arizona*

**[2:30 pm - 3:30 pm]**

**Track 5A: Sustainability**

**(5A1) Many to One (and Back Again): Our Adventures Designing a Digital AV Archival Workflow**

*Lindsey Memory, Karen Glenn, Miyamoto Jensen, Abby Beazer, Michael Gates  
Brigham Young University*

**(5A2) You Can't Always Get What You Want: Rethinking Digital Preservation Approaches Under Resource Constraints**

*Sarah Dorpinghaus, Douglas A. Boyd, PhD, Andrew McDonnell  
University of Kentucky*

**Track 5B: AI in the Workflows**

**(5B1) AI Transcription in Practice: What Works for Archival Media?**

*Yongli Zhou  
Colorado State University*

**(5B2) Bridging the IT Gap: AI as a Troubleshooting Partner in Solo Digital Preservation Workflows**

*Palash Bosgang  
Bard College*

**(5B3) GCU's Digital Preservation Metadata Generator: Designing Sustainable Metadata Workflows**

*Nicky Stewart*

*Glasgow Caledonian University*

**[3:45 pm - 4:45 pm]**

**Outputs Reporting: Staffing Survey and Web Archiving Survey Groups**

*Rachel Appel (Staffing Survey Working Group Co-Chair), University of Pennsylvania*

*Hannah Wang (Staffing Survey Working Group Co-Chair), U.S. National Archives and Records Administration*

*Elena Colon-Marrero (Web Archiving Survey Working Group Co-Chair), University of Michigan*

*Melissa Wertheimer (Web Archiving Survey Working Group Co-Chair), Library of Congress*