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Survey: Use of Web Archives in Research



Dear Participant,

You have been invited to take part in a research study to learn more about the uses of web archives in scholarly research. This study will be conducted by Mary Bakija, Pratt Institute School of Information/New York Art Resources Consortium (NYARC) Web Archiving Fellow. If you agree to be in this study, you will be asked to do the following:

- Complete a brief questionnaire about your background.
- Answer questions about your awareness, comfort level, and use or lack of use of web archives in research.

Participation in this study will involve 10-15 minutes to complete the questionnaire. There are no known risks associated with your participation in this research beyond those of everyday life. Although you will receive no direct benefits, this research may help the investigator understand the current and/or potential uses of web archives in research.

Public reports of this data will not be directly lined to individual identities. The information generated by this study can only be used in future works in its aggregated form without any identifiable information.

Participation in this study is voluntary. You may refuse to participate or withdraw at any time without penalty. For interviews, questionnaires, or surveys, you have the right to skip or not answer any questions you prefer not to answer. If there is anything about the study or your participation that is unclear or that you do not understand, if you have questions or wish to report a research-related problem, you may contact Mary Bakija at mbakija@pratt.edu. For questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact Dr. Allison Druin, adruin@pratt.edu, 718-687-5543, and refer to IRB number #1222019-AD-MB.



What is your field of research?

Multiple choice



Art history



Art market



Computer science



- Digital humanities ×
- Local history ×
- Library and information science ×
- Media / web history ×
- Museum studies ×
- Other... ×
- Add option

  | Required 

What best describes your current role / position?

- Professor
- Librarian / Archivist
- PhD student
- Masters student
- Undergraduate student
- Independent researcher
- Other...

What is your age range?

- 18-29

- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60-69
- 70+

Web archives are collections of web content that preserve information for use by researchers and the public; a popular example of a web archive is the Internet Archive's Wayback Machine. How familiar are you with web archives?

1 2 3 4 5

Completely unfamiliar Very familiar

Are you aware that web archives, like those collected by the New York Art Resources Consortium (NYARC) [<http://nyarc.org/webarchive>], are available as a source to researchers?

1 2 3 4 5

Completely unaware Very aware

How comfortable are you with gathering research data from web archives?

1 2 3 4 5

Not comfortable at all Very comfortable

Have you used web archives in your research?



Have you used web archives in your research?

- No
- Yes

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If you have not used web archives in your

Description (optional)

If you have not used web archives in your research, what are some reasons? Choose as many as apply.

- I'm not aware of web archive collections to use in my research.
- I know web archives exist, but I haven't thought about using them in my research.
- The content is not relevant to my research.
- Too much technical expertise is needed.
- The process seems too time consuming.
- The information is from too recent in history.
- The scope of collections is too narrow.
- The amount of information is too vast.
- Collections are incomplete or otherwise unreliable.
- Such research is not valued for tenure/promotion.

Other...

If you have not used web archives in your research, and would like to expand on the reasons why, please do so:

Long answer text

What are some reasons you might use web archives in your research? Choose as many as apply.

Web archive collections content is relevant to my research.

Web archives as a subject matter is relevant to my research.

Such research is valued for tenure/promotion.

Other...

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If you have used web archives in your

Description (optional)

If you have used web archives in your research, what archives did you view/consult? Name any/all that apply:

Long answer text

If you have used web archives in your research, please explain the ways in which you've worked with them:

Long answer text

What are some reasons you have used web archives in your research? Choose as many as apply.

- Web archive collections content is relevant to my research.
- Web archives as a subject matter is relevant to my research.
- Such research is valued for tenure/promotion.
- Other...

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Do you find value in using web archives for research?

	1	2	3	4	5	
No value	<input type="radio"/>	Very valuable				

If you find web archives valuable for research, what are some reasons why?



Long answer text



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If you do not find web archives valuable for research, what are some reasons why?

Long answer text

What do think are some potential uses of web archives (beyond what you may have already used them for)?

Long answer text

What factors might increase your use of web archives in your research?

- Built-in tools (analytical, visualization, extraction, etc.)
- More information about available collections
- Workshops / training
- Other...

If you are willing to answer potential follow-up questions, please include your email address here:

Short answer text
