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Oral History Collections at James Madison University: Defining Digital Workflows

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Digital Archives in the Commonwealth Summit
November 30, 2018



Oral Histories

47 collections

500+ interviews

500+ hours recorded content

Alumni & Field recordings

Harrisonburg & Rockingham County

Shenandoah National Park



Digital Collections

- 3 FTE, 1 PTE
- Graduate Assistant
- Student Employees

Special Collections

- 2 FTE, 1 PTE
- Graduate Assistant
- Student Employees

all staff < 5 years in role

**future = collaboration &
communication**



Workflows

Build on what is there

Connect the dots when possible

Aspirational institutions

Learn from mistakes



Challenges

Systems & user access

Staffing & competencies

Technology & tools

Copyright & permissions



Moving Forward

- Iterative process
- Integrated digital preservation
- Apply workflows to premier library collections



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