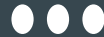


# Communities in Collaboration

Building the

**Empire Archival Discovery Cooperative**



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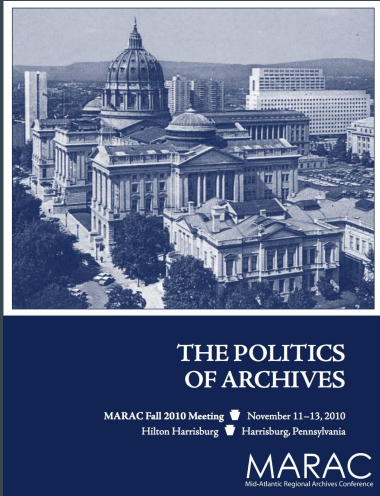
# Empire ADC is...

A program that seeks to enhance access to and discovery of New York State finding aids through a **shared technical framework** and **community of practice**.

# Agenda

- Describe EmpireADC project development, technical framework, and community of practice
- Discuss challenges and opportunities encountered through the project lifecycle

# Project Timeline



2010 MARAC NY Caucus Meeting

2011-12 Survey and Report

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2013-14 Proof of Concept (Alpha Phase)

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2015-16 IMLS Sparks! (Beta Prototype)

2015-16 Developing Harvester/EADitor



# EADitor for EmpireADC

## Technical Framework

### Ingest [XForms]

- Enter DACS-compliant finding aids directly
- Harvester ingests pre-existing finding aids

### Database [eXist-db]

- Functions as an index and repository of finding aids

### Access [XLST, Solr XML, HTML5]

- Offers a display platform for finding aids
- Finding aids are harvestable by other repositories

# Community of Practice

Led by an advisory group of archivists from  
across the state

## Opportunities:

- Training to small-to-medium archives
- Best practices for finding aids
- Distributed financial burden
- Users able to search across NY institutions

# IMLS Sparks! Grant

Funding supports software development  
and training program

## Opportunities:

- Enhance EADitor tool for use in a consortial environment
- Create training materials relating to DACS and EADitor—to be implemented statewide
- Beta prototype launch: May 2016

# Harvester/EADitor Framework

Allows for ingest of pre-existing EAD finding aids into EADitor display framework

## Opportunities:

- Promote collaboration through a hub-and-spoke model
- Aggregated finding aids are ripe for harvest by SNAC and other projects
- *Prototype: still in progress*



# Project Sustainability

Maintaining the project through  
future phases

## Challenges:

- Project management: ESLN offers platform for collaboration but struggle for balance
- Financial burden: ESLN committed to project, though some version of cost share is probably inevitable

# Conclusion

Distributed management shares the burden of consortial projects across stakeholders

Empire Archival Discovery Cooperative will solicit finding aids from a variety of institutions and allow for the extensibility of linked open data

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