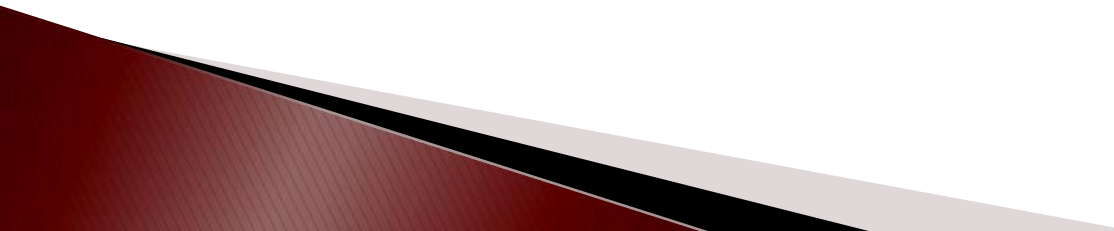# A Context for (Encoded Archival) Context: Let's Talk About CPF!

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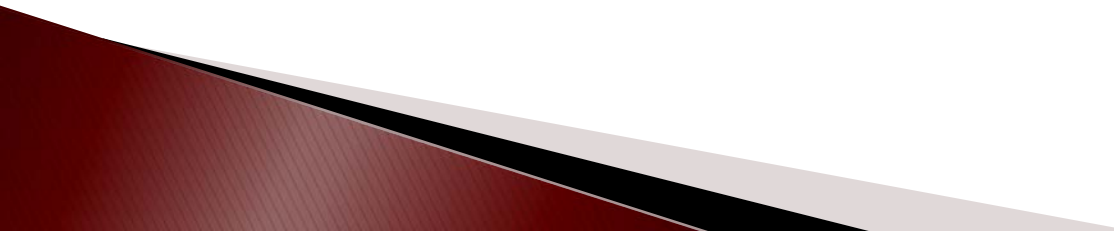
Overview

- Introductions
- Sharing stories from the field
- Discussion questions
- What next?

Is anyone creating EAC-CPF records? If so, care to share your story?
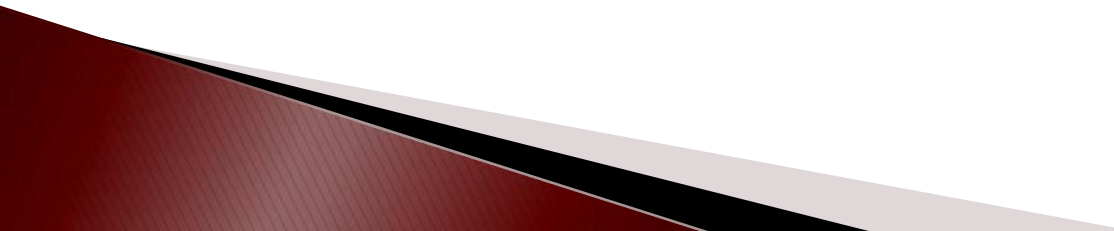
If you're not creating them, why not? (In other words, what are the barriers to implementation?)

Are you interested in creating EAC records?

If so, what can other archivists (in MARAC or otherwise) do to help you get started?

The next 4 slides contain summary points from the discussion. They were added to the slides before submitting to the MARAC repository in November 2015.

Notes from discussion (1 of 4)

- Barriers to implementation:
  - Time
  - Lack of knowing how to get started
  - With EAD3, it may become more necessary, based on cursory exploration
  - Trying out something new takes away from other work

- What can "we" (archivists) do to help each other implement?
  - Wait for someone else to do it
  - Rely on consortium for help (i.e. Virginia Heritage)
  - Time is one thing and we know what EAC-CPF good for, but there isn't a tool to build the records
  - Is part of it just waiting for a tool/archival management software that can create there records for us? Or just creating records and dumping them in a place until they can go somewhere? The former seems preferable given other constraints and barriers.

▸ Is there a benefit to creating EAC-CPF?

◦ Yes, even if it is work

‣ What can we do?

◦ Find someone who can built a system to search, retrieve, display records

◦ Leverage Virginia Heritage and other consortiums

◦ Wait for National Archival Authorities Cooperative (NAAC)

◦ Seek grant funding sources?

Want to keep talking? Let's do it!

Contact me! If there's group interest, I'll work on a virtual space, too!

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