UC Next Generation Technical Services
Unique Collections Team
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The team continues to meet twice a month via conference call; these regular meetings have helped to keep the momentum going.

<u>Activities</u>

Special Collections/Archives: The survey of Special Collections units is planned for October 5 – 16. It will be a web-based survey, and the url will be sent to the UC Heads of Special Collections, UC contributors to the OAC, and to affiliate libraries. Team members are working on compiling a list of special collections/archives units in affiliated and independent libraries. The goal is to make the survey audience as inclusive as possible.

Images: The survey of pictorial collections and image repositories is almost ready. The team discussed the first draft at the 9/15 conference call and several good suggestions for revision came up. We hope to deploy that survey later in October (after the Special Collections/Archives survey is finished). As with the Special Collections survey, a challenge is identifying units to be surveyed.

Theses & Dissertations: This was identified as an area for possible collaboration with Team 4 – specifically, the issues surrounding ETDs. Team 3 is continuing efforts to gather data (initially with the CDL Digital Preservation Program) on technical services workflows pertaining to electronic theses and dissertations.

UC Scholarship: a team member has drafted questions to gather information about workflows pertaining to UC scholarly outputs (e.g., destined for the eScholarship Repository or local campus institutional repositories). We are still in the process of identifying stakeholders beyond the Scholarly Communications Officers. Other possible groups are the Digital Library Services Task Force and the Heads of Technical Services.