

Better Together

Cataloging and Metadata Librarians, Archivists, and
New Understandings for Description and Discovery

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Overview

- Technical services organizational structure
- Shared metadata philosophy
- Training and education
- Manuscripts metadata migration
- Challenges and achievements
- Looking forward

Organizational structure

- Integrated special collections and non-special collections units
- Metadata Analysis and Design (MAD) group:
 - Archivist
 - Processing Archivist
 - Processing Specialist
 - Metadata Librarians (3)
 - Metadata Specialist
 - Metadata Librarian-turned-Manager

Metadata philosophy

- Arrangement and description
- Schema + content standard + controlled vocabulary = metadata



Training and education

- Society of American Archivists (SAA) training and webinars
 - Arrangement & Description
 - More Product, Less Process (MPLP)
 - EAD3 webinar
- ALCTS webinars
 - Future of Technical Services series
 - From MARC to BIBFRAME series

Manuscripts metadata migration

- From paper to a second-generation content management system
- Inputs:
 - MARC records
 - EADXML documents
 - Digital objects
 - Finding aids in MS Word*
 - Finding aids in paper
- Output:
 - Single, unified EADXML



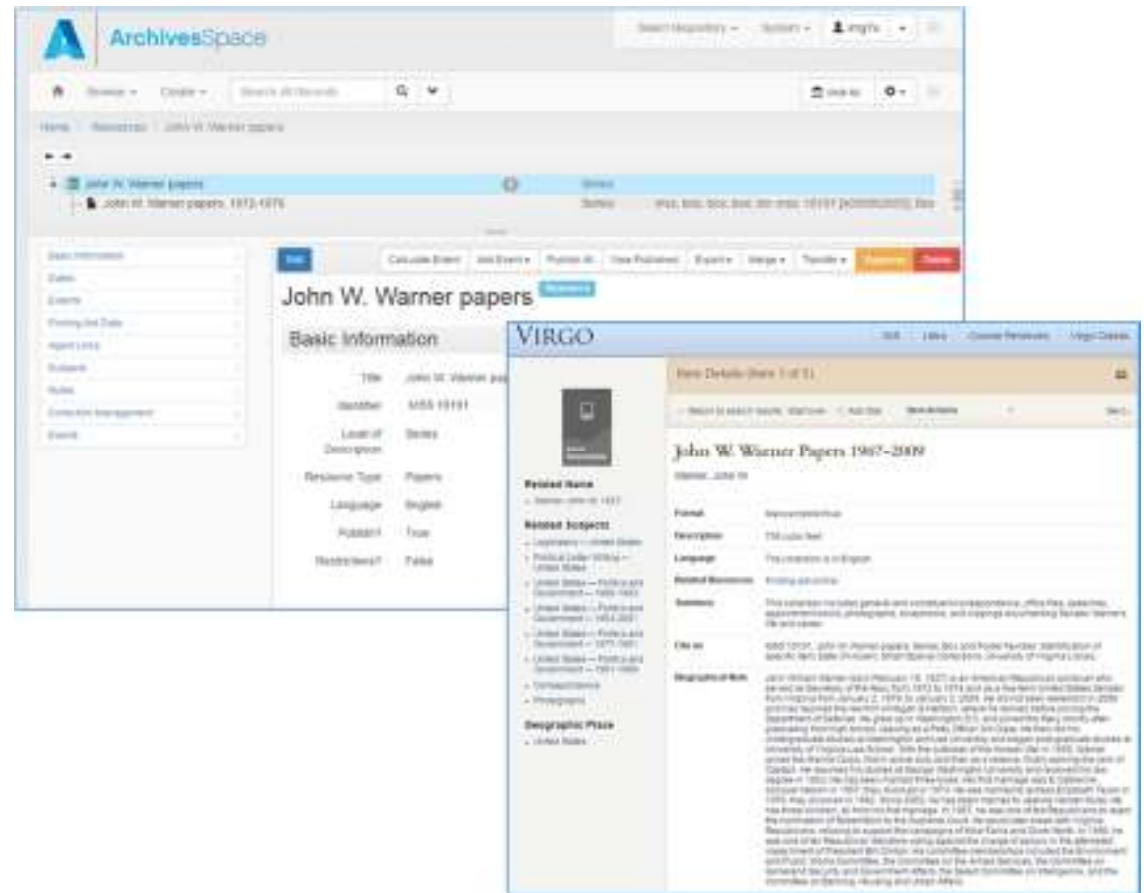
*we've built an app for that:

[Transmog](#) on Github -

<https://github.com/uvalib/transmog>

Challenges and achievements

- John Warner papers
- Before:
 - 19 MARC records
 - 841 item records
 - 2 EADXML documents
- After:
 - 1 MARC record
 - 1 EADXML document

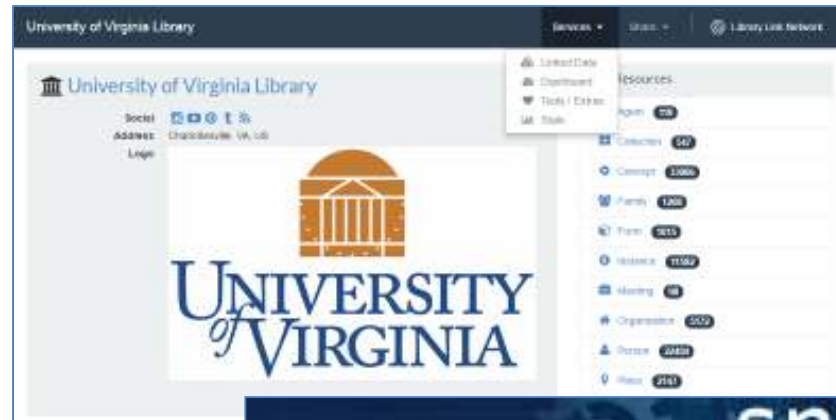


Challenges and achievements

- Challenges
 - Data encoding errors
 - MARC records as a product of their time
 - Validation failures
 - System limitations
- Achievements
 - MARC + EAD = EAD
 - (Cataloging/metadata librarian + Archivist = collection discovery)

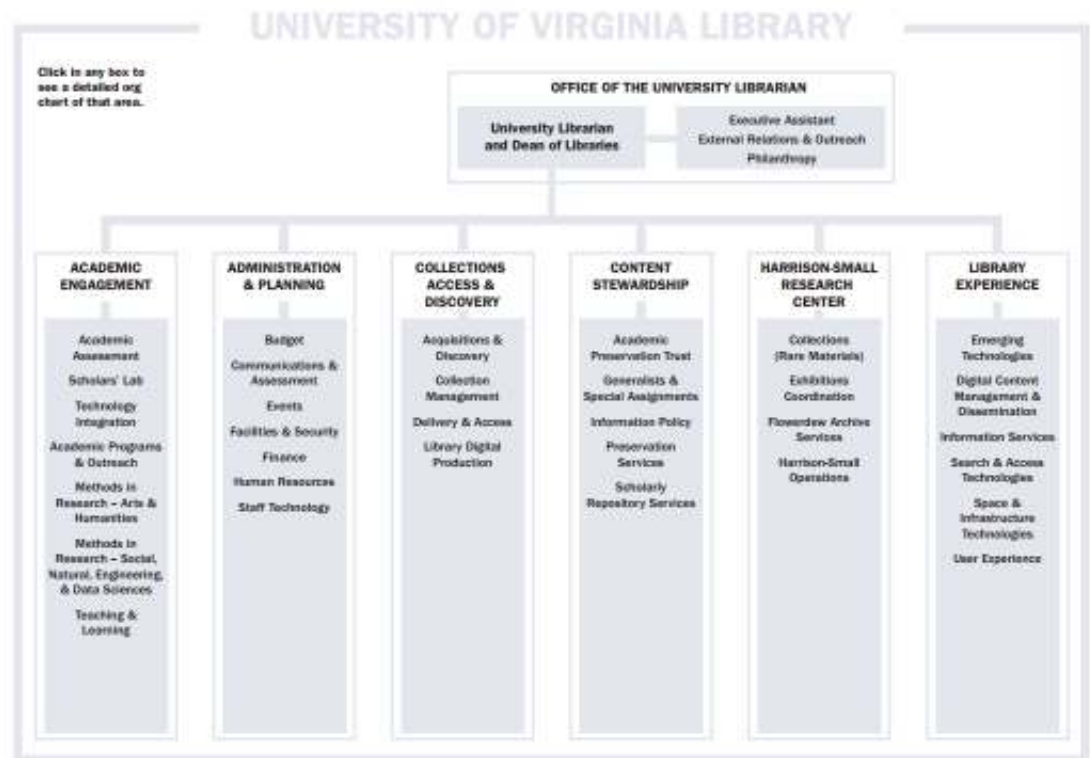
Looking forward: projects and initiatives

- Manuscripts metadata migration in production
- Web archiving
- Zepheria/Virtual Library of Virginia (VIVA)
- Social Networks in Archival Context Cooperative (SNAC-C)



Looking forward: as an organization

- New leadership
- New possibilities for organizational arrangement



Thank you

Questions or comments?

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