Like herding oral histories
a workflow for access
Recently expanded oral history collections.
Born-digital, sourced from outside of the KSU Archives.

- new acquisition procedures
- new formats
- differing rights
- differing levels of accompanying metadata
1. New workflow

same as the old workflow? (no, it’s never that easy)
Workflow elements

Already in place
- DSpace (SOAR) for access
- ArchivesSpace for finding aids
- Tracking spreadsheet
- Normalization tools
  - Handbrake
  - Adobe Acrobat

New to me
- SAFBuilder script for batch uploads to DSpace
- Metadata template
- Proprietary video format combining
- Rights tracking
Legacy Series Oral History Program

Video in large mp4 format. Transcript is Word Doc format, following in-house template.
Video in large mp4 or pieces of proprietary video camera format. Transcript is Word Doc format, following no set template or style.
Access points

**SOAR**

- Jane Tucker Interview
  Newberry, James
  Oral history interview of WWII home front worker Jane Tucker.

- James Russell Interview
  Newberry, James
  Oral history interview of WWII veteran James Russell.

- James Pack Interview
  Newberry, James
  Oral history interview of WWII veteran James Pack.

- Hilard Pounçy Interview
  Newberry, James
  Oral history interview of WWII veteran Hilard Pounçy.

- Hershel Greenblat Interview
  Newberry, James
  Oral history interview with Holocaust survivor Hershel Greenblat.

**ArchivesSpace**

- **Legacy Series Oral History Program**
  - **Collection** Identifier: ksu-14-05-03-001
    Created by the Museum of History and Holocaust Education (MHHE) in 2013, the Legacy Series is an oral history program that uses filmed interviews to preserve the experiences of Holocaust survivors, World War II veterans, and home front workers living in Georgia. The films are used in museum programming, exhibitions, in-school presentations, and K-12 curriculum.
    - **Dates**: 2013
    - **Extent**: 146 digital file
    - **Related Names**: Kennesaw State University, Museum of Education
    - **Language**: English

- **Holocaust Survivors**
  - **Series** Identifier: 01
    - **Andre Kessler Interview, 2013-11-14**
      - **Dates**: 2013-11-14
      - **Extent**: 2 digital file
      - **Related Names**: Kessler, Andre
    - **David Jacoby Interview, 2017-03-31**
      - **Dates**: 2013-11-14
      - **Extent**: 2 digital file
      - **Related Names**: Newberry, James

**Vimeo**

- **KSU MHHE**
  - **475 Videos | 217,000 views | 0 likes**
  - The Heritage Museum and Holocaust Education at Kennesaw State University opened in 2003 with a mission to present public events, exhibits, and educational resources.
2. Lessons learned

pain points --> growth
Lessons learned

- Manage expectations
- Keep end user in mind
- Acquire and upload in batches of 3 or more
  - Easier to work with multiple items
  - Easier to keep track of
- Templates are your friends
  - Metadata spreadsheet
  - Transcript (Word doc)
- Best practices guidelines
  - Metadata instruction session
  - Metadata worksheet (w/ examples)
The future in progress
Lots still to do

- Will be hosting oral history videos (w/o transcripts) from two community partner organizations
- Link everything at item level
  - Add Vimeo clips link to each Legacy Series item
- User study -- from MHHE K-12 education groups already using the Legacy Series
- Build new automation tools
  - Tracking database
  - DSpace to ArchivesSpace data copying script
  - SAFBuilder GUI
Thanks!

Any questions?

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