

Like herding oral
histories

a workflow for access

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Background



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

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New workflow

same as the old workflow?
(no, it's never that easy)

Workflow elements

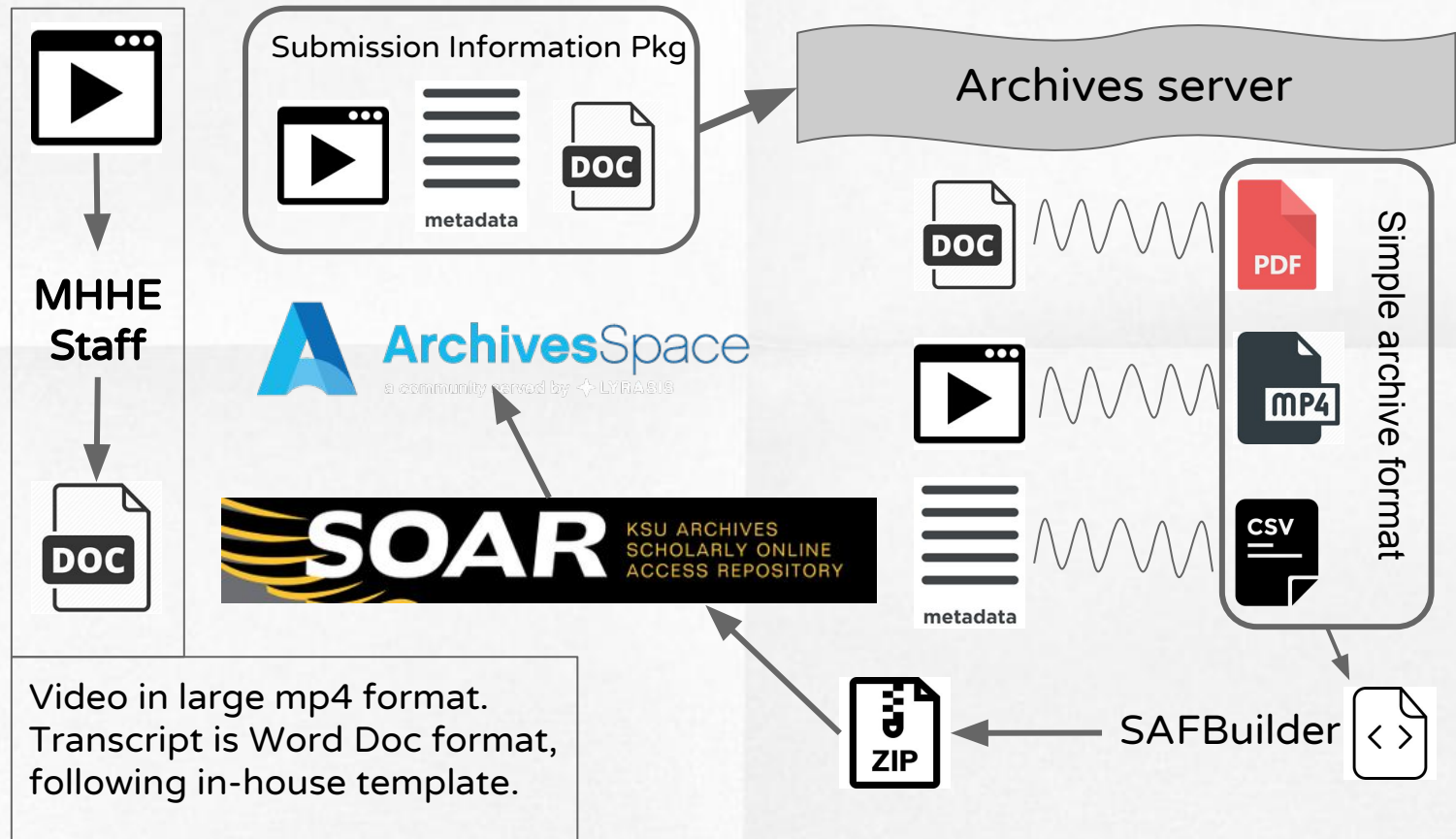
Already in place

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

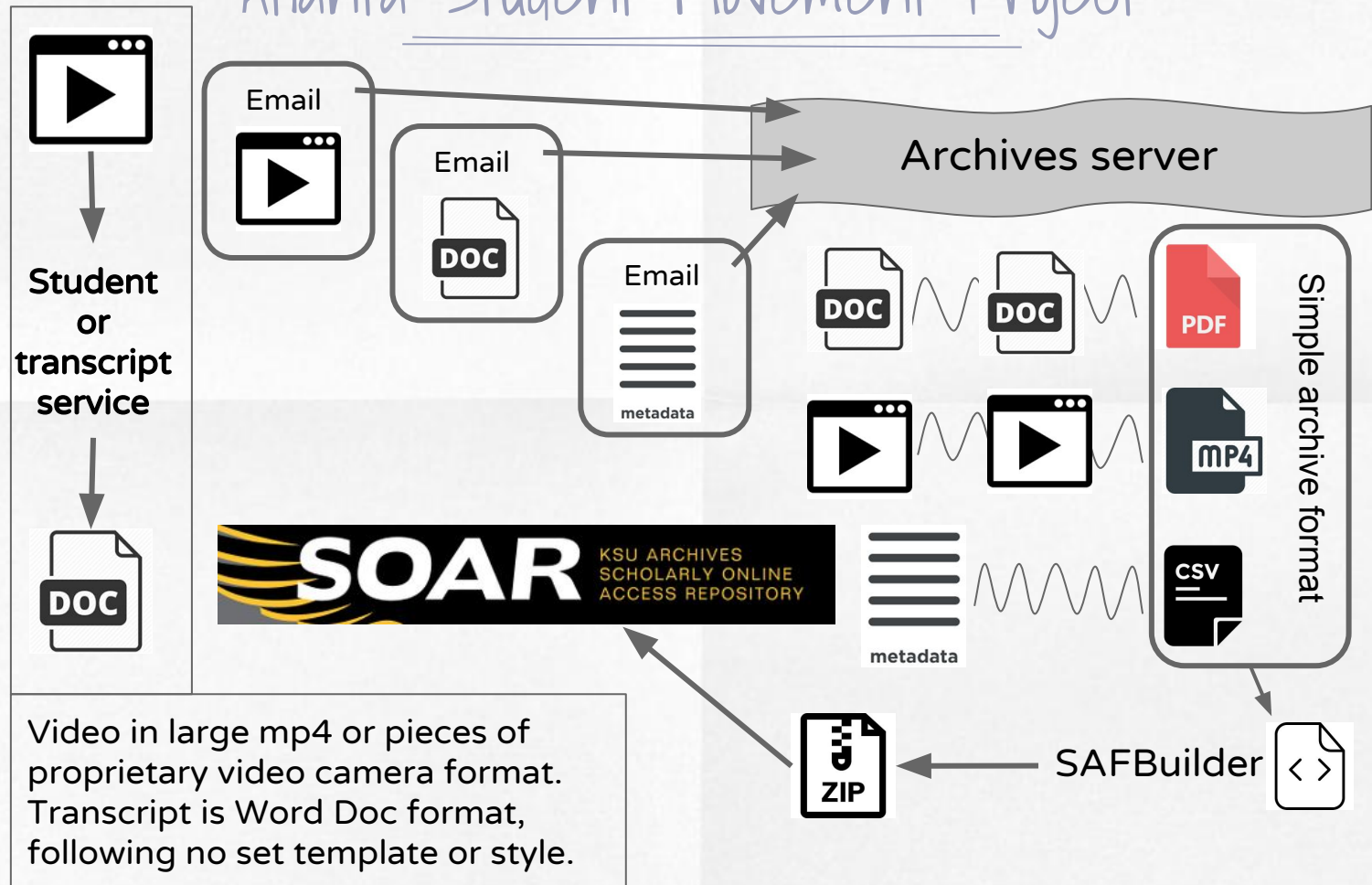
New to me

- ▣ SAFBuilder script for batch uploads to DSpace
- ▣ Metadata template
- ▣ Proprietary video format combining
- ▣ Rights tracking

Legacy Series Oral History Program



Atlanta Student Movement Project



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 Pack Interview

Newberry, James
Oral history interview of WWII veteran



Hillard Pouncy Interview

Newberry, James
Oral history interview of WWII veteran



Hershel Greenblat Interview

Newberry, James
Oral history interview with Holocaust survivor

Collection Overview Collection Organization Container Inventory

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 History and Holocaust Education
Newberry, James
Langer, Adina
English

Language

Holocaust Survivors

Series Identifier: 01

Andre Kessler Interview, 2013-11-14

Item Identifier: 001
Dates 2013-11-14
Extent 2 digital file
Related Names Kessler, Andre
Newberry, James
Wolfe, Ryan C.

David Jacobi Interview, 2017-03-31

ArchivesSpace

Vimeo

KSU MHHE

679 Videos | 2 Followers | 0 Likes

The Museum of History and Holocaust Education at Kennesaw State University opened in 2003 with a mission to present public events, exhibits, and educational resources... [Read more](#)



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IMMIGRANT STORIES | Museum of History and Holocaust Education
Schneider I Didn't Tell
KSU MHHE



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IMMIGRANT STORIES | Museum of History and Holocaust Education
Friedman Survivor Community .mp4
KSU MHHE | 1 plays



NORBERT FRIEDMAN
IMMIGRANT STORIES | Museum of History and Holocaust Education



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)

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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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