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Visual Resources Association
25th Annual Conference

March 27-31, 2007
InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza
Kansas City, Missouri

Welcome to the 25th Annual Visual Resources “Silver Jubilee” Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. Situated at the junction of the Missouri and Kansas Rivers, Kansas City is known as the “City of Fountains” and is said to have more fountains than any other city in the world except Rome. Moreover, the city’s tap water was recently rated the cleanest among the 50 largest cities in the United States. Kansas City is also known for its jazz, barbecue, and cultural richness. The city offers a flourishing arts scene thanks in part to the municipal One Percent for Art program. For those interested in more commercial pleasures, the conference hotel is a short walk to the many restaurants, shops, and attractions of Country Club Plaza.

Our silver anniversary theme will be reflected in the conference’s exciting programming, events and receptions. VRA*25 will provide an excellent opportunity to learn new things about our profession through a wide variety of workshops, sessions, seminars, and user group meetings. Share experiences with enthusiastic and knowledgeable VRA members, renew friendships and meet new colleagues. And of course, don’t forget our special events, including the Silver Jubilee Members’ Reception and Dinner, the ever-popular Tansey Educational Fundraising Dinner (where you can party like it’s 1982), and the always entertaining VRAffle, emceed by Patti McRae with the able assistance of the Raffle-Rousers and Allan Kohl.

I would like to thank our session, workshop and seminar leaders and panelists, who help make this conference informative and educational. And many thanks to our sponsors and exhibitors, whose presence is an important part of the conference experience. Thanks also to the Midwest Chapter members who assisted with conference arrangements, especially Leigh Gates and Noriko Ebersole. Finally, I want to thank our Silver Jubilee Committee, under the leadership of co-chairs Megan Battey and Marcia Focht, for all their hard work in making this conference a memorable celebration of all things VRA.

Macie Hall, President, Visual Resource Association
On behalf of the VRA Executive Board
Program At-a-Glance  
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Monday, March 26, 2007
8:00 am – 6:00 pm  Meeting: Executive Board Meeting #1 – Conference Suite 341
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm  Registration – Pavilion Five

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12:30 pm – 2:00 pm  Ask the Experts: Digital Imaging Best Practices (by pre-registration only)
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5:30 pm – 7:00 pm  Meeting: Summer Educational Institute (SEI) Reunion - Oak Lounge

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

7:30 am – 9:00 am  First Time Attendees’ and New Members’ Breakfast - Rooftop Bar

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12:30 pm – 2:00 pm  Meeting: Financial Advisory Committee - Conference Suite 441

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12:30 pm – 2:00 pm  Ask the Experts: Bridging the Gap Between Analog and Digital
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2:00 pm – 3:30 pm  Mini-Workshop I: CCO and VRA Core 4.0 - Salon II
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4:00 pm – 5:30 pm  Special User’s Group III: ARTstor Special User’s Group Meeting - Salon II
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm  Event: The VRA Members’ Reception and Keynote Address - Salons IA and IB

Thursday, March 29, 2007

8:00 am – 6:00 pm  Registration Desk – Pavilion Five
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10:30 am – 5:00 pm  VRAffle - Pavilion Six
11:00 am – 12:30 pm  Session 6: “Is Anyone Using?”: A Cavalcade of Interoperability Strategies - Salon II
11:00 am – 12:30 pm  Seminar 3: What is a Work? - Salon III
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm  Meeting: Summer Educational Institute (SEI) Implementation - Pavilion Three
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1:00 pm – 4:30 pm  Tour: A Masterpiece Day – Depart from Ballroom Level
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm  Session 7: Color Management from A to Z - Salon II
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Friday, March 30, 2007

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7:30 am – 9:00 am  Meeting: Luna User’s Group - Pavilion Three
7:30 am – 9:00 am  Meeting: Intellectual Property Committee - Oak Room
8:00 am – 2:00 pm  Registration Desk - Pavilion Five
8:00 am – 4:00 pm  VRAffle - Ballroom Prefunction
9:00 am – 10:30 am  Session 9: Image Indexing: Current and Emerging Research of Access to Visual Materials - Salon IA
9:00 am – 10:30 am  Session 10: Two Partially Buried Sinks: Cataloging Contemporary Art - Salon IB
11:00 am – 6:00 pm  The Exhibit Hall - Ballroom Prefunction
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There I was on my morning walk in the mountains when my prayer was answered. One single rose basking in the first morning’s light— one would think— fighting for it’s share of sunlight amongst the giants. It fought with grace, beauty.

Yes, there is a good reason to keep taking my own camera on morning walks. Inspiration strikes twice. I know exactly how to find that image.

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We are so very grateful for the hard work and dedication of the many people who have taken the time to pour their energies into making this conference happen. First and foremost, we would like to thank the Silver Jubilee Committee, led by co-chairs Megan Battey and Marcia Focht, and all the members of the committee who have come up with the original and entertaining ways we will celebrate this special anniversary. Twenty-five years is a significant milestone in our history. It is with the very generous donations from Scholar’s Resource of their graphic designer’s time to design the wonderful conference logo, and their willingness to underwrite the two commemorative brochures, that will all have some beautiful remembrances to take us into the next quarter century. Martine Sherrill, the VRA Archivist, also deserves a big hand of applause for her work in scouring the archives to find just the right materials to illuminate and display our proud history. We would also like to thank the lone representative of the Local Planning Committee, Noriko Ebersole from the Nelson-Atkins Museum. Noriko has done the job of many, helping with the tours, getting the brochures together and keeping us informed on all the events in Kansas City. We are very grateful to Leigh Gates of the Art Institute of Chicago for scheduling the registration desk volunteers and to members of the Midwest Chapter for their generous help with preparing registration materials and volunteering to help staff the registration desk. This gratitude extends to everyone else who has so kindly volunteered for various duties during the run of the conference. As always, we need to acknowledge the incredible efforts of VRAffle Empress Patti McRae, her consort, VRA President-Elect Allan Kohl and the talented group of VRAffle Rousers, who will not only entertain us and help enrich the coffers of the Tansey Fund with the VRAffle but will also put on a VRAvue in honor of our anniversary. Last but not least, we want to thank the planners of the Tansey Dinner Fundraising Event, especially Jackie Spafford, for the hard work and persistence necessary in getting all the details together for a true Kansas City dining experience.

We are also extremely grateful to the members of the Executive Board, who have provided us with support, guidance, and assistance throughout the conference planning process. We especially thank VRA Secretary Linda Reynolds and VRA Treasurer Ann Woodward for the extraordinary job they have done as conference co-registrars. Hearty thanks also goes to VRA Public Relations and Communications Officer Lise Hawkos, who has served us as Editor of Conference Publications.

Finally, this thank you would not be complete without acknowledging the efforts of Development Committee Co-Chairs Jane Darcovich and Heidi Raatz, as well as the other members of the Development Committee who deserve to be congratulated for another year of excellent conference support. Their success is a tribute to the dedicated involvement of our commercial colleagues and friends, whose contributions benefit our conference, and whose products and services are an integral part of our day-to-day professional lives. Many of them will be exhibiting this year and we encourage you to take the time to visit them on Friday in the VRA Commons.

Betha Whitlow
Vice President for Conference Program

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To all, the VRA extends its warmest thanks and deepest appreciation.

Jane Darcovich
Co-Chair, VRA Development Committee
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Special Thanks
Preliminaries
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Hotel
InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza

Known for contemporary elegance, the InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza offers exceptional service, luxurious guest rooms, and superb meeting facilities, all just steps away from the Country Club Plaza entertainment district. The Plaza is an outdoor museum of romantic Spanish architecture and European art, boasting more than 180 stores and distinctive boutiques and an eclectic mix of over two dozen restaurants.

Kansas City has a reputation for sumptuous, mouth-watering food, and plenty of it. The hotel features the beautifully appointed restaurant, The Oak Room, which overlooks the fabulous Country Club Plaza and upholds Midwestern tradition in grand style. The Oak Bar, located in the lobby level of the hotel features more than 300 martinis, a sushi bar and nightly performances by some of Kansas City’s finest jazz musicians.
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Special Events
All tours and workshops have limited enrollment, as do several special events, and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have successfully pre-registered for one or more of these events, the appropriate tickets will be in the registration packet you receive at the conference. When registration for a particular event is filled, a wait list will be maintained. When possible we will take on-site registration for events that have not been entirely filled. You can check at the Registration Desk for information on events that are still open.

If you pre-register and pay for an event and cannot be registered because it is already full, you will receive a refund. The refund check will be issued in the weeks immediately following the conference. No refunds are available for tours or special events for which you successfully register but do not or cannot attend.

Registration
The VRA Registration/Information Desk and a message board will be available in the Ballroom Prefunction located in the Foyer Ballroom. On-site registration provides you with access to all general VRA events and allows you to register for special events where space is available.

On-site Registration Fees
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Moderator: Elizabeth M. Gushee, University of Virginia  
Speakers: Benjamin R. Kessler, American Red Cross  
Marcia Focht, Binghamton University  
Virginia Kerr, Northwestern University  
Ann Baird Whiteside, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
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11:00 am – 12:30 pm  Session 2
Salon II
Melting Pot or Bouillabaisse: The Aggregation Dilemma

Organizer: Barbara Rockenbach, ARTstor
Moderator: Emerson Morgan, ARTstor
Speakers: Christine Kuan, Grove Art Online/The Dictionary of Art
          Martha Mahard, Simmons College
          MacKenzie Smith, SIMILE Project, MIT
          Dustin Wees, ARTstor

11:00 am – 12:30 pm  Session 3
Salon III
When Servers Crash: Disaster Planning in the Digital Age

Organizer: Heather Seneff, University of Washington
Moderator: Lise Hawkos, Arizona State University
Speakers: Heather Cleary, Otis College of Art and Design
          Meghan Dougherty, University of Washington
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| 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm | Ask the Experts
Digital Imaging Best Practices
Expert: Howard Brainen, Two Cat Digital |

Howard will advise on digitization best practices, strategies for large scale digitization, optimization of digital workflows, and digital copystand.

(This Experts Session was available by prior registration only, and is now closed.)
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm  Birds-of-a-Feather Network Luncheon
Oak Room
The Future of the VR Field
Rebecca A. Moss, University of Minnesota
(VP for Conference Arrangements)
Trudy Jacoby, Princeton University

The Visual Resources field has changed dramatically during the VRA’s first 25 years. What does the future look like for VR professionals? How can we manage the change as we manage our daily work? Positioning ourselves for the future is extremely important in this fast-paced world and this Lunch will provide a forum for discussion of how we can help shape that future.

(Birds-of-a-Feather Network Luncheons are by prior registration.)

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  Tour
Bus will depart from
The Best of Everything
Ballroom Level
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2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Salon III
Seminar 1
The VRA 2006 Professional Status Survey:
The planning process and preliminary data report

Organizer: Christine Hilker, University of Arkansas
Moderator: Margaret Webster, Cornell University
Speakers: Jeanne Keefe, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Margo Ballantyne, Lewis & Clark College
Andrew Gessner, The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Susan Jane Williams, Scholars Resource, Inc.
Hildegard Lindschinger, Wilfrid Laurier University

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Salon II
Workshop 1
Educating the Educators:
Teaching Faculty to Teach with Digital Images

Organizer: Jenni Rodda, New York University, Institute of Fine Arts
Instructors: Jenni Rodda, New York University, Institute of Fine Arts
Maureen Burns, University of California/Irvine
Sarah Cheverton, James Madison University
Eileen Fry, Indiana University/Bloomington
Trudy Buxton Jacoby, Princeton University

Sponsored by the VRA Education Committee
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm  Special User’s Group I
Conference Suite 141
Museum Visual Resources Special Interest Group
Organizer: Jane Ferger, Indianapolis Museum of Art

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm  Special User’s Group II
Salon III
Getty Vocabularies: Training for Contributions
Organizer/Moderator: Patricia Harpring, Getty Vocabulary Program

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5:30 pm – 6:30 pm  Ask the Experts
Professional Status
Expert: Jeanne Keefe

Have you hit the glass slide ceiling? Do you feel underutilized, underappreciated, or just plain invisible? Looking for ways to change you professional status? Let’s talk about what you can do to improve your situation and expand your options at this “Ask the Experts” session.

(This Experts Session was available by prior registration only, and is now closed.)

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm  Meeting
Oak Lounge
Summer Educational Institute (SEI) Reunion

An informal, no-host gathering; alumni, instructors, planners, sponsors, and donors are welcome!
**Wednesday, March 28**

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35mm Slide Collections: Retention Criteria, Preservation Issues, Donation Ideas

Organizer:  Heather Seneff, University of Washington
Moderator:  Eileen Fry, Indiana University
Speakers:  Meghan Dougherty, University of Washington
           Eileen Fry, Indiana University
           Jenni Rodda, New York University, Institute of Fine Arts
           Heather Seneff, University of Washington

11:00 am – 12:30 pm  Session 5
Salon II

From Fair Use to Fair Trading: Creating a Digital Image Matchmaking Commons

Organizer:  Jacquelyn Erdman, Florida Atlantic University
Moderator:  Maureen Burns, University of California-Irvine
Speakers:  Christina Updike, James Madison University
           Andreas Knab, James Madison University
           Allan Kohl, Minneapolis College of Art and Design
           Richard Urban, University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign
Sponsored by the DIAG (Digital Initiatives Advisory Group) and complementary to the session “Is Anyone Using?: A Cavalcade of Interoperability Strategies”

**12:30 pm – 2:00 pm**
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**12:30 pm – 2:00 pm**
**Meeting**
**Pavilion Two**
**Development Committee**

**12:30 pm – 2:00 pm**
**Meeting**
**Conference Suite 441**
**Financial Advisory Committee**

**12:30 pm – 2:00 pm**
**Ask the Experts**
**Bridging the Gap between Analog and Digital**
**Jenni Rodda, New York University, Institute of Fine Arts**

Wondering how to interest your constituents in new digital tools? How to handle the changes in administration that changes in technologies bring? Confused about the difference between licensed content and licensed access? Bring your questions—and your coffee—to this ‘Ask the Expert’ session.

(This Experts Session was available by prior registration only, and is now closed.)

**Wednesday, March 28**
Ask the Experts
Teaching Teachers ARTstor and MDID
Expert: Megan Battey, Middlebury College

I have conducted intensive one-on-one training sessions with faculty (art history and other disciplines) and taught group workshops as well. Adapting my training to the different learning styles of the faculty, I have enjoyed some success breaking down barriers of those who are reluctant or technology-resistant. I would be happy to share my insights and strategies with others.

(This Experts Session was available by prior registration only, and is now closed.)

Ask the Experts
Strategic Planning
Expert: Trudy Levy, Image Integration

This Experts session will help you find the missing pieces in your plan. Haven’t started one? Then let’s talk about the form and questions you need to answer.

(This Experts Session was available by prior registration only, and is now closed.)
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm  Birds-of-a-Feather Network Luncheon
Oak Room

The MDID2 System
Christina Updike, James Madison University
Heather Seneff, University of Washington, Seattle

This luncheon is for experienced MDID2 users, new adopters, and those simply interested in learning more about the system. It will give you the opportunity to discuss MDID2 with one of its creators, Christina Updike, and a veteran user and MDID2 expert, Heather Seneff. From faculty training to workflows, from early challenges to successes, this will be a great time to chat informally about this widely-used system.

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm  Birds-of-a-Feather Network Luncheon
Oak Room

Job and Career Issues
Betha Whitlow, Washington University in St. Louis
(outgoing VP for Conference Program)
Macie Hall, Johns Hopkins University (VRA President)

Are you in the middle of a job reclassification, considering a move within the VR community, looking at further training, or simply interested in hearing about colleagues experiences in the field? Current VRA President Macie Hall and VRA VP for Conference Program Betha Whitlow will lead discussion on Job and Career issues of interest to participants.

(Birds-of-a-Feather Network Luncheons are by prior reservation only)
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2:00 pm – 5:00 pm  Workshop 2
Salon III
XML, the VRA Core, and the Image Collection
Organizer: Elizabeth Gushee, University of Virginia
Instructor: Patrick Yott, Brown University

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm  Mini-Workshop I
Salon II
CCO and VRA Core 4.0
Moderators: Marcia Focht, Binghamton University
        Margaret Webster, Cornell University
(Registration for this workshop is closed.)

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm  Special User’s Group III
Salon II
ARTstor Special User’s Group Meeting
Speakers: Max Marmor, ARTstor
        Barbara Rockenbach, ARTstor
        Carole Ann Fabian, ARTstor
7:00 pm – 9:30 pm  
Salon IA and IB  
Ballroom Prefunction

Event  
The VRA Members’ Reception & Keynote Address*

VRA Member’s reception and Keynote Address is always the highlight event of our annual conference. Please join fellow conference attendees to mingle, and enjoy a cash bar, dinner, the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award, and what promises to be an illuminating talk by our keynote speaker, Eleanor Fink, the second president of VRA, now the Senior Cultural Heritage Specialist at the World Bank.

*Prior registration for this event is required
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8:00 am – 6:00 pm  Registration
Pavilion Five

8:00 am – 10:30 am  Meeting
Salon IA and IB
Buffet Breakfast and Annual Business Meeting

(Breakfast will be available beginning at 8:00 am. The Annual Business Meeting begins promptly at 8:30 am.)

The Annual Business Meeting is the official forum for conducting association business. The agenda includes the President’s State of the Association; select officers reports; brief reports from committee chairs; updates on current and future association projects and activities; the recognition of outgoing officers, committee chairs, and appointees; the induction of incoming officers, committee chairs, and appointees; the presentation of the VRA Travel Awards; a presentation on the 2008 annual conference city; and questions and announcements from the audience. All members are encouraged to attend and enjoy a continental breakfast while they catch up on Association business.
10:30 am – 5:00 pm  VRAffle
Pavilion Six

11:00 am – 12:30 pm  Session 6
Salon II

“Is Anyone Using?”: A Cavalcade of Interoperability Strategies

Organizer:  Elisa Lanzi, Smith College
Moderators:  Jolene de Verges and Elisa Lanzi, Smith College
Speakers:  Sarah Falls, University of Richmond
           Mark Pompelia, Rice University
           Brooke Cox, Depauw University
           Linda Reynolds, Williams College
           Rebecca Price, University of Michigan
           Alex Martinez, University of Denver

Sponsored by the DIAG (Digital Initiatives Advisory Group) and complimentary to the session “From Fair Use to Fair Trading: Creating a Digital Image Matchmaking Commons”
Program: Business Meeting
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VRA Annual Business Meeting
Thursday, March 29, 2007, 8:30 to 10:30 am
InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza
Kansas City, Missouri

Agenda

1. Call to Order


3. Recognition and thanks to the Kansas City Conference Team, Sponsors, and Contributors

4. State of the Association Address—Macie Hall, President

5. Treasurer’s Report—Ann Woodward, Treasurer

6. Recognition of the VRA Travel Award Recipients—Jackie Spafford, Travel Awards Committee Chair
7. VRA Leadership Recognition—Macie Hall, President
   a. Appointments: certificates to outgoing appointees, recognition of current appointees
   b. Committees: certificates to outgoing chairs, recognition of current chairs
   c. Regional Chapters: certificates to outgoing chapter chairs, recognition of current chapter chairs

8. Recognition of Outgoing Executive Board members—Macie Hall
   a. Linda Reynolds, Secretary
   b. Betha Whitlow, Vice President for Conference Program

9. Welcome to Incoming VRA Executive Board members—Macie Hall
   a. Allan Kohl, President-Elect
   b. Jolene de Verges, Secretary
   c. Vickie O’Riordan, Vice President for Conference Program

10. Appointment Report Summaries
    a. Archivist
    b. Bulletin Editor
    c. Images Newsletter Editor
    d. MARC Advisory Representative
    e. Summer Educational Institute (SEI)
    f. Special Bulletin Editor
    g. Website Coordinator
11. Committee Report Summaries
   a. Awards
   b. Cataloging Cultural Objects (CCO)
   c. Data Standards
   d. Development
   e. Digital Initiatives Advisory Group
   f. Education
   g. Financial Advisory Group
   h. Intellectual Property Rights
   i. Membership
   j. Nominating
   k. Professional Status Survey
   l. Silver Jubilee
   m. Travel Awards

12. VRA 2008 San Diego Conference Presentation, VP Vickie O’Riordan

13. New Business

14. Adjournment
VRA 25 Years
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Celebrating our Silver Jubilee where it all began!
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11:00 am – 12:30 pm  Seminar 3
Salon III  What is a Work?

Moderator: Richard Urban, University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign
Speakers: Richard Urban, University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign
Jonathan Furner, University of California, Los Angeles
Sherman Clarke, New York University
Tammy Moorse, University of Toronto-Mississauga

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm  Meeting
Pavilion Three  Summer Educational Institute (SEI) Implementation

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm  Meeting
Pavilion One  Mid-Atlantic Chapter

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm  Meeting
Pavilion Two  Education Committee
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm  
**Ask the Experts**  
**Databases**  
Expert: Susan Jane Williams, Scholars Resource

Are you pondering building a database or choosing a database product? Wondering how such a cataloging tool fits into a larger delivery system? Want to know how to wrangle data from one corral (product) to another? Have either specific questions or general questions about these issues, and the application of Core 4 and XML in everyday use? Then come sit a spell with Susan Jane Williams, Data Specialist, Scholars Resource and chaw it over. Greenhorns and Old Hands both welcome.

(This Experts Session was available by prior registration only, and is now closed.)

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm  
**Birds-of-a-Feather Luncheon**  
**Oak Room**  
**Unique Issues for Small Schools in a Big World**  
Linda Reynolds, Williams College  
(outgoing VRA Secretary)  
Allen Kohl, Minneapolis College of Art and Design  
(incoming VRA President)

Small schools face unique issues and their concerns are often overlooked as they compete for a voice in the larger community. The Lunch will provide an excellent forum to discuss issues facing smaller institutions.

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Oak Room

Birds-of-a-Feather Luncheon
Analog to Digital: Making New Media Work for You
Trudy Levy, Image Integration
Kathe Hicks Albrecht, American University

Talk with technical expert and Principal of Image Integration, Trudy Levy, about issues such as color management, image preservation and retrieval, and digital workflow. Discuss topics such as faculty training, facilitating cross-campus collaboration, and end-user issues with veteran digital practitioner Kathe Albrecht. Whether you are dealing with the basics of digital programming at your institution, running analog and digital shops simultaneously, or have successfully navigated much of the digital terrain, this Lunch will allow you to learn from others experiences and share your own.

(Birds-of-a Feather Luncheons are by prior reservation only)

1:00 pm – 4:30 pm
Bus departs from Ballroom Level

Tour
A Masterpiece Day
The Kemper Gallery of Contemporary Art and the Nelson-Atkins Art Gallery
### 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm  
**Session 7**  
**Salon II**  
**Color Management from A to Z**

**Organizer:** Tammi Moe, Virginia Commonwealth University, Qatar  
**Moderator:** Betha Whitlow, Washington University in Saint Louis  
**Speakers:** Tammi Moe, Virginia Commonwealth University Qatar  
Alexander J. Nichols, Michigan State University  
Eric Schwab, Ontario College of Art and Design  

### 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm  
**Special User’s Group 4**  
**Salon III**  
**MDID Special User’s Group**

**Organizer:** Christina Updike, James Madison University  
**Moderators:** Kevin Hegg and Andreas Knab, James Madison University  

### 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
**Meeting**  
**Pavilion Three**  
**Summer Educational Institute (SEI) Task Force**

### 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm  
**Meeting**  
**Pavilion Two**  
**Travel Awards Committee**
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4:00 pm – 5:30 pm  
Salon II

Mini-Workshop II  
CCO and VRA Core 4.0

Moderators: Marcia Focht, Binghamton University  
Margaret Webster, Cornell University

(Registration for this workshop is closed).

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm  
Salon III

Session 8  
A Burgeoning Beyond Restraint: Delivering Video, Audio, and Image Data to the Classroom

Organizers: Leslie Trumble and Joseph Labrecque, University of Denver
Speakers: Carl Johnson, Brigham Young University  
Joseph Labrecque, University of Denver  
Leslie Trumble, University of Denver  
Lorrie McAllister, The Ohio State University  
Colin McFadden, University of Minnesota  
Rebecca A. Moss, University of Minnesota

Co-Organized by Brigham Young University, University of Denver, University of Minnesota, and The Ohio State University.
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**Pavilion One**  
Presenters: Andreas Knab, Kevin Hegg, Christina Updike, James Madison University |
|              | This format provides a “drop-in” opportunity for anyone who has MDID questions to have access to the MDID System Engineers and the Visual Resources Curator to learn about the open source software, make suggestions for further development, or receive technical and/or curatorial help. |
| 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm | Meeting                                            
**Pavilion Three**  
San Diego Conference Planning Committee |
| 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm | Event                                              
**Tansey Dinner**  
The Tansey Dinner is by prior purchase only.  
First bus departs from Ballroom Level at 6:30 pm. |

This year’s Luraine Tansey Travel Award Fundraising Dinner will take place at a Kansas City institution, and will feature delicious, authentic Kansas City barbeque (Kansas City’s highest rated, according to Zagat’s Survey 2006). Jack Stack BBQ has been in business in Kansas City since 1957. We’ll be dining at their private facility, The Freight House, a historic building across from Union Station. The menu will include several types of barbeque and numerous side dishes, as well as many options for vegetarians.

The evening will also include a costume contest with the theme “Party Like It’s 1982!” – wear your best outfits from 25 years ago! Think Dallas, Dynasty, Blade Runner, early Madonna, and other 1982 fashion icons. Get out the legwarmers, shoulder pads, and hair gel, and compete for fabulous prizes! Come and support the Tansey Travel Award fund, and have a great Kansas City experience!
### Program: Friday

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**Friday, March 30, 2007**

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Session 9  
Image Indexing: Current and Emerging Research of Access to Visual Materials  
Organizer: Joan Beaudoin, Drexel University  
Speakers: Dr. Jung-ran Park, Drexel University  
Dr. Judith Klavans, University of Maryland  
Dr. Megan Winget, University of Texas  
Joan Beaudoin, Drexel University

9:00 am – 10:30 am  
Session 10  
Two Partially Buried Sinks: Cataloging Contemporary Art  
Moderator: Elisa Lanzi, Smith College Imaging Center  
Jolene de Verges, Smith College Imaging Center  
Speakers: “Building a Contemporary Art Database with VRA Core 4.0 - A Pragmatic Approach  
Geoff Laycock, AFoundation, London, England

11:00 am – 6:00 pm  
The Exhibit Hall  
Ballroom Prefunction

We are again grateful to have a wonderful group of exhibitors who are available to answer your questions in this convenient setting. Be sure to take advantage of the opportunity for face-to-face communication with those who provide us with essential products and services.
11:00 am – 12:30 pm
Session 11
Managing Student and Faculty Member Collections: Trials and Triumphs

Organizer: Lorrie McAllister, The Ohio State University
Speakers: Lorrie McAllister, The Ohio State University
Kathleen Cohen, San Jose State University
Jodie Walz, University of Minnesota
Tammie Moe, Virginia Commonwealth University, Qatar

11:00 am – 12:30 pm
Special User’s Group 5
IRIS Special User’s Group
Speaker/Moderator: Norine Duncan, Brown University

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Ask the Expert
Controlled Vocabularies
Expert: Murtha Baca, Getty Vocabulary Program

Confused about controlled vocabularies, thesauri, and authority files, and how they fit in with data structure standards like VRA Core 4.0 and CDWA Lite, and data content (cataloging) standards like “Cataloging Cultural Objects” (CCO)? Bring your questions, concerns, and examples to this “Ask the Expert” session.

(This Experts Session was available by prior registration only, and is now closed.)
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm  
Rooftop Bar  
Event  
Leadership Luncheon  
This invitation-only luncheon is a change for the VRA Leadership (including committee chairs, chapter chairs, board appointees, VRA Presidents Group, and the Executive Board) to gather and touch base regarding organization matters and interests.

2:00 pm  
Ballroom Prefunction Area  
Coffee Break  
Sponsored by the VRA Chapters

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Salon IA  
Workshop 3  
The Religions of Asia: Toward an Asian Authority  
Instructors:  Wendy Holden, Independent Consultant  
William Kennedy, Cleveland Museum of Art  
Sherrie Poirrier, Smith College

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Salon IB  
Workshop 4  
Getting Past No: Assessing Copyright Risk  
Instructors:  Carl Johnson, Brigham Young University  
Deborah Gerhardt, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill  
Allan Kohl, Minneapolis College of Art and Design  
Gretchen Wagner, ARTstor  
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6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ballroom Prefunction and Salon IA

Event
The VRAffle25! and VRAvue

The VRAffle25! is set to glitter and shine with a Jubilee glow. Benefiting the Travel Awards, ticket sales and bidding will stretch from Tuesday morning until late Friday afternoon when the drawing takes place in the Exhibits space beginning at 6:00 pm. You can’t afford to miss this one because it is a prelude to the entertaining and celebratory VRAvue. The VRAvue will sweep you through a musical history of the VRA with visuals, song and laughter courtesy of President-elect Allan Kohl and a repertory band of performers drawn from our own ranks (wink, wink). Wear something silver and come prepared to revel!

Saturday, March 31, 2007

8:00 am – 2:00 pm
Registration
Pavilion Five

9:00 am – 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Workshop 5
Image Metadata Crash Course
Salon II

Organizer: Elisa Lanzi, Smith College
Instructors: Jan Eklund, University of California, Berkeley
Elisa Lanzi, Smith College
Ann Whiteside, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
9:00 am – 10:30 am  Seminar 4  
Are We Speaking the Same Language?  
Communication Strategies for the Visual Resources Professional

Moderator: Betha Whitlow, Washington University in Saint Louis  
Speakers: Colette Lunday Brautigam, Lawrence University  
          Emy Nelson Decker, University of Georgia  
          Sheryl Frisch, California Polytechnic State University  
          Elizabeth Schaub, University of Texas-Austin  
          Jackie Spafford, University of California-Santa Barbara  
Respondent: Maureen Burns, University of California-Irvine

11:00 am – 12:30 pm  Special User’s Group 6  
VireoCat User’s Group  
Moderator: Susan Jane Williams, Scholars Resource

12:30 pm – 5:30 pm  Meeting  
Executive Board Meeting #2
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Week At-a-Glance
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Seminar 1
Tuesday, March 27, 2007, 2:00 - 3:30 pm
The VRA 2006 Professional Status Survey: The planning process and preliminary data report

By the time VRA meets in Kansas City, 2007, the 2006 VRA Professional Status Survey will have been completed and raw data will be available. The Professional Status Survey would like to take the opportunity of the 25th anniversary conference to present the preliminary raw data and lead a discussion about the planning of the survey and its possible ramifications for the profession. We are looking forward to giving conference attendees a first look at the snapshot of the VR profession in 2007.

Seminar 2
Wednesday, March 28, 2007, 9:00 - 10:30 am
35mm Slide Collections: Retention Criteria, Preservation Issues, Donation Ideas

What should happen to the 35mm slides that have been the mainstay of visual resources collections for the past 25 years? As collections move increasingly towards digital media, how can curators best judge what 35mm slides to keep and what to discard? How can we best preserve the slides we do keep? Can we donate de-accessioned slides in a meaningful and legal manner?

This panel will examine the 35mm slide collection in transition. We will discuss ideas for retention criteria, best practices for preserving slides and housing them in VR facilities of the 21st century, and some avenues for donation of discarded material.
Seminar 3
Thursday, March 29, 2007, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
What is a Work?

One of the goals of VRA Core is to enable cultural heritage institutions to share information about their collections. As we move from individual databases towards shared repositories, the understanding that different communities have about “works” and their relationships to images may present visual resource collections with unexpected challenges. This session will explore how the concept of “works” has been discussed in various metadata communities and the role that works play in visual resources collections through VRA Core and CCO. Members of the panel will lead us from abstract models of works to the implications of works in the systems used to manage visual resources.

Seminar 4
Saturday, March 31, 2007, 9:00 - 10:00 am
Are We Speaking the Same Language? Communication Strategies for the Visual Resources Professional

The work world of the visual resources professional is often highly complex, requiring broad-ranging communication skills as one navigates across a professional landscape that includes faculty, students, technologists, administrators, and increasingly, individuals at other institutions. This seminar addresses the ever-important but often neglected issue of communication practices. How should I talk to my student employees? How do I approach administrators? How can I use language effectively to level the playing field between myself and a difficult faculty member? Why can’t I get the computer specialist to understand what I’m saying? Several VR professionals will provide insights into these questions in a series of brief talks designed to get to the heart of these common issues.
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Session I
Tuesday, March 27, 2007, 8:30 - 10:30 am
“Where Do We Come From? What Are We? Where Are We Going?” The VRA at 25: Understanding Our Past & Framing a Future

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Visual Resources Association comes at a time of rapid change within the profession. Once dedicated almost exclusively to providing slide images to specific departments for purposes of instruction, managers of visual content have expanded their role to include the development of image collections for entire institutions, have become active creators, arbitrators and advocates for the creation of standardized metadata and have been leaders in the implementation and use of technologies to fully exploit the potential of image materials. This session intends to inform us of our history and to give some consideration of new directions our profession should be taking. Featured speakers will provide a history of the Visual Resources Association, address issues of identity and unique skill sets within the visual resources profession, discuss technological strides made within the visual resources community and introduce potential new frameworks for the profession.

Session 2
Tuesday, March 27, 2007, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Melting Pot or Bouillabaisse: The Aggregation Dilemma

Because of differing local needs and community standards and practices, descriptive information for electronic resources varies greatly in its structure, vocabulary, and key access points. As a result, organizations aggregating collections from disparate sources face unique challenges. Our speakers will talk about strategies, both algorithmic and manual, they have used for increasing coherence and aiding discovery across collections. This session will focus on techniques for improving descriptive metadata, searching, and browsing in an aggregated setting.
Session 3
Tuesday, March 27, 2007, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

When Servers Crash: Disaster Planning in the Digital Age

This session will revisit and update “VRA Special Bulletin 7: Disaster Planning for Visual Resources Collections,” published in 1994. The experiences of visual resources curators who have been through recent disasters will be examined, focusing on how their disaster plans did or did not facilitate recovery. The session will also address preparing a disaster plan in the digital age as analog collections depend more on digital media, how can a robust disaster plan prepare for both the analog and digital collection? The participants hope to present a diverse and practical discussion about disaster planning.

Session 4
Wednesday, March 28, 2007, 9:00-10:30 am

Strategies for Data Migration in the age of CCO and VRA Core 4.0

The publication of Cataloging Cultural Objects (CCO) and the upcoming release of the VRA Core 4.0 represent significant milestones for the visual resources community, but these developments come with a host of challenges for image collections seeking to upgrade their existing databases to conform to the new standards. Chief among the challenges for these collections is moving from item-level cataloging in a flat structure to implementing related work and image records in a relational environment. Depending on the nature of the database, this transition will often mean migrating legacy data from a flat system into a relational one.

The purpose of this session is to first address the problem of data migration from a theoretical perspective, and then to provide a series of case studies showing how the problem has been dealt with in a variety of real-world contexts. The goal is not to present a one-size-fits-all solution, but rather to
demonstrate a variety of strategies of data migration in different contexts ranging from small visual resources collections with minimal support to a large museum with an extensive infrastructure. The case studies will endeavor to show both the successes and necessary compromises made in the course of the migration and how these have affected the final outcome and the ongoing processes.

Session 5
Wednesday, March 28, 2007, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
From Fair Use to Fair Trading: Creating a Digital Image Matchmaking Commons

Should the VRA facilitate the establishment of a digital image matchmaking commons—a virtual, utopian place where potential partners can publicize goods or discover a good match thereby fostering expanded cooperative endeavors? Now that professionals are deeply engaged in the transition from analog to digital images, and considering image services, software development, and emergent business models, might an extension to collaborative models of “fair trading” be possible? This session will explore possibilities, raise questions, and provide a forum for brainstorming about: 1) how to find collaborators, 2) what form such a commons might take, 3) the thorny issues associated with shared digital resources, and, 4) how the interests of disparate groups might be integrated through the creation of a VRA digital image matchmaking commons.

Session 6
Thursday, March 29, 2007, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
“Is Anyone Using?”: A Cavalcade of Interoperability Strategies

This session features a series of 7-10 minute demonstrations by VR practitioners showing interoperability solutions with two or more applications. The session will be a demonstration of REAL-LIFE
strategies from the community (rather than a vendor session). Participants will show how applications interoperate in the classroom or in integrated access situations. Each demonstration will include a brief explanation of the strategy so that the audience can take away real solutions. Participants’ brief demos will address three points: what is the challenge? show the solution, and state how you did it. Demos will feature interoperability strategies between/among the following types of applications: Course Management systems, Institutional repositories, Collection Management Systems, Presentation tools, Library systems, Museum systems, Federated Search, and licensed content.

Session 7
Thursday, March 29, 2007, 2:00 - 3:30 pm
Color Management from A to Z

Color Management from A-to-Z will explore the impact of color space and light when converting between analog and digital. Monitors, scanners, digital cameras, proofers, and presses have color gamuts that vary in size. In order to produce a digital or printed image with specific colors the color gamuts must be the same size. Color management adjusts the size of the gamuts for each imaging device, when the gamuts match you can create predictable and consistent color. Utilizing the standards created by the International Color Consortium (ICC) visual resource professionals can ensure a portable color management system that is independent of specific suppliers and platforms.

Successful implementation of a color management system will give ‘appearance consistency’ wherever images are rendered—a valuable practice for institutions that utilize images. As leaders in a visual world, visual resource professionals should acquire the skills and make common the practice of color managed workflow.

This panel will discuss: color space, lighting, calibration, characterization, standards, instruments, software, digital capture, digital output, print output, and workflow.
A Burgeoning Beyond Restraint: Delivering Video, Audio, and Image Data to the Classroom

With advances in presentation platforms, file storage systems, and the increasing functionality and power of computer hardware, software, and network infrastructures, there is very little to hold back an educational institution from implementing a full-featured, bleeding-edge multimedia delivery system. During this session, we will demonstrate different systems built to take advantage of these advances in digital technology, and begin a discussion to further advance the development and implementation of such systems, while remaining mindful of very real restrictions placed upon us by fair use and intellectual property considerations.

During this session we will address three important areas: software and hardware requirements for storage and delivery, the development and usage of advanced media delivery tools, and a discussion of questions surrounding copyright and security policies.

System demonstrations will include the DU-VAGA media presentation application, the DORA digital object repository application, and the Media Mill storage, processing and delivery service.
Session 9
Friday, March 30, 2007, 9:00 - 10:30 am
Image Indexing: Current and Emerging Research of Access to Visual Materials

The wealth of information images have to offer has only recently been appreciated by a wider audience. Access to images in the past was restricted by the physical nature of the materials. However, with the explosive growth of the Web and the development of common imaging technologies over the past decade, exchanging visual materials has become a quick and relatively easy process. What has resulted is a situation where the creation of digital images far outpaces our ability to provide appropriate means of access. This session sets out to present current and emerging research into image indexing in an attempt to focus attention on issues concerning increased access to these rich materials. Sustained investigation into the various factors surrounding image indexing is needed to develop new and expanded contact with visual information.

Session 10
Friday, March 30, 2007, 9:00 - 10:30 am
Two Partially Buried Sinks: Cataloging Contemporary Art

This session opens with a showcase project from England demonstrating an innovative approach to cataloging contemporary art as it is being created. Following the presentation, the moderators will identify key issues for cataloging contemporary art, with special reference to VRA Core 4.0 and CCO. Audience participation is encouraged!

“AFoundation,” as a supporter of contemporary art practice in the UK, recognized the need to document contemporary artworks to museum quality standards as they are produced and before they are lost. Following much research and a great deal of support from colleagues in the USA, the foundation embarked on a VRA Core 4.0 cataloging system for contemporary art called ADatabase. The works exhibited in the annual UK New Contemporaries Exhibition have been added as a virtual collection and
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a living archive. The project faced several challenges presented by the new scheme in applying it to the complex subject area of contemporary art. Our speaker will share the process and strategies of the project.

Session 11
Friday, March 30, 2007, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Managing Student and Faculty Member Collections: Trials and Triumphs

Student and faculty member work collections are assets to institutions of higher education. The collections may include creative works or travel photos by student and faculty members. These works may exist in a variety of formats, from photographs and slides to electronic files. Curators face many challenges in identifying, acquiring, maintaining, and providing access to these collections. Successful collection management proves that these documents are extremely useful in preparing for accreditation review, recruitment and development, and creating a useful historical record of work associated with that institution. This session will address issues curators face regarding collection management, including: acquiring work, organizing and managing physical and digital collections, facing copyright issues, creating finding aids and methods of access, and garnering resources to support the collections. Presenters will also share success stories and roadblocks encountered when dealing with these types of collections.
Special User’s Group 1
Tuesday, March 27, 2007, 4:00 - 5:30 pm
**Museum Visual Resources Special Interest Group**

The Museum Visual Resources Special Interest Group provides an opportunity for museum professionals to address issues that are particular to museums. The informal discussions provide the chance to ask questions and discover trends within the museum environment. The discussions will revolve around our changing roles and responsibilities. Specific attention will be paid to our role in the creation, cataloging and management of digital images, either within a museum’s digital asset management system or in an independent system.

Special User’s Group 2
Tuesday, March 27, 2007, 4:00 - 5:30 pm
** Getty Vocabularies: Training for Contributions**

Learn how to contribute to the Getty Vocabularies via the online Web form. Hear detailed instructions about how to fill in the form. Learn how to apply the editorial rules for required fields. Bring your questions and ask the expert. The AAT, ULAN, and TGN grow through contributions from the user community. Do you need new AAT terms for your cataloging? Is an artist that you need missing from the ULAN? Do you want to add a new place name to the TGN? A Vocabulary Expert will be on hand to give instructions and answer your questions.
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Special User’s Group 3
Wednesday, March 28, 2007, 4:00 - 5:30 pm
ARTstor Special User’s Group Meeting

ARTstor is a digital library of images, associated information, and software tools designed to enhance teaching, learning, and scholarship in the arts and associated fields. ARTstor contains over 500,000 images of art, architecture, and archaeology from a wide range of cultures and time periods. ARTstor representatives will give short presentations on several topics, including: forthcoming collections, technology enhancements, outreach efforts, ongoing initiatives, etc. A Q & A session will follow; conference participants are encouraged to submit questions in advance to the moderator.

Special User’s Group 4
Thursday, March 29, 2007, 2:00 - 3:30 pm
MDID Special User’s Group Meeting

The Madison Digital Image Database (MDID) is a freely distributed, open source software application developed at James Madison University to facilitate teaching with digital images online and in the classroom. This session will bring MDID users, and potential users, together to share their experiences and to ask questions. Members of the MDID development team will demonstrate new features added in the past year, talk about ongoing development and share upcoming enhancements. The team will also report on JMU’s IMLS grant that is supporting development of new interoperability components. (More information is at http://mdid.org/.)
Special User’s Group 5  
Friday, March 30, 2007, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm  
IRIS Special User’s Group

A new version, IRIS 2006, will be demonstrated. A prototype of IRIS 2007 will be presented, including an XML export compliant with the VRA Core Schema. The Image Resource Information System (IRIS) evolved as a cooperative venture, begun in 1997 by a group of seven institutions. Approximately 25 institutions currently participate in using and developing this FileMaker application. Our work during the past three years has attempted to implement the VRA Core Categories v.4.0 and CCO (Cataloging Cultural Objects), to facilitate data sharing within the IRIS community and beyond, and to achieve interoperability with image presentation systems such as Luna Insight and MDID2. All are welcome to attend! You do not need to be an IRIS user to learn from or contribute to this discussion.

Special User’s Group 6  
Saturday, March 31, 2007, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm  
VireoCat User’s Group

VireoCat is a free cataloging utility written in Filemaker Pro (version 7 and later required), first distributed at the Miami conference. Now in version 2, it is VRA Core 4 and CCO compliant and supports export and import in XML using the Core 4 schema. There is a website, user’s group and list serv. Full information and free download is available at: http://humanities.uchicago.edu/depts/art/visual_resources/vireocat.shtml. The user group will discuss issues and desired fixes. Discussion will be led by Susan Jane Williams. Others in the group will speak about their experiences importing legacy data and moving to a relational structure. Members will also talk about the writing of XSLT stylesheets to “hook” VireoCat data to other applications such as Insight and MDID by the use of XML export. Everyone is welcome to this open meeting.

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Workshop 1
Tuesday, March 27, 2007, 2:00 - 5:30 pm
Educating the Educators: Teaching Faculty to Teach with Digital Images

This workshop will focus on various methods and techniques for teaching the patrons of visual resources collections how to use digital image technologies, in particular presentation software, in the classroom. As we continue the transition from analog to digital technologies, the presentation component may be both the most useful, and the most daunting, to our patrons. Strategies for interesting patrons in new technologies, providing users with the information they need to consider, what works best for their pedagogical purposes, and how the most popular softwares accomplish particular teaching goals will be addressed through this classroom-style learning experience. Among the tools to be discussed are Microsoft’s PowerPoint, ARTstor’s Offline Image Viewer, Luna Imaging’s Insight presentation environment, and the MDID from James Madison University. Issues of interoperability, and how each tool works in both PC and Mac environments, will be discussed.

Workshop 2
Wednesday, March 28, 2007, 2:00 - 5:30 pm
XML, the VRA Core, and the Image Collection

This workshop will offer participants the opportunity to learn about XML, how it works, and how to write it themselves. In the workshop, participants will see first hand how the VRA Core schema transfers image collection data. The workshop will be led by Patrick Yott, who is the Head of the Digital Scholarship Service at Brown University. He had extensive experience teaching XML through NELINET and ARL.
Workshop 3  
Friday, March 30, 2007, 2:00 - 5:30 pm  
The Religions of Asia: Toward an Asian Authority

This workshop will provide a brief overview of the three major religions that developed in India and spread throughout Asia – Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism. Periods, styles and Pan-Asian art forms will be discussed, as well as the signs and symbols of the three religions and offshoots, such as Tantric Buddhism. Subject indexing, including the accuracy and usefulness of the period and style entries in standard authorities such as the AAT and others, will be explored. Reliable Internet resources will be provided. There also will be a discussion on using CCO and cataloguing Asian art. Workshop participants will be solicited in advance of the conference to identify areas that prevent stumbling blocks for cataloguing Asian art, preferably but not limited to images with a religious focus.

Workshop 4  
Friday, March 30, 2007, 2:00 - 5:30 pm  
Getting Past No: Assessing Copyright Risk

How can you educate yourself about copyright? What types of risks might an institutional counsel or other decision-makers be considering when determining a copyright policy at your institution? What “good practices” resources are available? What are the main elements of a good copyright policy? Participants will review copyright use policies and other assessment principles and practices. Actual scenarios and questions will be used. The final version of DIRC will be reviewed. The legal and policy issue of new and evolving technology, such as pod casting will be presented. This workshop will help in formulating a risk assessment strategy and instruction on “good practices” to advise the decision makers. Each participant will be better equipped to more confidently address the copyright issues when they return to their own working environment.
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Workshop 5
Saturday, March 31, 2007, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm; 1:30 - 4:30 pm
Image Metadata Crash Course

Learn how to create quality, sharable image metadata using standard tools such as VRA Core 4.0 and CCO. The day long workshop will feature multiple interactive components, with several instructors available for personal, hands-on assistance. The agenda includes: 1) Basic Principles (with curriculum from SEI and CCO training) 2) Practice (many hands-on exercises and tutorials, for example, small breakout groups will work on work/image decisions and map the data sets to Core 4) 3) Demonstrations (e.g., applications that incorporate Core 4/CCO showing how complex works can be cataloged exporting to XML to various end user interfaces examples of indexing vs. display 4) Strategic Ideas for more efficient cataloging, incorporating end user metadata, enhancing vendor data, and facilitating access to sharable personal collections 5) Ask the Expert

Mini-Workshop I and II
Wednesday, March 28, 2007, 2:00 - 3:30 pm
Thursday, March 29, 2007, 4:00 - 5:30 pm
CCO and VRA Core 4.0

This free mini-workshop workshop is targeted at conference attendees who are already attempting to implement CCO at their institution and desire to discuss implementation issues. The workshop will provide guided self-help to assist the participants in moving forward with the implementation of standards in the context of their specific local situations. Those who need comprehensive instruction about CCO should attend Saturday’s day-long CCO and VRA Core 4.0 workshop, “Image Metadata Crash Course.”
The format of the workshop will be “seminar” style and example driven with the topics for discussion solicited from the participants. The content will be built around these issues. The experts will speak briefly about selected issues and propose appropriate solutions; the participants will then be asked to brainstorm and ask further questions.

This workshop will not present or focus on the CCO Guidelines or the VRA Core although the participants should be well acquainted with this material as the discussions will be informed by these documents. This will not be a cataloging workshop. It will be a new forum which fosters dialog between the participants on the one hand and the leaders and experts on the other about specific issues that we all encounter in the field. We hope that it will bridge a gap between and complement the full day workshop, “Image Metadata Crash Course” and the one-on-one “Ask the Experts” opportunities.

We anticipate fruitful, grassroots generated discussions on issues that arise when implementations occur are constrained by limited or restricted resources such as when a collection lacks a cataloger or when it does not have a VRA Core compliant relational database. What does one do when one is working with flat data? How does one work with an end user front end that is flat even when the back end database is relational? How does one deal with personal collections? How might one incorporate folksonomys and social tagging in our systems? How does one develop workflows that gets the work done while incorporating as much as possible from VRA Core, the CCO, and other appropriate authorities?
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