

EAST Collection Analysis Working Group

June, 2023

Charge: As EAST formally begins its group collection analysis project, focused on print monograph titles added to participating libraries' collections between 2011-2021 and the addition of special collection titles, the EAST Project Team is seeking to form a working group to develop recommendations for the EAST Board of Directors regarding the selection of titles for EAST retention, specifically:

- Identifying specific e-book packages/lists that participating EAST libraries title holdings should be compared with and how overlap with these sources should be factored into any retention criteria;
- Reviewing collection analysis reports in the Gold Rush collection comparison tool and agreeing categories of materials that should be prioritized for EAST retention;
- Developing recommendations for how Gold Rush can be utilized by libraries to identify areas of their print collections that they are more willing to retain titles in by self-nominating for retention;
- Developing recommendations for how EAST can ensure that collections and titles created by marginalized communities are included within the scope for EAST retention;
- Investigating how retention responsibility should be distributed across the EAST group, utilizing data from Partnership for Shared Book Collections' research on risk and how many copies are required to meet likely future demand;
- Developing specific guidance for the retention of special collections title holdings.

Membership: The Working Group will include staff from EAST member libraries that are participating in the 2023 group collection analysis project with experience and expertise in collections management, assessing the diversity, equity and inclusion of collections, collection analysis and assessment, special collections, and access services.

The Working Group will be chaired by the EAST Shared Print Consultant and will include the other members of the EAST Project Team.

In addition, at least two members of the EAST Board will act in a liaison capacity to the Working Group.

Assuming two EAST member library staff with experience in the areas listed above, the Working Group would be composed of approximately 9 individuals who will be asked to serve for a minimum of six months.

Timeline: It is hoped the Working Group can be in place by September of 2023.

1 hour meetings will be held at least monthly through February of 2024. Any recommendations agreed by the Working Group will be submitted to the EAST Board of Directors for approval and then distributed to participating libraries.

Members:

Beth Blanton, University of Virginia
Todd Falkowski, Trinity College
Tony Fonseca, Elms College
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