





# So Much Metadata, So Little Time

A Conversation with Digital Library Metadata Managers

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## ABOUT

Special Collections

Rare and Unique Materials

Archives and Manuscripts

Recursos en español

Research

Policies & Forms

Classroom & Group Visits

University Archive

Keeper

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## ELY ESPARZA

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### Digitization and Metadata Archivist

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# Devon Murphy (they/them)

Metadata Analyst

University of Texas at Austin

- Oversees standards, policies, and data models for the Libraries' holdings
  - This includes 13 sites of metadata creation!
- Creates templates, tools, workflows, etc. for metadata creation, reuse, authority management
- Help with All the Migrations :)
- Focus on information ethics (harmful content and language)
- Current projects include:
  - PANA (Pan-American Authorities project with the University of Florida) to create a Spanish language thesaurus
  - Follow-up to the Metadata Best Practices for Trans and Gender Diverse Resources, focusing on queer metadata needs
  - PCC Task Group on Metadata Relating to Indigenous Peoples



# Susan Hoover (she/they)

Metadata Services Coordinator

University of Houston



- 35 years in previous career as software developer
- 2.5 years in current position/career (MSLS 2021)
  - Maintain inherited tools/workflows
  - Help oversee/test/debug TDL's platform upgrades
  - Supervise team of 2 metadata specialists
  - Create/update metadata for digital collections, IR submissions, ETDs, digitized theses, all things digital
  - Have interest in automation, anything from simple scripts to AI

# Charity Stokes

Metadata Librarian

Texas A&M University (College Station)

- Trained as a serials cataloger
- Working with metadata and crosswalks since 2002
- Schemas used: EAD, TEI, Dublin Core, MODS, etc.
- Mainly work with Dublin Core in DSpace

Q1

What tools do you find essential for metadata management?

Q2

How do you approach  
metadata creation and/or  
policy assessment?



















Q3

How do you communicate the importance of quality metadata to others within your library organization?



## Q4

In your opinion, what are the most pressing issues in metadata management at your libraries? What do you see as some possible solutions?

## Q&A

Speak out or add your questions/comments here:

<https://tinyurl.com/TCDL-metadata-panel>

