

## Digital Archives Working Group (DAWG)

The Digital Archives Working Group (DAWG) has continued to support the development, and implementation of a systemwide digital asset management system (DAMS) that will support the creation, discovery, and preservation of digital collections maintained across the CSU Libraries. The following tasks have been completed in the 2021-2022 AY:

- Created a Charge for DAWG to help guide the group’s work and better define its role in relation to not only the development and implementation of the Digital Archives DAMS, but also the ongoing management of it once it’s operational and in-use across the system
- Completed the DAMS Self Evaluation Toolkit Report:
  - The goal of this initiative was to measure campus interest and readiness for a transition to a unified digital asset management system for digital archives
  - Some key takeaways from the report are as follows:
    - 9 campuses completed the self-evaluation
    - 100% of respondents indicated they would use a unified DAMS in some capacity
      - 56% for digital asset management and discovery
      - 44% for harvested objects and/or metadata from their current system
    - 89% of respondents cited a lack of staffing for digital archives-based work which may impact the adoption of a DAMS
    - Common themes emerged around the lack of available digital content policies and workflows, as well as with discoverability issues surrounding digital archives
- Completed the Hyrax Testing/Assessment Final Report:
  - Tested and assessed Hyrax (a CSUSM hosted-instance) using the “CSU DAMS Performance Evaluation Tool for Digital Collections” to determine whether this platform meets the backend/frontend functional requirements set forth for CSU Digital Archives
  - Some key takeaways from the report are as follows:
    - The DAMS backend assessment confirmed that Samvera/Hyrax meets or exceeds 90% of the required functions, and meets or exceeds 86% of the preferred functions
    - The DAMS frontend assessment confirmed that Samvera/Hyrax meets, exceeds, or is developing 90% of the required functions, and meets or exceeds 67% of the preferred functions
- Facilitated the start of the Digital Archives Pilot Project in collaboration with the Chancellor’s Office
- Updated the Campus Personnel Registry
- Started the “CSU Digital Archives Development Plan” to help guide the ongoing work of DAWG