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Archival activism: collaboration and transformation

An unexpected keynote

Cassie Findlay  (c) 2016
• “effective democratisation can always be measured by this essential criterion: the participation in and the access to the archive, its constitution, and its interpretation.”

Dusty Archive Kitten Deaths

"Whenever you use 'musty' (or 'dusty') in an article about Archives, the ghost of Schellenberg kills a kitten" - Brad Houston (@herodotusjr).

Exposing reliance upon schema and stereotypes for archives and libraries in the press.
‘..projects and endeavors which are actively engaged in radical or counter-hegemonic public history-making activities.’

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• “Archivists who give a damn about freedom (like really give a damn, and not just freedom for your personal self) should consider remaining free of an archive so that you can: 1) own your labor, 2) use your labor to make archives about freedom, and 3) distribute freedom-driven archives to the public to access free of charge.”

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