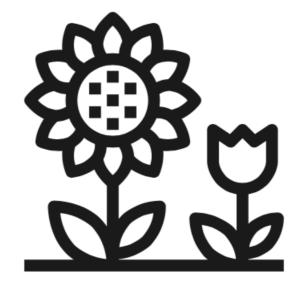


# Spring 2021 Newsletter

Welcome to the spring edition of the Archives Unleashed newsletter!

It's been a busy few months, so let's take a closer look at what the Archives Unleashed team and community has been up to.



What's been happening?

### **Project Updates**

- We have integrated feedback from our winter concept design interviews into UI development.
- Nick Ruest and Helge Holzmann have made strides towards our integrated Cloud prototype. This has included data processing optimization, code efficiency, user interface design improvements, implementing visualization graphs, and lots of testing.
- We are planning for the launch of the Cohort program and our opening event in July. We are excited to share team progress throughout the year, so stay tuned.
- Preparing for a second round of UX testing and incorporating feedback.
- Collaborating with users, partners, and colleagues as we prepare final stages into transitioning to the Archive-It Research Services Cloud. More announcements of roll-out will be coming in the summer.
- Our team is also gearing up for <u>WAC</u> and <u>RESAW</u> conference presentations in June

### **Archives Unleashed and Archive-It To Support Web Archival Research at Scale**

Over the past year, Archives Unleashed and Archive-It have been collaborating to support web archival research at scale. A main priority of our work together is the merging of Archives Unleashed's analytical tools with the Archive-It platform to create a robust end-to-end solution for collecting and studying web archives.

As we near the end of our first year, we are pleased to reflect on and celebrate our progress to date.

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## News



**Archives Unleashed Article in the Top 5** 



Our open-access article, *Building community at a distance: A datathon during* <u>COVID-19</u>, was selected as one of the <u>Top 5 Articles on COVID-19 Pandemic</u>, by the Distance and Online Learning Section (DOLS) of Association of College and **Research Libraries!** 

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### **Featured Articles**



### **Cohort Teams and Projects**

We are pleased to introduce the 2021-2022 Archives Unleashed Cohorts!

These five teams will be working on web archive research projects over the next year, and we are very excited about their topics, from COVID to feminist media tactics to online commenting.

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### **Archives Unleashed Retrospective**

This spring brings with it some special anniversaries for the Archives Unleashed Team! As we celebrate the four years since the project was established, it's been great to take a look back at all of the major developments and milestones.

Check out the Archives Unleashed Retrospective. This piece was also crossposted on the IIPC blog, and we want to extend our sincerest thanks for their support of our project and team.

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Christie Moffat writes about her experience experimenting with tools to analyze web archives during her time in the NLM NIH Data Science Mentorship program.

### Read Christie's full post



Katie Mackinnon recently published an OJS article on ethical approaches to researching digital youth culture in the late 1990s-2000s with web archives.

Read Katie's article: "Ethical Approaches to Youth Data in Historical Web Archives"



# Upcoming Events



### **IIPC's Web Archiving Conference (WAC)**

15-16 June 2021 https://netpreserve.org/ga2021/

Our team is pleased to be joining friends and colleagues at WAC this year, which will be held virtually. We will be delivering two presentations with a Q & A session following each. Presentation videos will be available through IIPC's YouTube channel.

### **Session 6: Archiving Communities, Tuesday June 15**

Building community through Archives Unleashed datathons: lessons learned

By Ian Milligan, Samantha Fritz, Nick Ruest & Jimmy Lin

### Session 16: Research into Archives, Wednesday June 17

Accessible web archives: Rethinking and designing usable infrastructure for sustainable research platforms

By Samantha Fritz



### **RESAW 2021**

17-18 June 2021 https://www.resaw2021.net

#### Session Web Archives' Challenges, June 18

Integrating Archives Unleashed with the Internet Archive

by Jefferson Bailey (Internet Archive), Ian Milligan (University of Waterloo), Jimmy Lin (University of Waterloo), Sam Fritz (University of Waterloo), Nick Ruest (York University) and Helge Holzmann (Internet Archive)



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- Join our Slack group
- Participate on <u>Github</u>
- Subscribe to our newsletter
- Submit to our <u>datathon</u>
- Share our news with colleagues and friends



The Archives Unleashed Project, aim to make petabytes of historical internet content accessible to scholars and others interested in researching the recent past. Supported by a grant from the Andrew W. <u>Mellon Foundation</u>, the project will develop web archive search and data analysis tools to enable scholars and librarians to access, share, and investigate recent history since the early days of the World Wide Web.

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