To those attending the Philadelphia ACRL Conference,

We invite you to participate in a focus group on ideas for improving staffing and preservation for moving image and sound collections in academic libraries.

This event is part of the Moving Image Specialists in Libraries (MISL) project [http://www.nyu.edu/tisch/preservation/research/libraries/about.html](http://www.nyu.edu/tisch/preservation/research/libraries/about.html), an IMLS-sponsored research initiative of NYU’s Moving Image Archiving and Preservation Program. The project seeks to achieve the following goals:

- Improve staffing for moving image archiving and preservation at libraries
- Engage librarians in discussions about the state of moving image collections, the training and education of moving image caretakers, and the needs of moving image collections in libraries and archives.
- Document and analyze data on these topics as well as the impediments to hiring trained moving image preservation specialists in libraries and archives.
- Facilitate dialogue and exchange of knowledge around these issues and propose solutions.

Participants will discuss the state of moving image and sound collections in libraries, including, current preservation and access practices; the training of moving image caretakers; whether there is a need for trained moving image specialists in libraries; and the impediments to hiring such professionals.

The focus group is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 31, 2010, from 6:15-8:00pm, at a location near the Philadelphia Convention Center. However, should you be interested in participating, but would prefer Friday, April 1, from 5:30-7:30pm, please note this in your reply. We will finalize the schedule in accordance with participant availability.

Please reply to Sarah Resnick <sarah.resnick@gmail.com> by March 2nd if you would be able to attend the meeting and your preferred day/time.
It will take less than 2 hours of your time, you will not have to prepare anything in advance, and we will be serving snacks and refreshments.

We hope to see you in Philadelphia!

Kind regards,
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