5C—On Digital Collections

Web Archiving as a Collection Development Tool, Tom Smyth (Library and Archives Canada), Joanne Paterson (Western University).

This presentation will explore the application of collection development principles to building web archives. We will provide an overview of the development of web curation methodologies and recent thematic collections at Library and Archives Canada, as well as best practices and lessons learned from the last six years of web archiving initiatives. We will review current activities in select Canadian universities, and discuss how web archiving can contribute to the collection development of academic libraries and archives. The session is of interest to anyone considering a web archiving program or those currently building web archival collections.