Electronic Records and Digital Archivists: A Landscape Review

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Digital Archivists

• February 7, 2009
  – Conrad de Aenlle, New York Times
  – Digital Archivists, Now in Demand

• June 5, 2014
  – Jackie Dooley, hangingtogether.org
  – What was once a trickle of digital archivist positions, most of them vaguely defined, has gradually grown to something closer to a flood.
Electronic Records and Digital Archivists

• Digital archivists at corporate settings
  – Not included in the study
• Electronic records and digital archivists at archives, special collections, historical societies, or museum archives settings
  – 100 job postings since 2000
  – 83 positions since 2001
Job Postings (100)

- **State coverage**
  - 29 out of 50 states

- **Year coverage**

  - 2000-2010: 8%
  - 2011: 18%
  - 2012: 33%
  - 2013: 19%
  - 2014 (January to June): 22%

State coverage: CA, NC, NY, TX...
Positions (83)

- State coverage
  - 32 out of 50 states

- Start date (66 out of 83)
- End date (23 out of 66)

- Positions (83)
  - CA, GA, MA, NC, NY, TX...

- Start dates:
  - 2010-2014: 48
  - 2006-2009: 12
  - 2001-2005: 6
Positions (83)

- Professional degree information available
  - 53 out of 83
- Graduation Date

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Conclusion

• Expanding
  – 92% new positions posted after 2011
  – 73% new positions started after 2010

• Young
  – 96% positions filled by post-2000 graduates
  – 73% positions filled by post-2006 graduates
  – 26% positions filled by post-2010 graduates

• Fluid
  – 35% positions with end dates
Thank You