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# Transforming Metadata

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# Today's Speakers

## **Rachel Frick (moderator)**

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## **Kyla Jemison**

Special Formats Librarian, University of Toronto

## **Melissa James**

Metadata Manager, Central Michigan University

## **Melanie Wacker**

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## PERSPECTIVE

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# The Next Generation of Metadata

- The transition to **linked data and identifiers**
- Describing **“inside-out”** and **“facilitated”** collections
- Evolution of **“metadata as a service”**
- Preparing for future **staffing requirements**

# “Next Generation Metadata”

- Marked by multiple, ongoing technological, and social currents that influence the work of libraries, their users, and the systems they develop
- Reflects systems of knowledge organization that are iterative and evolving, influenced by culture and positionality, and ultimately socially negotiated over time
- Describes collections that reflect priorities (and omissions) that are/have been socially negotiated (or imposed) over time

# “Next Generation Metadata”

- Necessitates workflows that draw from core cataloging expertise and involves emerging approaches that include creating contextual entities and leveraging identifiers and descriptions from multiple systems of knowledge organization
- Better reflects and support researchers as they discover resources and use (meta)data themselves!



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## PANELIST PERSPECTIVE:

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CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

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**ANNE WASHINGTON**

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# Suggested Webex Layout for discussion

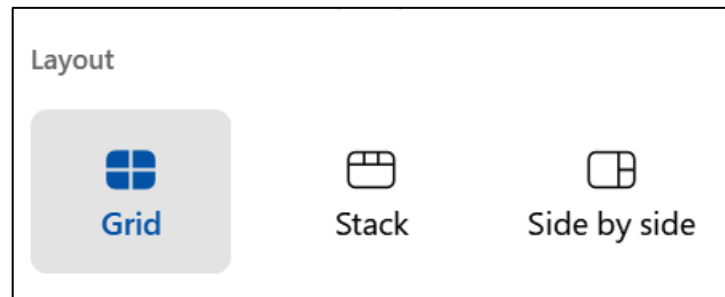
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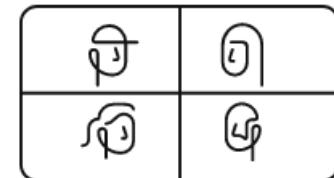


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Panelists will display  
in a grid view



# Discussion

What is the primary challenge you are confronting in transitioning to new, linked-data or identifier informed workflows?

# Discussion

What are the significant opportunities you see for establishing and describing entities to provide context for:

- Acquired, published collection materials?
- Archives/special collections?
- Scholarly research outputs?

# Discussion

How are you conceiving of and/or deploying “metadata as a service”?

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What organizational (or community) adjacencies or collaborations are, or are needed in, supporting emerging metadata services?



# Discussion

During this time of metadata transitions, what are the critical staff skills you are looking for or building?

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What are training or professional development areas you see as especially important to nurture or pursue now?



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