Agenda

- Welcome and details for today
- Introducing the Co-Directors
- A brief history of InterPARES - Luciana
- Overview of returning partners
- Hearing from returning researchers
  - Jenny Bunn, Jim Suderman, Hrvoje Stancic, Alicia Barnard, Shadrack Katuu, Ken Thibodeau
- Introducing the website
- Wrap-up and outline of Webinar 2
Project Directors

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The InterPARES mission (1998-2027)

• To build an international team of archival researchers where none existed before, and whose members, in turn, would build new research teams approaching new issues from multiple perspectives.
• To clearly convey this message to all participants, I called the project “inter pares” (Latin for “among peers”) and made this name into an acronym “International Research on Permanent Authentic Records in Electronic Systems.”
• The name InterPARES has provided a
  – continuing identity to the project through its phases, an overarching ongoing idea, by conveying the spirit and ultimate goal of the research, and
  – a research identity to the people involved in the project, conveying their own purpose.
InterPARES Goal

• To ensure that digital records are created accurate and reliable and preserved authentic regardless of place, technology, or length of time.

• Each project built on the findings and products of the previous one (also the first one). The difference among the projects is only the technology in which the records are created and/or maintained over time:
  1. databases and office systems
  2. interactive, dynamic and experiential systems
  3. technologies requiring few resources
  4. the cloud environment

• The fundamental concepts and terminology were established at the outset and added to but not changed.
The InterPARES Trust Terminology is a vocabulary drawn from the emerging and evolving intersection of recordkeeping and information technology. It continues the work of previous InterPARES projects, by exploring aspects of trust in cloud environments. Established social conventions of trusting archives has been based in large part on the notion of tangible records in the custody of an archival repository. If an archives delegates custody of its records to a third party, such as a cloud service provider, the assumptions underlying those social conventions have changed and should be re-examined.
InterPARES began with researchers from 12 countries, and, by the end of its 4th phase, it comprised almost 500 researchers from 42 countries. Its success is due to a few old principles that have guided us as a team:

• “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together”
  – You will never have to convince your stakeholders to buy into your findings and products if they have contributed to developing them

• An amazing amount of work can be accomplished if no one cares who gets the credit
  – The outcomes of the research belong to every researcher
InterPARES Principles

• Students are the greatest resource of any research project and will contribute to its continuity over the years
  – Graduate research assistants, once graduated and become either academics or professionals themselves, will continue with the project as co-investigators and bring with them their organizations

• As archival science is both a pure science and an applied science, researchers must be both academics and professionals
  – multiple voices from multiple contexts for different purposes support each participant’s agenda
  – InterPARES does not address an audience; it incorporates the audience as researchers into the research project

• Nothing helps creativity more than heated arguments
I(ntePARES) Trust AI

- I Trust AI is the 5th phase of the InterPARES project, directed by myself and Muhammad Abdul-Mageed, and funded, like the previous phases, by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).
- Like the previous phases, I Trust AI focuses on
  - maintaining the trustworthiness of digital records over time, and on
  - digital means of trustworthy access to and preservation of records in all media and form.
- I Trust AI, as the name says, focuses on the use of Artificial Intelligence for reaching those purposes.
Returning partners

City of Toronto
City of Vancouver
Carleton University
University of British Columbia
Library and Archives Canada
Artefactual Systems

City Council of Girona
U Rome La Sapienza
University of Macerata
Regione
Emilia-Romagna
ANAI
ICCROM
UNESCO

University of Zagreb
Haceteppe University
University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Western Switzerland
Bar-Ilan University
Israel State Archives

Renmin University of China
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

All.Net
San Jose State University
State Archives of Hawaii
University of Washington

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
National Archives of Brazil

University of South Africa
Returning partners’ voices

Jenny Bunn - The National Archives UK
Jim Suderman - City of Toronto
Hrvoje Stancic - University of Zagreb
Alicia Barnard - Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
Shadrack Katuu - United Nations
Ken Thibodeau - National Archives and Records Administration USA (ret.)
https://interparestrustai.org

- **Public pages**
  - Information, News, Calendar
  - Dissemination of findings; presentations; papers; etc.
  - Terminology database
  - Contact the project (Luciana, Muhammad, Corinne)

- **Restricted pages**
  - Logins for researchers
  - Internal meeting documents
  - Dates and information about research workshops
  - Researcher contact emails
Social media

@itrustai

https://www.facebook.com/interparestrust/

Questions?
Next Webinars

Webinar 2
- **July 14 @ 10AM PDT**
- AI intro for ITrustAI - Muhammad
- Project organization
- Introduce new partners and hear from new researchers
- Introduce the working groups

Webinar 3
- **July 16 @ 10AM PDT**
- Research question, goals, methodologies
- Working groups break-out discussions
- Next steps, responsibilities, first in-person meeting, Milestones Report

Thank you!
Recording of this webinar

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Thank you!