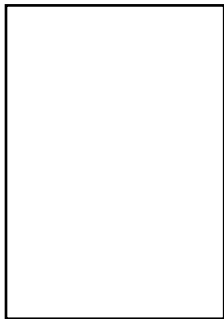


# From the Chair

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**L**ibraries exist because people make decisions and take actions based on a framework of practice that is informed by theory and experience. Research in the library world can build on any or all of these elements: understanding former

and existing practices, identifying potential new models for our work, engaging with conceptual models from other disciplines and arenas, or articulating a vision for the future that matches the values we hold today.

Our government information community has a great deal of potential to connect our concerns and experience with key emerging threads in other disciplinary clusters within the areas of library, archival, and museum studies, as well as the myriad academic and professional disciplines and practices that rely on government information as primary sources. And as we build, support, and encourage emerging models for distributed collection and preservation strategies for government information, we can learn about work underway in archives, nonprofits, and academic communities to bridge the gaps between government information dissemination and its collection for