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A Winning Team: How an Archivist, a Public Historian, and a Church Leader Created Student Learning Opportunities

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• Three partners:
  ✓ Dr. Jo Ann Rayfield Archives
  ✓ ISU History Department
  ✓ Second Presbyterian Church, Bloomington IL

• Archives became active in 2011
• Campus & Community partnerships; History Dept.
• We train interns to process
• Started with materials at the Archives
• Average 5 internships a semester
• Contacted by church in 2014

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• Students have requirements to meet on our end as well as their department
• Readings include SAA Fundamentals II, *Developing and Maintaining Practical Archives*, *A Modern Archives Reader*, assorted articles
• Practice collection, < 1 linear foot
• Project collection, < 4 linear feet

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• **First week**: complete assigned readings
• **2nd – 6th week**: process a ‘practice’ collection at Rayfield Archives
• **7th – 12th week**: process main collection at Second Presbyterian Church
• **12th – 15th (finals) week**: write EAD encoded finding aid (church = NoteTab software)
• For a 3 credit hour course, students will work 10-12 hours a week

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• Over 35 linear feet have been processed of their total 120 linear feet
• Match students with their learning need:
  ✓ Processing
  ✓ Policy development
  ✓ Records management
  ✓ Exhibits
• Archives: larger student pool, help with our collections, campus & community connections
• History Dept.: internship location, student buy-in, recruitment, enrollment, community awareness
• Church: increased awareness of their work, invested congregation, wider awareness in the local community and larger Presbyterian network

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