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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