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Stewardship of Collections Standards

COL Standard 1 – The institution is a good steward of its resources held in the public trust.

COL Standard 2 – The institution is committed to public accountability and is transparent in its mission and its operations.

COL Standard 3 – The institution's culture, policies, and procedures are inclusive and equitable.

COL Standard 4 – The composition, qualifications, and diversity of the institution's leadership, staff, and volunteers enable it to carry out the institution's mission and goals.

COL Standard 5 – The governing authority, staff, and volunteers legally, ethically, and effectively carry out their responsibilities.

COL Standard 6 – The institution owns, exhibits, or uses collections that are appropriate to its mission.

COL Standard 7 – The institution legally, ethically, and effectively manages, documents, cares for, and uses the collections.

COL Standard 8 – The institution's collections-related research is conducted according to appropriate scholarly standards.

COL Standard 9 – The institution strategically plans for the use and development of its collections.

COL Standard 10 – Guided by its mission, the institution provides public access to its collections while ensuring their preservation.

COL Standard 11 – The institution is aware of issues associated with environmental sustainability and takes steps to conserve resources and protect the environment at the level appropriate for its capacity.

COL Standard 12 – The institution is aware that current and innovative technologies can help further its mission, and it employs technology at the level appropriate for its needs and responsibilities.