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[Collection Overview:](#)

This section gives a summary of the topics and types of resources available in the NLU Archives and Special Collections.

Featured Collections

[Elizabeth Harrison Papers](#)

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OPEN ACCESS

- Contributes to scholarship & communities
- Supports NLU mission
 - Underserved communities
 - Access to quality higher education
 - Inquiry
 - Community engagement
- Demonstrate “value” for NLU and academic community (tangible evidence)



EVALUATION PROCESS & CRITERIA

- Local & Unique
- Reflects student and faculty scholarship
- Collections must be significant
- Accessible to communities



HISTORY & SCHOLARSHIP

- Student works & dissertations
- Conferences and Research forums
- Teacher education
- Heritage artifacts
 - Elizabeth Harrison & Edna Dean Baker papers



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Priorities

- Unique collections
 - Historical significance
- Existing resources and partnerships
- Selective
- Branding
- Faculty and student scholarship



NLU 125TH ANNIVERSARY 1886-2011

- <http://www.nl.edu/125/>
- <http://archon.nl.edu/>
- Photos for promotional materials drawn from NLU archives and special collections
 - Chicagoland architecture
 - Early Kindergarten classrooms and artifacts
 - Distinguished faculty and alumni
- Alumni outreach
 - Class of 1958 yearbook photos digitized by request
 - Alumni profiles places in digital commons





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CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

- Intellectual Property policy review
- Lack of staff for digitization projects
- Promote the Digital Commons and digital scholarship
- New P/T policy emphasizes research and scholarship





QUESTIONS?

- What challenges do you face with institutional repositories at your institution?
- What policies have been developed at your institution to deal with open access materials?