



The fearless Lone Arranger

Are you ready to ride, Cowboy?
It ain't your Mama's digitization project any more

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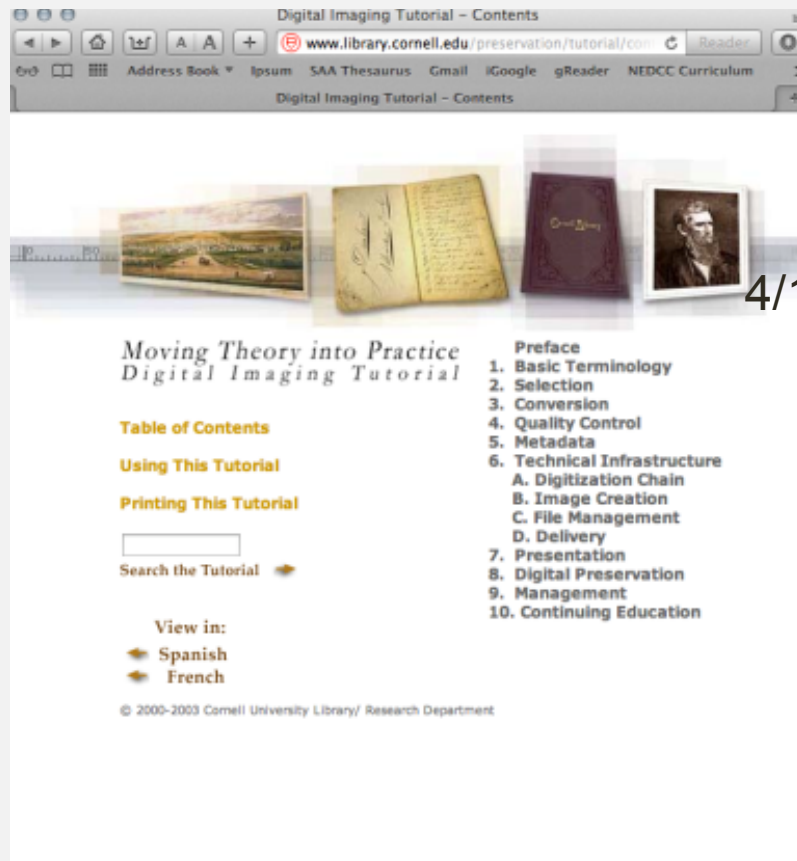
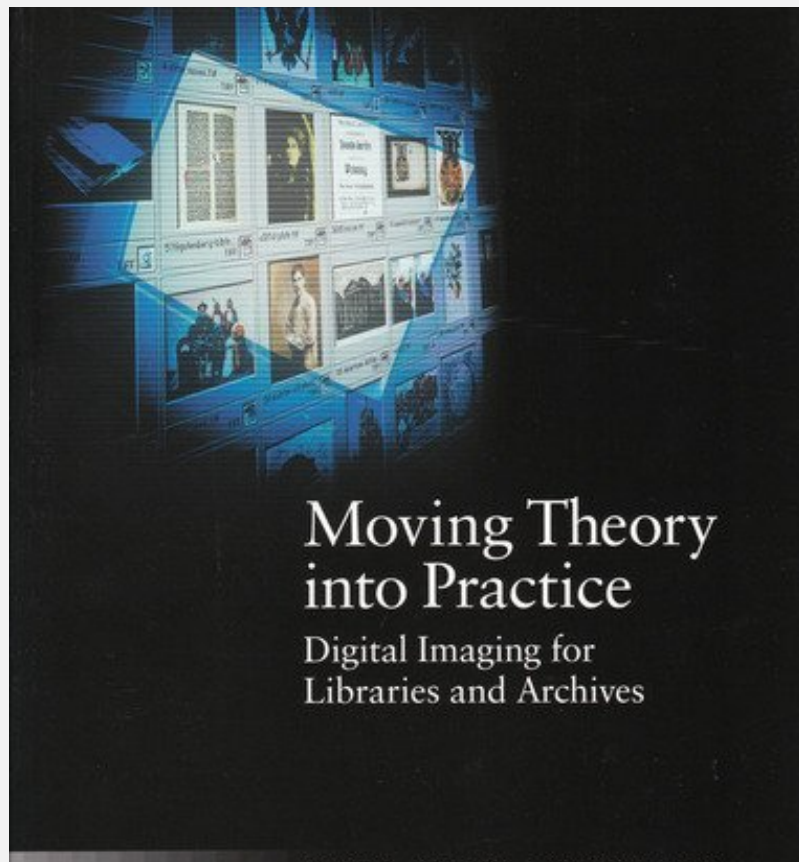


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Moving Theory Into Practice

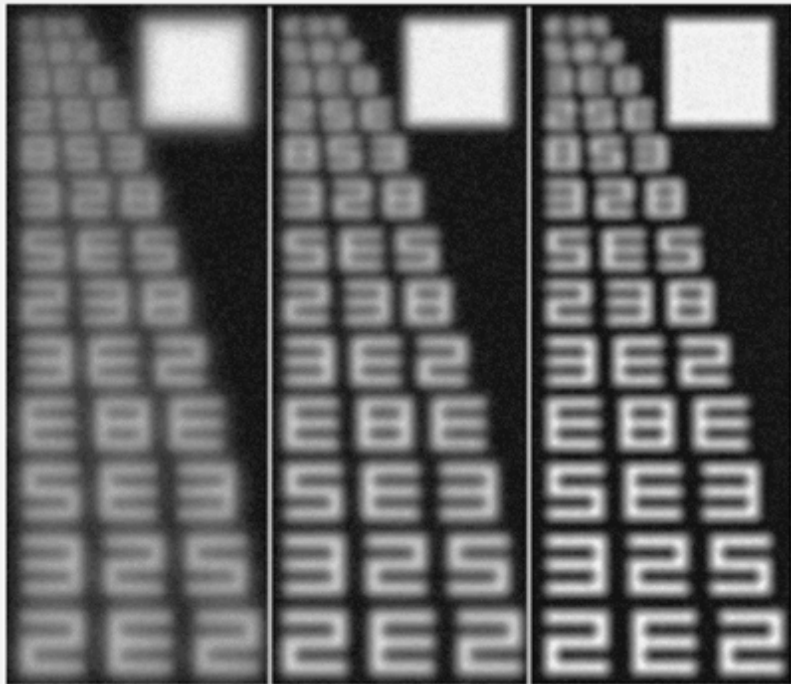


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And then *they* rode into town

Dennis Meissner
Minnesota Historical Society



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MPLP, Fall 2005

Them's fightin' words

- 'More Product, Less Process: Revamping Traditional Archival Processing.' *American Archivist* 68(2), 2005.
 - 'The archival profession has been *unwilling* or *unable* to change its processing benchmarks in response to the greater quantity of acquisitions.'
 - 'The result tends to be a small number of beautifully processed collections.'
 - 'It is time that we focused on what we *absolutely* need to do instead of on all the things that we *might* do in a world of unbounded resources.'
 - '...We evince a *dismaying lack* of concern for user access to our holdings.' ... 'haphazard dedication to certain rituals'... etc.
 - Users don't care about item-level description



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- Instead:
 - 'We should be paying more attention to... research access to *all* our holdings, rather than being content to process a few to perfection.'
 - 'What is the least we can do to get the job done in a way that is adequate to user needs now and in the future?'
 - Use databases to locate different areas of the collection, rather than full-on reprocessing
 - Not all collections need to be treated with the same level of intensity
 - Open un-processed collections to researchers
 - Be tougher on appraisal and deaccessioning (or fearless)



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Digitization meets MPLP

The ideal

- Carefully done, in-house scanning
- High-resolution lossless images
- Comprehensive metadata and export
- Standards and quality control
- Preservation of scans

The real

- Scanning vendors
- JPEGs
- Metadata by keyword
- Stand-alone systems linked virtually
- 'Good enough'
- Don't promise 'digital preservation'



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The Twitter Moment

- April, 2010: Library of Congress agrees to archive Twitter.
 - Free to LoC, a donation from the company
 - 21 billion tweets and counting at the time
 - 170 billion tweets and counting today
 - No advance preparation, just take it!
 - Today (April 2013), storage and backup are secure
 - Searchability still in development
 - Gnip.com offering commercial access for a price
- The takeaway: Digitize now, grab now, figure it out later!



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Sidebar: Digitization and preservation
SCANNING IS NOT PRESERVING.



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Who is a Lone Arranger

What is he or she up against

What's in that holster you're wearing, Cowboy?

HOW LONELY *ARE* YOU, ANYWAY?

How lonely?

*JUST DON'T MAKE ME USE
A COMPUTER!*

*I'M WRITING A HISTORY
OF THE COLLEGE!*



The predecessors



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Welcome: Victoria McGee

Tasks

Number	Short description	State	Close notes	Opened	Updated
REQ002196892	Help with IP addresses	Work in Progress		2013-03-26 16:33:27	2013-03-26 21:23:07
REQ002170557	Computers in Library building room 109 need Java update	Closed Complete	Updated Java on computers specified.	2013-03-12 17:36:37	2013-03-22 03:02:32
REQ001927314	Computer in archive (Coe Library 109) needs Java update	Closed Complete	Updated complete. Also updated browsers ...	2012-11-15 14:18:39	2012-11-28 03:00:45
REQ001894905	New Account Request - Hilary Swett	Closed Complete	Request completed. Accounts has been cre...	2012-10-29 13:25:08	2012-11-06 03:02:50
REQ001877453	Need Java update	Closed Complete	issue resolved	2012-10-18 14:40:49	2012-11-02 03:00:49
REQ001539702	MSMC Staff Workstation Software Update Request	Closed Complete	Updates installed as requested.	2012-06-20 12:27:12	2012-07-03 03:04:20
REQ001539687	MSMC Staff Account Locked	Closed Complete	Unlocked account, verified login.	2012-06-20 12:24:47	2012-06-28 03:00:51
REQ000992482	MSMC - Desktop - install camera software	Closed Complete	Software was successfully installed	2011-11-02 12:04:52	2011-11-08 14:31:15
REQ000775945	Spyware was shut off	Closed Complete	Told the caller that we cant install it	2011-08-19 11:44:54	2011-08-27 03:06:32
REQ000748873	MSMC Desktop Adobe plug in	Closed Complete	Updated Safari, quicktime, and abode sof...	2011-08-12 12:21:01	2011-09-03 03:01:35

Anonymous
guy in Florida

Really?

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College Archives

We can go confidently into the future and accept the change that growth demands only if we have firm roots in the past, in a living tradition. —Leonard Foley, OFM

The college archives holds selected records from administrative, academic, social and cultural sources at the Chalon and Doheny Campuses. Record series date from the foundation of the college in 1925 to the present.

In addition to textual records, archival series include photographs, flyers, clippings, scrapbooks, yearbooks, programs and catalogues. Along with this primary source material we have various histories of the college and its founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

About Us

The MSMC Archives collects, preserves and provides access to materials of historical, research and administrative interest. The College Archives are located on the Chalon Campus, 12001 Chalon Road, Los Angeles, CA, 90049. Housed in the Charles Willard Coe Memorial Library, the archives are on the first (ground) floor in the Speelman Room.

Policies, finding aids and other information can be found on the MSMC Portal, portal.mount.msmc.la.edu/

Archives Mission Statement

The Archives preserve the official memory of the College, consisting of documents that are deemed to be of enduring value: records that contain evidence of and information about the mission, history, organization and operations of Mount St. Mary's College.

Digital collections

Selections from the Mount's historic photography and digitized publications are viewable on our digital repository at stmary2.sdlhost.com. Complete runs of the yearbook, library journals, and catalogs have been digitized and can be searched at www.archive.org/details/mountstmaryscollege.

Blog and social media

Archivist Vicky McCargar blogs about the archives and College history at the Mount Archives Blog (<http://mountarchives.blogspot.com>; opens in same window). Comments are welcome.

Follow Archives happenings on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MSMCArchives and Twitter at [Follow @MountArchives](https://twitter.com/MountArchives)

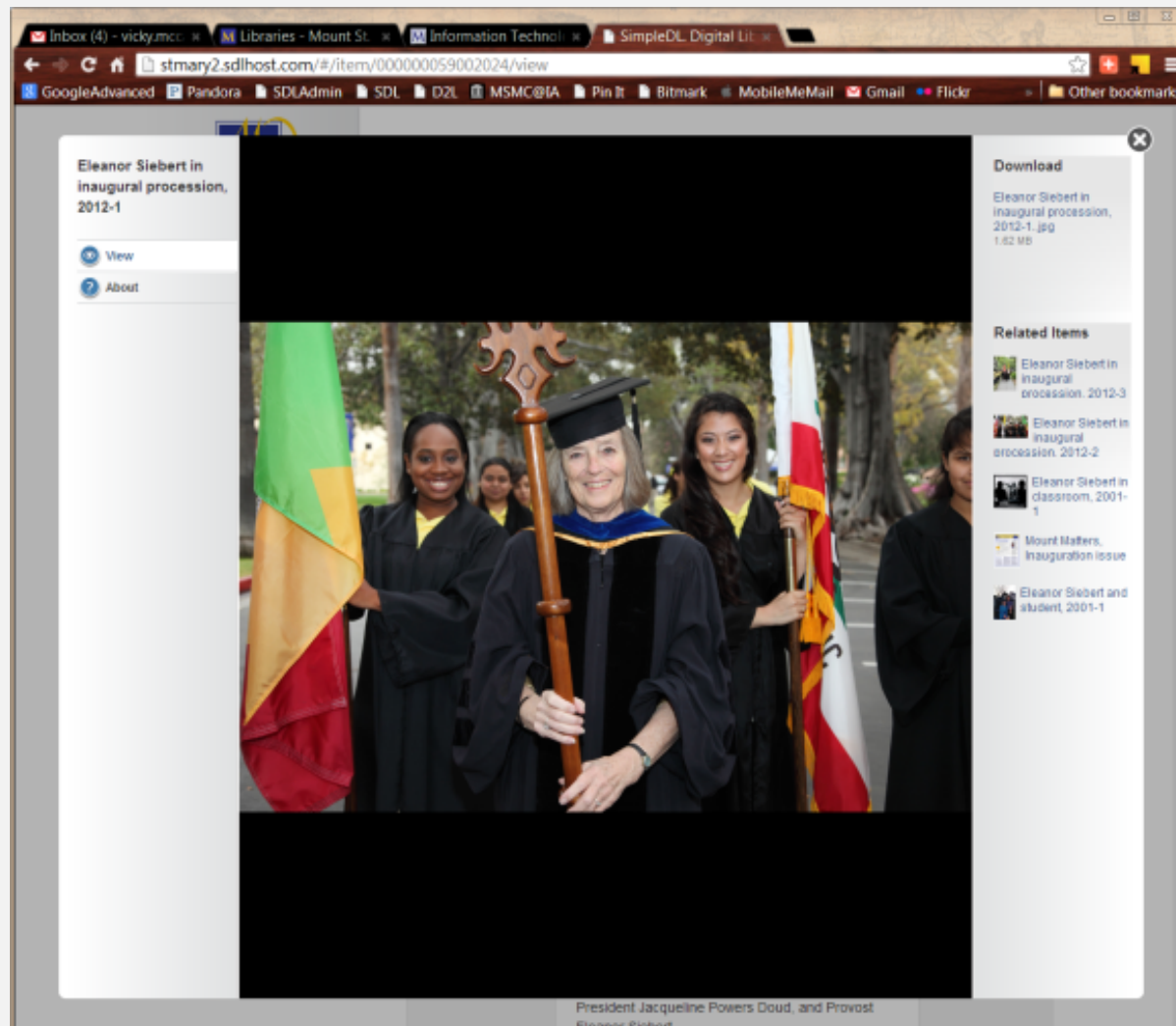
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The screenshot shows a web browser window with multiple tabs. The active tab is titled 'stmary2.sdlhost.com/#item/000000059002024/about'. The browser's address bar and bookmarks are visible. The main content area displays a digital object record for 'Eleanor Siebert in inaugural procession, 2012-1' by MSMC Staff. The record includes a description, a table of metadata, and a list of related items.

Eleanor Siebert in inaugural procession, 2012-1
by MSMC Staff

Description
Environmental portrait of Provost Eleanor Siebert and the Mount St. Mary's Mace as she leads the Academic Procession at the inauguration of Ann McElaney-Johnson as president on March 16, 2012.

IDENTIFIER 20120316-inaug_109.JPG	SUBJECT Special events
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LOCATION Off-campus	SOURCE Scanned from photograph
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Eleanor Siebert in inaugural procession, 2012-1.jpg
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Related Items

- Eleanor Siebert in inaugural procession, 2012-3
- Eleanor Siebert in inaugural procession, 2012-2
- Eleanor Siebert in classroom, 2001-1
- Mount Matters, Inauguration issue
- Eleanor Siebert and student, 2001-1

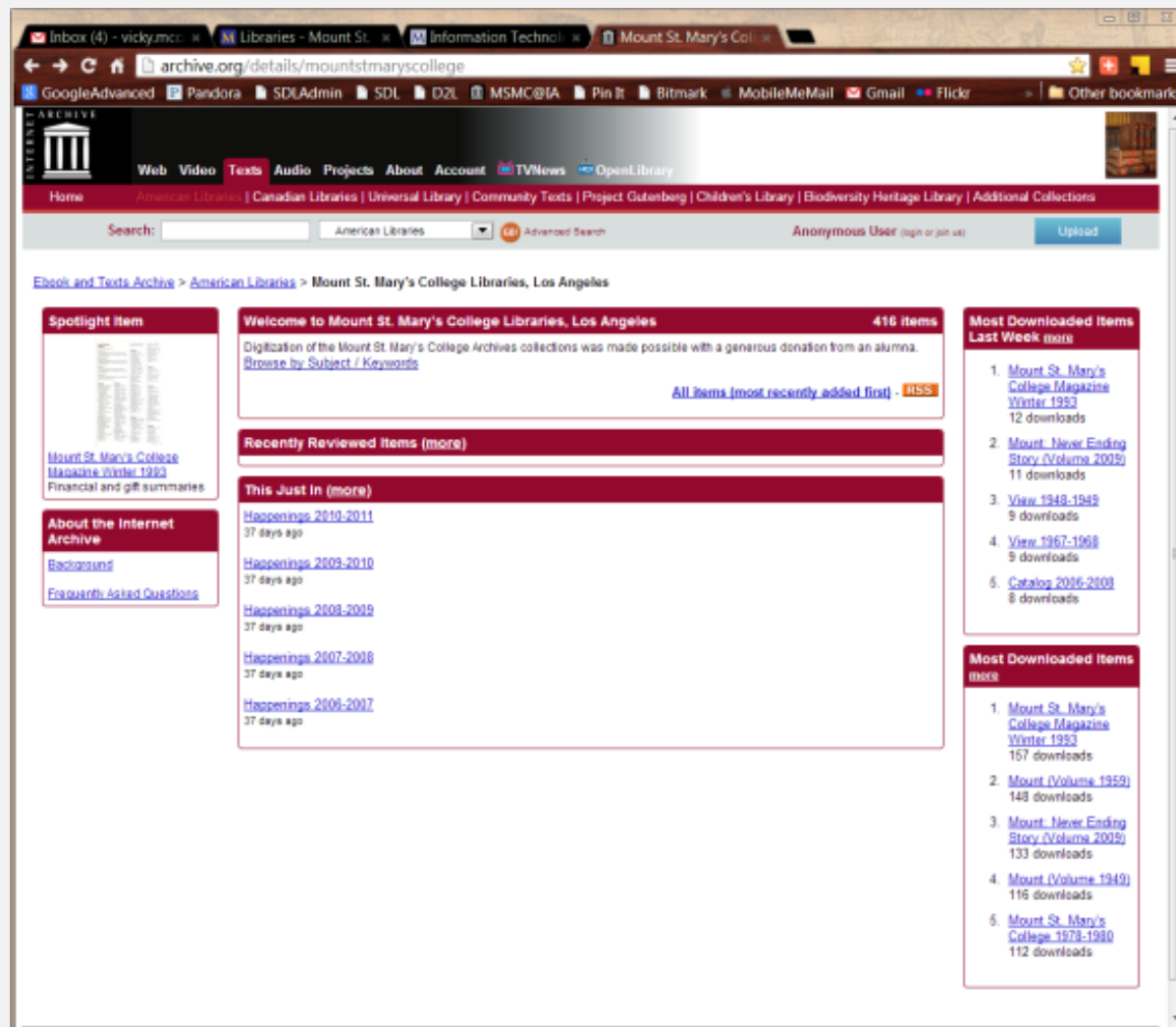
President Jacqueline Powers Doud, and Provost Eleanor Siebert



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Monday, March 18, 2013

The 2013 Jubilarians



Jubilarian Sister Daniel Therese Flynn '60 with a beaming student at Cohny graduation. Picture is probably from 2002.



IT'S ST. JOSEPH WEEK, the annual event honoring the patron saint of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and a time when we honor all the CSJs with strong ties to the College, especially those Sisters celebrating their anniversaries in the Order. They all continue to provide remarkable service long after ordinary people would be thinking about retirement. Here are some thumbnail sketches of the 2013 honorees from the archives of the CSJ Los Angeles Province and MSMC.

70 Years

- **Sr. Monica Anne Waldman** - Supervisor of Student Dining Rooms 1950s and 1960s. She enjoyed working with and helping the Mount students. She passed away in November.
- **Sr. Loretta Anne Bellue** - Worked on both campuses in the 1980s and early '90s



Featured photo



YEARBOOKS ONLINE -- The 1970 Mount yearbook and other MSMC publications can be freely viewed and downloaded from the Internet Archive.

About Me

Vicky the Archivist
Los Angeles, Calif.

A Lone Aranger with a digital background managing a paper archives. I answer research questions, write finding aids, make speeches and assist students. I also teach preservation management in the San Jose State library school and do consulting work in digital preservation. I spent most of my career as a journalist at the L.A. Times, but archiving is every bit as exciting and a lot more fun.

[View my complete profile](#)

Blog Archive

- ▼ 2013 (11)
 - ▼ March (3)
 - The 2013 Jubilarians
 - Chalon athletic field
 - The Mount campus, 1931
 - February (4)
 - January (4)
- 2012 (53)
- 2011 (38)
- 2010 (36)

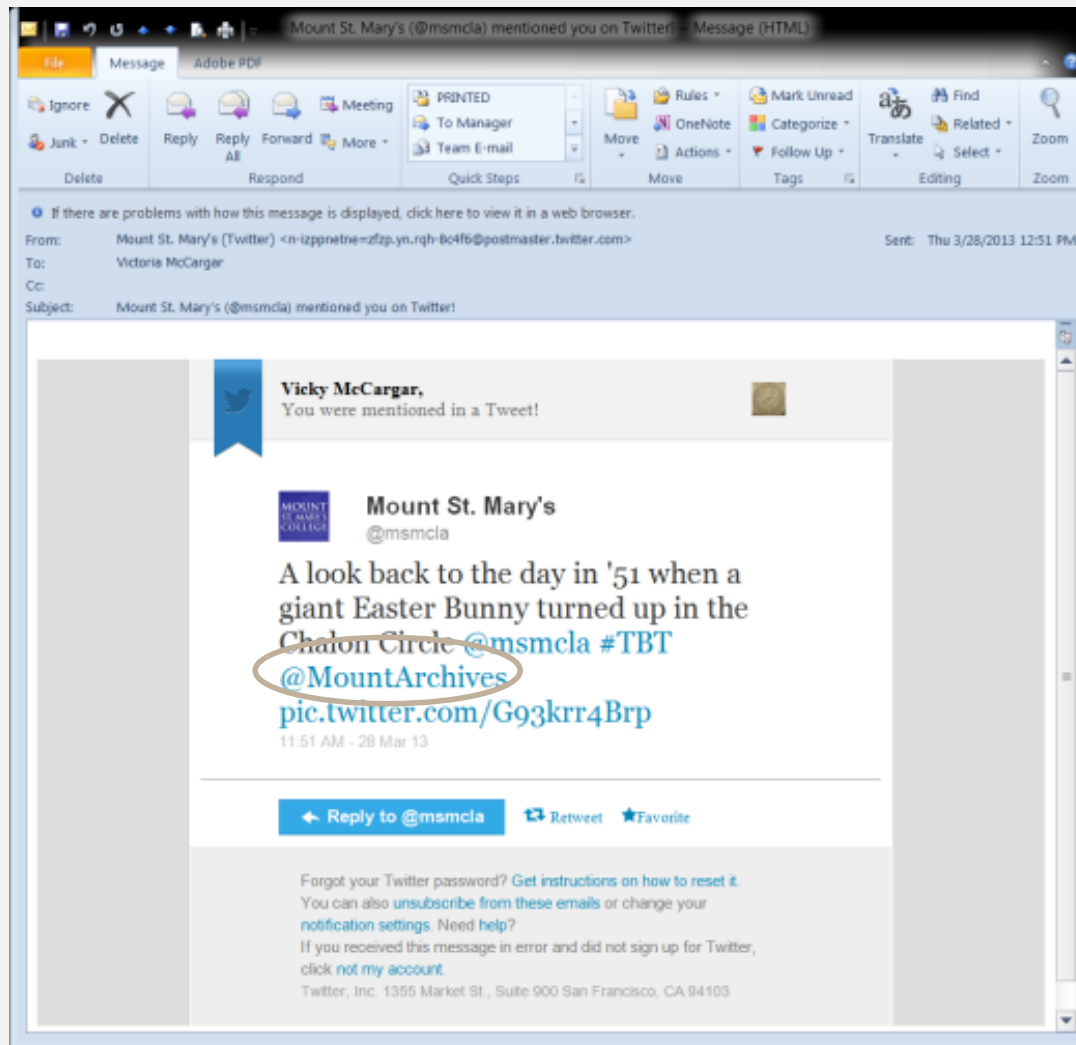
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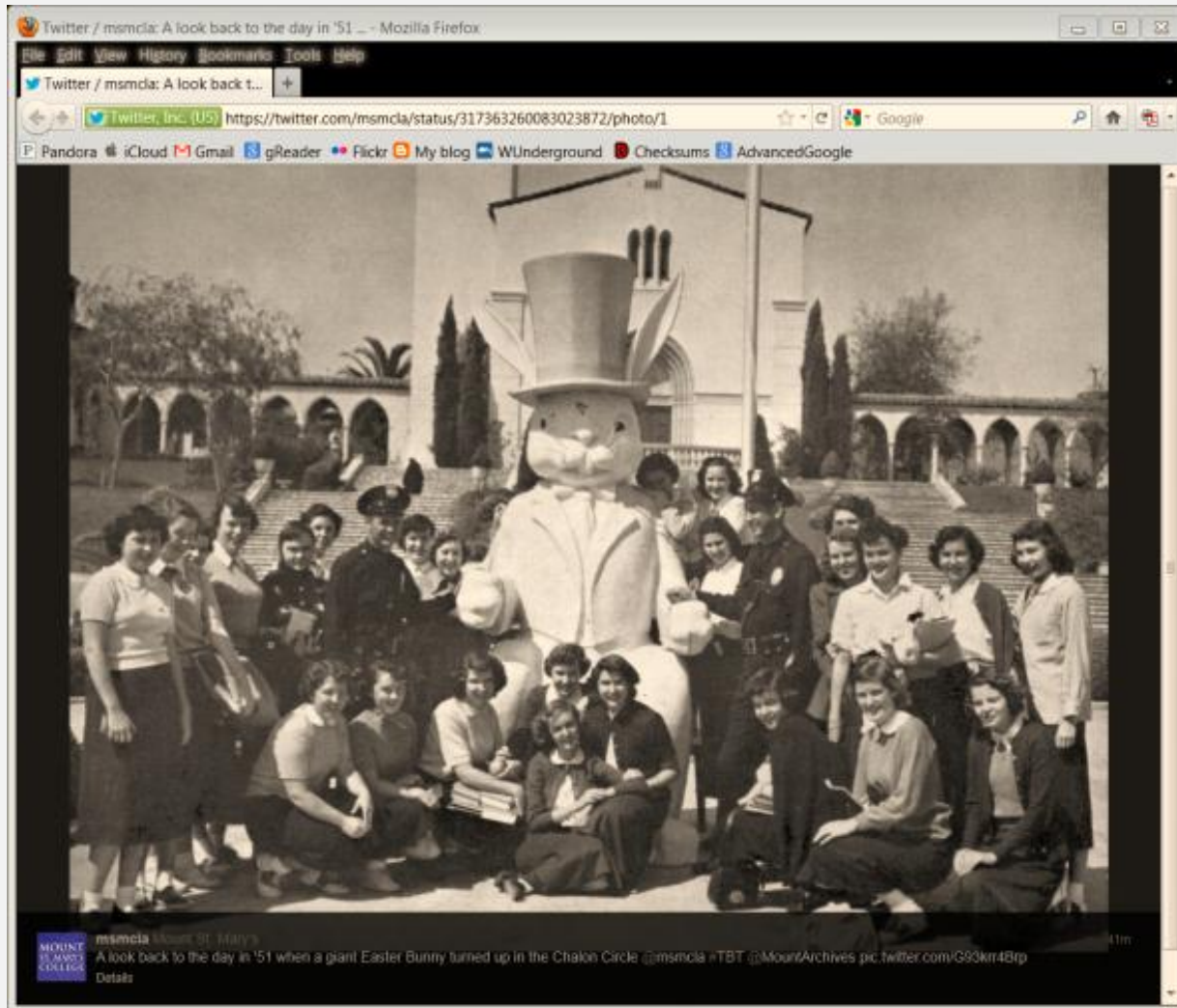
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Issues with Lone Arrangers

‘An individual who works alone or with only part-time or volunteer staff.’ — Christina Zamon

- Lack of funding
- Little or no dedicated budget
- Too many priorities
- Do-it-yourself IT support
- Overwhelming backlog
- Few opportunities for conf
- Not necessarily full-time jo
- Non-professional voluntee

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Benefits for Lone Arrangers

- Few colleagues understand what we do all day
- Modest successes can be made to look like digital magic
- Flying under the radar
- Freedom in decision making
- Reduced expectations for integration, interoperability
- Ability to set policy on our own
- More and cheaper tools out there all the time
- Not having to share the kudos (if any)
- Win-win-win – almost anything we do is better than things were before



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Is that a six-gun, Cowboy?

- Empowerment through FEARLESSNESS
 - We CAN put collections online
 - We DON'T HAVE TO be perfect
 - We don't have to be burdened by metadata like
 - ... EAD
 - ... MARC
 - ... LCSH
 - ... DCME
 - We DO have to be curious
 - We DO have to enjoy technology (up to a point)
 - We DO have to understand and explain what we do, don't do – and why ... empowerment through policy
 - We CAN be empowered by a confident attitude

We're in the CLOUD,
Kemo-sahbee!

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