

## **Session 3.2 ARL Libraries' Perspectives**

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### **Abstract**

This presentation focuses on digital curation needs among American research libraries. I will argue that research libraries require a range of skills and expertise and that there will be specialization for digital curators in much the same way that librarians specialize in various areas today. In addition, there are new areas of expertise needed as a result of technological change, transformations in scholarly communication, and serving content and users at a distance. I will also argue that not all these skills will be vested in professional librarians and that research libraries of the future will rely on a staff of experts coming from a number of domains.