

ReCAP Collections Committee Charge

The ReCAP Collections Committee advises the Executive Director and the Board on policies, activities, and direction for advancing and aligning collection goals among the ReCAP partners. The Committee's primary purpose is to:

- ensure that expectations and strategic priorities established by the ReCAP Board are successfully met and implemented;
- establish program and service models for collection development and collection management that are innovative, transformational, sustainable, and introduce new efficiencies and economies of scale;
- strengthen the partnership through robust and impactful collecting programs that can only be achieved through collaboration;
- foster new working norms across partner institutions that will efficiently and successfully operationalize and sustain collaboration, including through specific functional working groups established to advance strategic goals;
- provide oversight and direction for developing, documenting, and communicating policies, agreements, and other working documents that support the collaborative development and management of collections.

It is expected that specific initiatives and areas of concentration will evolve over time; the Committee will regularly review its charge, and those of its working groups, to ensure continued relevance and strategic focus. High-priority activities on which the Committee expects to focus initially include:

- complete the first phase of serial remediation work and identify ongoing requirements to support overall serial management, including intentional duplication and appropriate de-duplication of partners' collections at ReCAP, and, by extension, also within our individual libraries' onsite or other offsite collections (e.g., the Harvard Depository);
- advance collaborative collection development by establishing a working group and a scope of work for developing at least one joint approval plan with a major vendor by spring 2020, for production/implementation at the beginning of FY21;
- identify requirements for ongoing analysis of collections data that will advance our collective understanding of the strengths and gaps in our collections, will reliably measure the impact of collaborative collecting projects, and will support the development of new plans and activities.

The Committee is composed of the three associate university librarians overseeing collections, NYPL's Astor Director, and the ReCAP Executive Director (a non-voting member). The Committee meets at least once per month, more frequently as needed, with the convener position rotating on a periodic basis among the voting members. The Collections Committee invites other staff, as needed, to report on specific initiatives, including those involved in other collaborations, such as the Ivy Plus Libraries Confederation.

The current roster is:

- Ian Bogus, Executive Director, ReCAP (*ex officio*);
- Christopher Cronin, AUL for Collections, Columbia University Library;
- Denise Hibay, Astor Director, New York Public Library (*convener, 2019*);

- Elizabeth Kirk, AUL for Scholarly Resources, Harvard University Library;
- David Magier, AUL for Scholarly Collections & Research Services, Princeton University Library.