# Proposal Submission for Pacific Rim Research Libraries Alliance (PRRLA) 2023 Annual Meeting, Shenzhen

Presentation Title: Accessing university information: the journey of the University Archives in Hong Kong Baptist University Library

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BIO: Alice has worked in the Special Collections and Archives for 15 years. She has undertaken various projects, including processing archives and manuscripts, migrating audio-visual materials, organizing digitization programs, and exploring and configuring the functionalities of ArchivesSpace for implementation.

Abstract:

Hong Kong Baptist University is a mid-sized university, being one of the eight publicly funded universities in the territory. It is now in its 67th year, having started as a post-secondary college in 1956. From very early days the University Library has been trying to collect all the publications by the College/University and all its academic and administrative units to build and maintain a University Archives. Today there are about 600 monograph and serial titles, approximately 55,000 photographs, over 2,000 ephemeral items, 10 record groups and other materials in the Archives.

In recent years different projects were carried out to greatly improve access to the large variety of materials in the Archives. They included organizing a vast collection of records from the President’s Office and retired academics, re-housing and indexing campus event photographs transferred from the public relations office, putting on exhibitions, digitizing audio-visual materials in obsolete formats, to re-organizing a large ephemeral collection. The presentation will also cover important initiatives in the past two years such as large-scale digitization and website archiving, which help further raise the profile of the University Archives among the university community. The recent implementation of ArchivesSpace as the search portal for the archival materials will provide much better access to the end users.

Area(s) in the theme that the presentation will address: Preservation, Development and Discovery

Delivery of presentation: In-person

Recording of presentation: We grant permission to record our presentation and to make it publicly available after the annual meeting.