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J16 Preservation of Archived Documents: A Case Study of the Arson Fire at the University of Washington Elizabeth C. Miller Library

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Attendees will learn about the measures taken by document repositories seeking protect collections from disasters such as fires or floods. The case study will provide examples of techniques which can restore damaged archives.

This presentation will impact the forensic community and humanity by providing information and a point of contact that will be useful in the event of a natural or man-made disaster which affects archived documents.

Preservation is about providing stewardship to protect the enormous investments that archives, libraries, and museums have in their collections. Gary Menges, Preservation Administrator at the University of Washington Libraries will talk about the measures universities take to protect these investments. What happens when disasters strike? A case study will be the arson fire at the University of Washington Center for Urban Horticulture which damaged the Elizabeth C. Miller Library.

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