

## PACSCL/CLIR “Hidden Collections” Project Post Processing Research Value Evaluation

Repository:

Collection:

Evaluators:

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### **Talk to Repository Staff:**

- How frequently over the past five years have researchers sought materials on topics substantially documented in a particular collection?

### **Using Your Knowledge of the Now Processed Collection, think about:**

- How rare is a collection’s documentation of a particular topic?
  - o There could be multiple topics in a collection, even topics that the collection was not necessarily created or retained to document.
- How extensive is the documentation?
- How deep or detailed is it?
- Is anything missing; year spans, papers or documentation of key players, etc?

**Assign Interest Ranking Value**

Very High: 5

High: 4

Moderate: 3

Slight: 2

Negligible: 1

**Assign Quality of Documentation Value**

Very Rich: 5

Rich: 4

Moderately Rich: 3

Incidentally valuable: 2

Slight: 1

**Add the Numbers together**

The sum of the Interest Ranking and the Quality of Documentation Ranking can range from a high of “10” to a low of “2.”

**Briefly describe the factors that led you to your decisions.**