

Reclaiming History: Archiving Diasporas in the Age of Web 2.0 Technologies and Social Media

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Abstract:

Web 2.0 technologies offer an incomparable platform for collaborative research and collection development in archives, particularly in the case of minority or diasporic communities, where multiple languages, competing or opposing historiographies, varied archival settings, and both temporal as well as geographical dispersion have affected the ways the past is remembered.

As part of an independent study, I am conducting a user study of scholars of Jewish studies and my paper will explore how they, beyond merely “producing” history, can contribute to it by populating archives with their individual knowledge through new technologies and social media.