SI Archives and the Collections Care and Preservation Fund will sponsor a “photograph summit” to learn about an innovative survey tool with potential to assess the preservation needs of photograph collections at the Smithsonian Institution.

There is no comprehensive planning document for the preservation of photographs at the Smithsonian. Survey projects conducted in 2000 at Harvard University, 2005 at the Library of Congress and in 2007 by the Hermitage Museum (all funded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation) are the model projects to be examined at this summit. At the meeting to be held at the Ring Auditorium of the Hirshhorn Museum, the creators of the survey will describe the value of this survey for their institutions.

Following the summit, the opportunity to use the survey at the Smithsonian will be discussed. Other outcomes of the project may be the expansion of this survey tool to other media/collection types at the Institution, dovetailing with benchmarking activities currently underway.

**WHEN:**
Wednesday, September 23, 2009 9:15am - 1pm

**WHERE:**
Marion and Gustave Ring Auditorium
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden
Independence Avenue at 7th Street SW

**HOW TO REGISTER:**
For more information and meeting agenda, visit [http://photosummit.eventbrite.com/](http://photosummit.eventbrite.com/)

Registration is limited to 150.
Email photosummit@si.edu, for further questions.

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