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Managing the Digital Dig:
Partnerships and Progress on the ArchaeoCore Metadata Project

The interest in archaeology and investment in cultural heritage that emerged in Europe and America in the last half of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries has resulted in a legacy of copious data and multimedia archival material. These "legacy collections" are found in a number of academic institutions and archives throughout Europe and the United States. Despite a plethora of collections, we are still without conceptual models and data standards that facilitate the sharing of archaeological data. This paper presents the progress made on ArchaeoCore, a metadata schema for archaeology developed at the University of Virginia and vetted among partner institutions including Princeton, the Institute of Fine Arts, and Dumbarton Oaks. ArchaeoCore addresses the need for a data standard that can link legacy data and current fieldwork in a digital world while preserving the rich context data.