Digital Condition Reporting and other iPad Uses in the Registration and Collection Information Department at LACMA

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Registration and Collection Information

Collections Information
- Permanent Collection
- Outgoing Loans

LACMA
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**Art Across America**
Art Gallery of New South Wales
35 LACMA permanent collection artworks
3 lenders

**Stephen Prina: As He Remembered It**
LACMA
118 objects
1 lender
Outgoing Loans
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Previous work flow

Registrar generates the condition report for each object, prints out a color hard copy and hand delivers to conservator

Conservator hand writes the condition report

At the conclusion of the loan, registrar would enter full condition report into database
Outgoing loans

Current work flow

Registrar generates the condition report for each artwork via Crystal Reports. Delivers to conservator via emailed PDF.

Conservator annotates e-condition report via iPad (or Acrobat Suite).

Conservator emails condition report back to Registrar who passes by email to courier or borrower.

At the end of the loan, final condition report pdf dragged and dropped into database.
Outgoing loans

- Loan Receipt
- Packing Notes
- Packing Diagram
- Condition Report
- Courier Itinerariers
Incoming Loans

M.2013.108a-g
Erika Vogt
Field of Debris, 2012
Plaster, paint, rope, wood

M.2013.52a-b
Japan
Zao Gongen (Mountain Avatar), late Heian period, circa 1180
Wood, pigments, gold leaf, crystal

M.2013.100
Ry Rocklen
Second to None, 2011
Trophies, trophy parts, wood
Incoming Loans

Previous Work Flow
- Blank incoming loans registration form is generated from Crystal Reports and printed out
- Registrar completes the form including an initial condition assessment of the artwork, by hand
- Intern enters the condition assessment into the database

Current Work Flow
- Registrar registers the artwork on the iPad directly into TMS via a remote app - PDFExpert: Tombstone check, dimensions, packing notes and condition check.
- Completed incoming loan registration form is generated and saved to the e-file and a hard copy printed for the hard file
- Good WiFi connection essential for Current Work Flow
Incoming Loans
TMS

Conversion: August 2011
Launch: September 17, 2012
Users: ~ 400 total
Power users: ~ 95

Future of TMS
Conservation Module
Ability to generate image and text based condition reports directly in TMS
Tools

Image Editing

File Sharing

Remote Access

Document Editing
At ARCS!
Thank you!

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