Participants
Institutions committed to deeper engagement with shareable metadata and the “next-generation” services they allow and interested in achieving this through implementation of the Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting. Ideally, two individuals from each institution will be accommodated, and these individuals will be responsible for generating and maintaining metadata (i.e., metadata librarian) and/or implementing the OAI technical infrastructure of the institution.

Objectives
Upon completing this Training Session, participants will have strategies for implementing OAI into workflows for digital collections. More specifically, participants will develop strategies for one or all of the following:
1) Incorporating tools, formats, and/or practices for sharing metadata through OAI.
2) Implementing software, tools, and/or systems that allow metadata to be shared through OAI.
3) Creating systems and services that help users locate and use OAI-shared metadata.
4) Allocating resources and marshalling support for OAI implementation.

In overview and introduction sessions, participants will do one or more of the following:
- Identify OAI implementation issues that relate to their own experience,
- Follow the life cycle of OAI metadata, from creation to user discovery, and realize different ways of creating and exposing OAI metadata,
- Raise questions critical to their institution’s ability to implement OAI, and
- Develop foundational understanding of the formats, tools, and services they will become more familiar with during the break-out groups and will potentially implement at their home institution.

In break-out groups participants will do one or more of the following:
- Identify challenges to their institution’s ability to implement OAI,
- Work with group leaders to develop strategies for OAI implementation at their institution,
- Extend their foundational understanding of the formats, tools, and services they may use to implement OAI at their home institution, and
- Identify areas where more information, assistance, or resources are required to address their particular OAI implementation issues.

If you have questions regarding this workshop, please direct them to Liz Milewicz (emilewi@emory.edu).