GATHERING USER INFORMATION BEYOND BEYOND GOOGLE ANALYTICS



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Special Collections Library Search Tools & Databases Scholars & Projects Publications About the GRI Exhibitions & Events



Maria Wilson reveal some of the personal and practical behind his work. Artist-in-Residence Fiona Tan uses Getty Collections for Her Next Project While at the Getty Research Institute, filmmaker and artist Fiona Tan researched five missing portraits by painter Théodore Géricault.

Rite of Spring: Frank Gehry and the Walt Disney Concert Hall Architectural historian Thomas Hines gives the inside story on how Frank Gehry secured the commission for the Walt Disney Concert Hall.



The Art of Alchemy

Nature's Urge for Pattern

Runge's professor, Wolfgang Dobereiner, discovered relationships between the chemical elements which eventually led to the creation of the periodic table. He introduced Runge to his friend Goethe, the German Romantic author, who asked Runge why coffee keeps him awake. Runge was the first to identify the chemical stimulant caffeine.



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Nature's Urge for Pattern (detail), Friedlieb Ferdinand Runge, 1855



Mobile tours



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GRI on Facebook



Getty Research Institute

Videos Playlists Channels Discussion About Home

GRI on YouTube

What are users doing with your data?



TODAY:

- ► What is "UX"?
- ► UX at the GRI
- Gathering user information for "Understanding How Scholars Use Social Media"

Time Period: January – March 2017

GRI Databases: Total Searches



Time Period: January – March 2017

Spotlight: AAT Database

The Art and Architecture Thesaurus is the most searched vocabularies database and has an average of 150,000 searches per quarter. In March 2017 there were over 12,000 visits to the AAT from more than 80 countries.



Top 10 countries searching AAT in March 2017

- 1. United States
- 2. Canada
- 3. Germany
- 4. United Kingdom
- 5. Belgium
- 6. Spain
- 7. The Netherlands
- 8. Singapore
- 9. Australia
- 10. Italy

"UX" = User Experience

"User experience encompasses all aspects of the end-user's interaction with the company, its services, and its products" – Don Norman and Jakob Nielsen/Nielsen Norman Group



UX can include:

- Iterative testing sprints
- Usability tests
- User profiles
- Design Thinking
- Visual design workshop
- Personas
- Surveys
- Scenarios
- Wireframes
- User interviews
- Site flows
- Synthesis workshop
- Metrics
- Journey mapping



At the start of a project



If you've done a beta release



When you have some early ideas



Anytime you want to find out more



Exhibition websites

The Art of Alchemy

The Peacock Stage

In Classical mythology, Mercury created the peacock when he slew Juno's 100-eyed guardian Argus. Alchemists sought to recreate the iridescence of the bird's feathers in the laboratory. They also speculated that the hard flesh of the peacock was resistant to decay and an antidote to poisons.



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The Peacock Stage (detail), Jörg Breu the Elder (attributed), ca. 1531–1532





ANCIENT PALMYRA



Mobile tours

Online-only exhibitions

City Plan & Monuments





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Findings from UX can be used to inform:

Business decisions

Content strategy

Improve products and services

WHO'S VISITING? WHY ARE THEY THERE?



Time Period: January – March 2017

Facebook:

Total Facebook followers: 19,325 New followers this quarter: 1,366 Percentage of followers outside the US: 58%

YouTube:

Total YouTube subscribers: 2,495

Total minutes watched in FY17Q3: 170,903 (lifetime minutes watched: 2,247,913)

Total views in FY17Q3: 31,878 (lifetime views: 434,613)

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INTERVIEW STAFF

- Understand goals and objectives
- Define success
- Uncover any internal issues
- Manage expectations
- Gain buy-in

SAMPLE USER PROFILE:

► <u>Senior Scholar</u>

- ► Minimum years in the field: 20+
- ► Minimum education: PhD
- Job titles include: Director, head of department, tenured (full) professor, senior or chief curator, dean, independent scholar (commensurate with experience), practicing artist (commensurate with experience)
- Publishing: Because of their expertise, they have published widely—not only in journals—but often books.
- Professional activities: They are considered authorities in their subject matter and hold a leadership role within their respective institutions. They may serve on editorial boards and fellowship selection committees, and are typically the decision makers in the projects that will be published or awarded funding.

Example user:

Dr. Angela Smith is a professor of Early Modern European Art History at Cambridge and is a consulting curator for exhibitions within the United Kingdom and Europe, resulting in frequent travel for her work. Last year, Smith authored the authoritative text on the French Revolution as depicted by etchings, for which she predominantly consulted the collections of the Getty Research Institute and the Bibliothèque nationale de France during a six-month sabbatical.

EXAMPLE OF A SHORTER USER PROFILE . . .

Enthusiasts: Defined as individuals who may be unfamiliar with the Getty Research Institute, but are web-savvy, may or may not live in the US, are intellectually curious, and are interested in an art-historical perspective on a timely and newsworthy topic.

SURVEY



	20%
. Which of the following describe your conne	ection to the visual arts? Please check all that apply.
Guest scholar at the Getty Research Institute	
University faculty	
Graduate student	
Independent researcher	
Museum professional	
Library and/or archival professional	
Getty Research Institute staff member	
Artist	
Art enthusiast	
Museum enthusiast	
2. Do you conduct research in the visual arts	or art history?
Yes	or art history?
Yes	or art history?
Yes	
Yes No "yes," please describe your field of research. How many years have you worked in your f 1 - 5 6 - 10 11 - 15	

RESULTS: ALL RESPONDENTS

Learn

Discover

Network

USER INTERVIEWS

- ► No more than 45 minutes . . .
- ► Ask a lot of "why" and open-ended questions to elicit insights
- ► One person to ask questions, another to take notes . . .



SYNTHESIS WORKSHOP



ART HISTORIANS DON'T LIKE TO POST OR COMMENT ON SOCIAL MEDIA

- "I feel squeamish about posting online, it feels like it's selfpromoting or gloating."
- "I wouldn't write anything that I'm not prepared to see in a footnote"

LOW "FOMO"

- "Not being more connected as a 'public scholar,' may have limited my work, but that's OK."
- "I know social media may be faster for updates, but the methods I use for staying updated are adequate enough for my purposes."

UX Plan for How Scholars Use Social Media:



Survey: A survey is important for the *what*.

User Interviews: Talking to users is important for the *why* and *how*.



Questions?