

# Archives for Black Lives in Philadelphia (A4BLiP) Anti-Racist Description Resources



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# What is A4BLiP?

*#ArchivesforBlackLives -Jarrett Drake*

A4BLiP statement: <https://github.com/a4blip/A4BLiP>

<https://archivesforblacklives.wordpress.com/>

# Addressing Racist/Anti-Black Description

## A4BLiP Anti-Racist Description Working Group



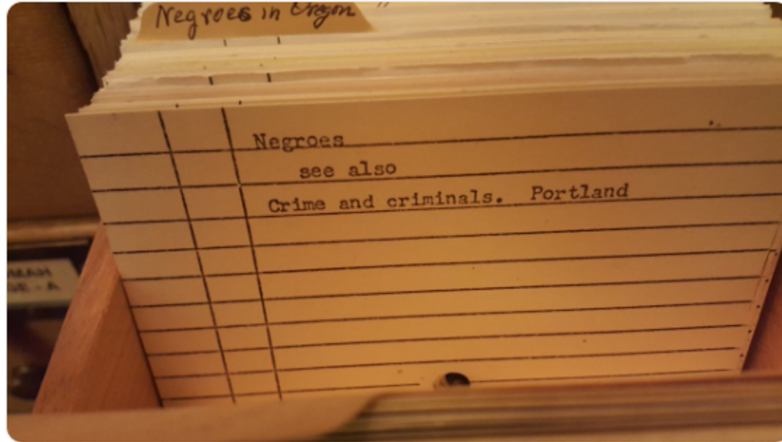
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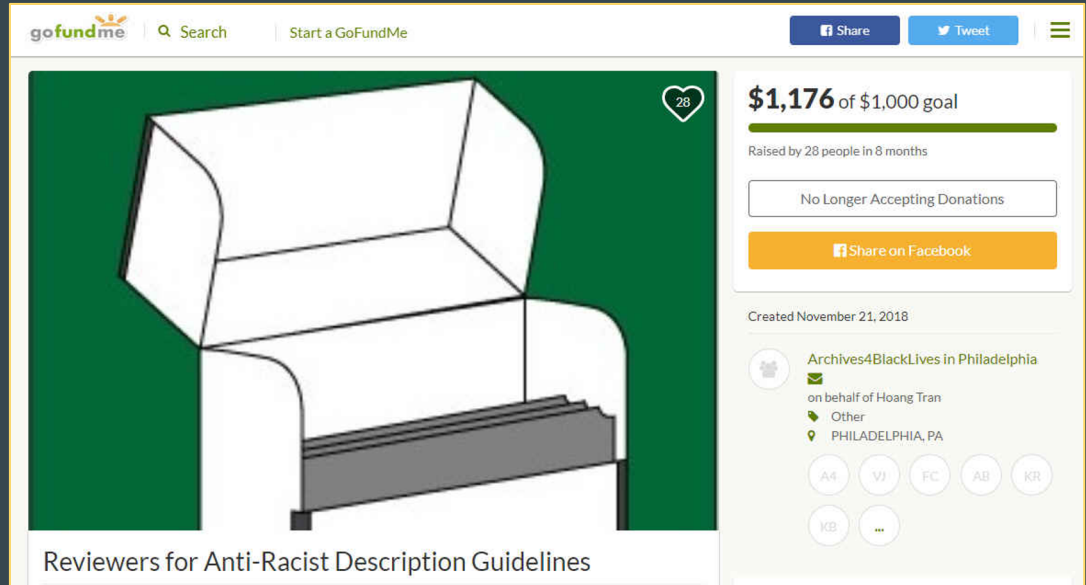
# Resources

- Extended Bibliography
- Annotated Bibliography
- Metadata Recommendations



# Review Process

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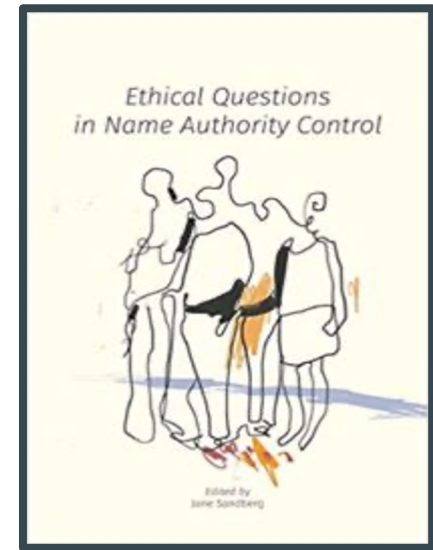


# Challenges / Lessons

- Communities are not monoliths
- Authority to implement institution-wide changes
- Changing terminology (iterative, continuing, routinized work)
- Dynamics of mostly white working group
  - Need for self study to mitigate harm to BIPOC colleagues



Alexis A. Antracoli & Katy Rawdon “What’s in a Name? Archives for Black Lives in Philadelphia and the Impact of Names and Name Authorities in Archival Description”



**Who’s Missing from This Table?** Interview with creators of Archives for Black Lives in Philadelphia Anti-Racist Description Resources

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Archives in Context, SAA Podcast, June 2021. Alexis Antracoli,  
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