



Introduction

The James Cardinal Gibbons Medal is the highest honor bestowed by The Catholic University of America Alumni Association. The Gibbons Medal recognizes an individual, who may or may not be a CUA alumnus, for distinguished and meritorious service to the Church, the nation, or the University. The goal of this project was to create a unified visual collection of the past medalists, dating back to 1949.

Before this effort, there was no such visual collection of the past award winners. Photos of the award winners, as well as any related press or biographical information, was being stored in several different places, such as the CUA Alumni Association's psychical and digital storage areas in Father O'Connell Hall and within the University Archives in both Aquinas and Curley Halls, and in the Public Affairs office in Marist Hall. The collection was never deemed a high-enough priority, which was causing small gaps in how the event and the award selection was being documented.

Process

Number of items digitized

- 69 items in the collection
- 49 items have a one image
- 17 items have a second image
- 1 item has 10 images
- 75 images across the collection
- 16 items still need images

Staff numbers

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Project duration

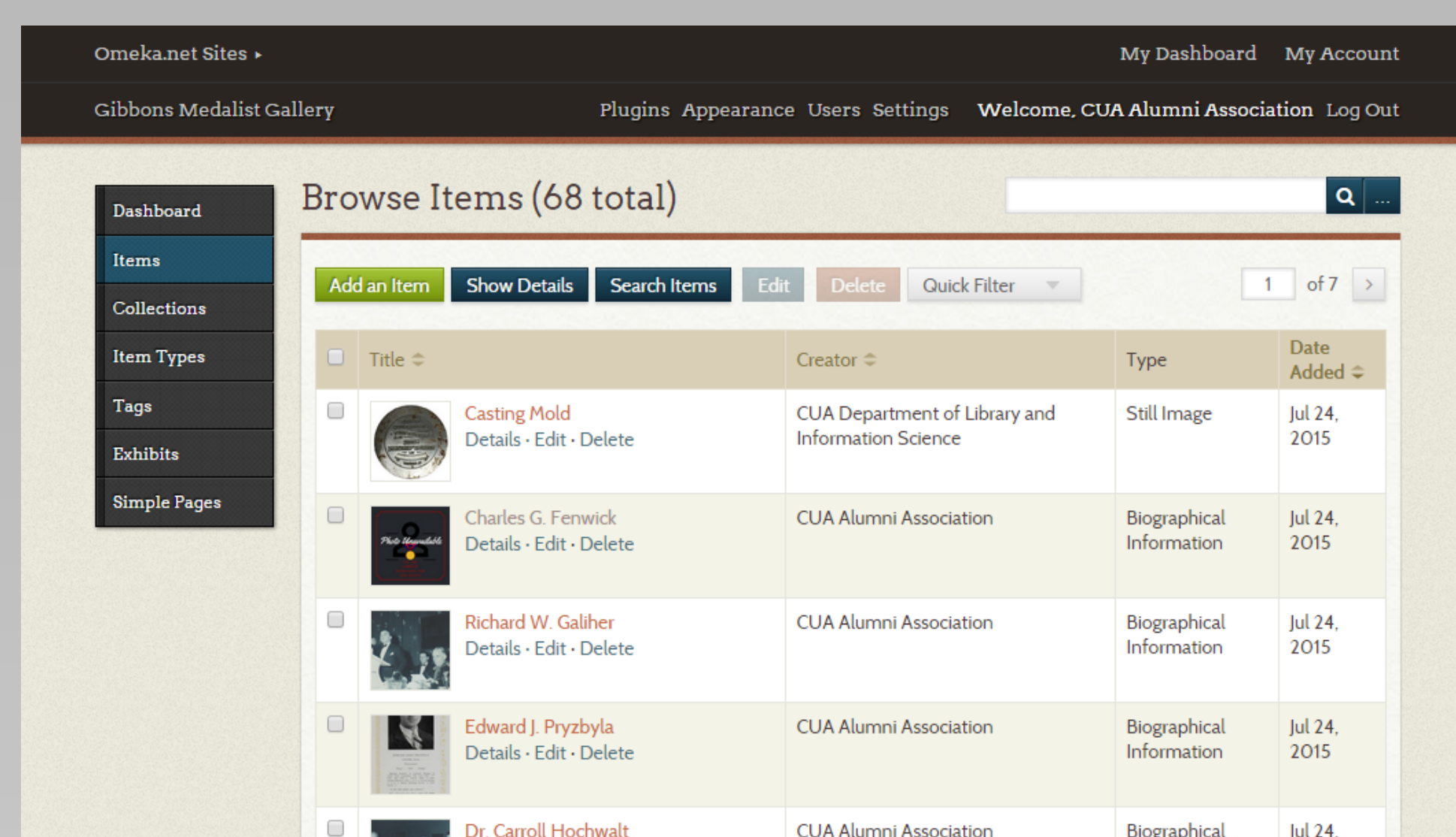
June 28, 2015 - August 8, 2015

Equipment used

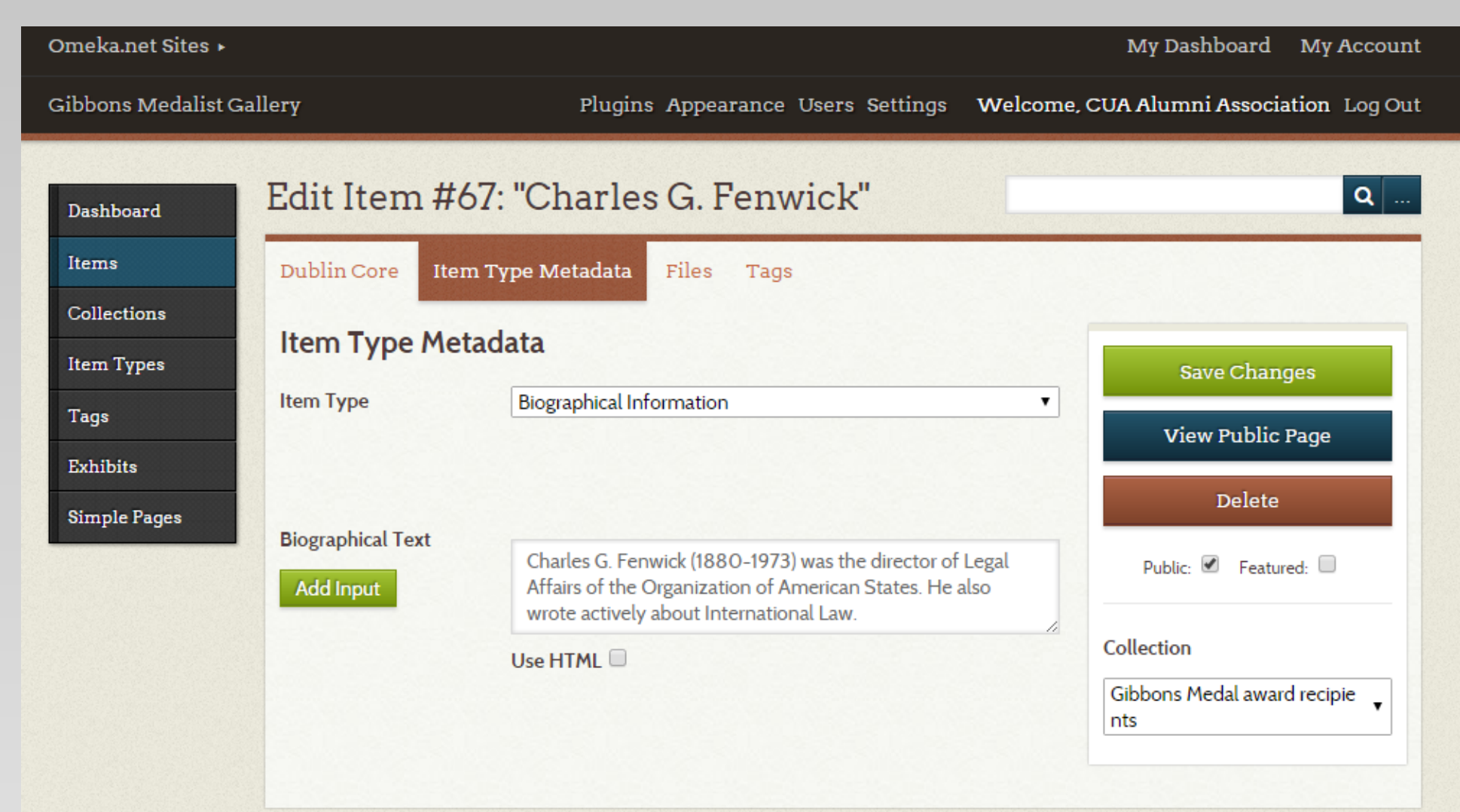
- Dell Computer
- Zeuschel GmbH OS 15000 Advanced Plus (courtesy of the University Archives)
- Ricoh MP C6502 color digital MFP (multifunction printer)
 - Scan resolution up to 300 dpi
 - Capture format: TIFF

Using Omeka

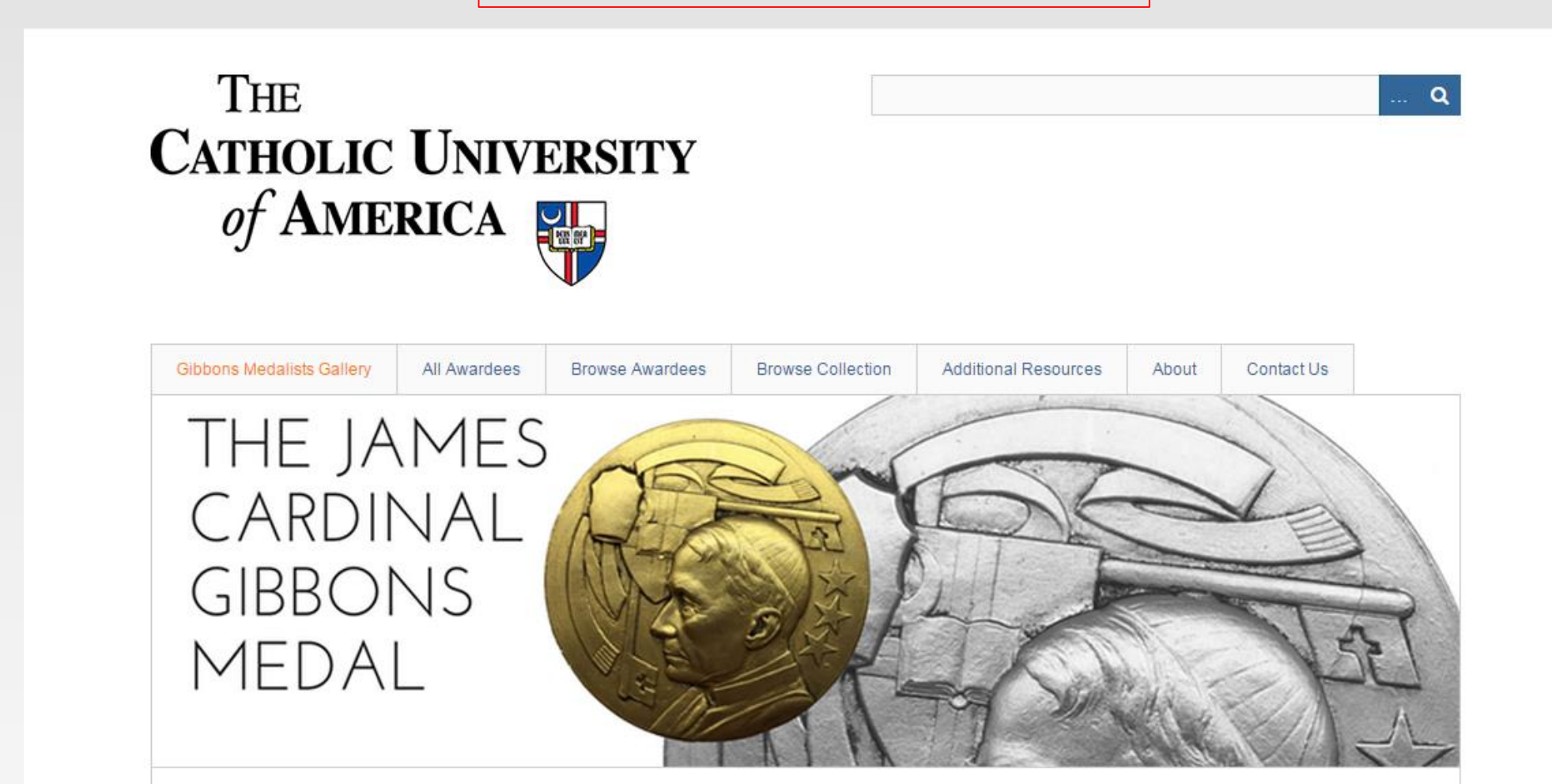
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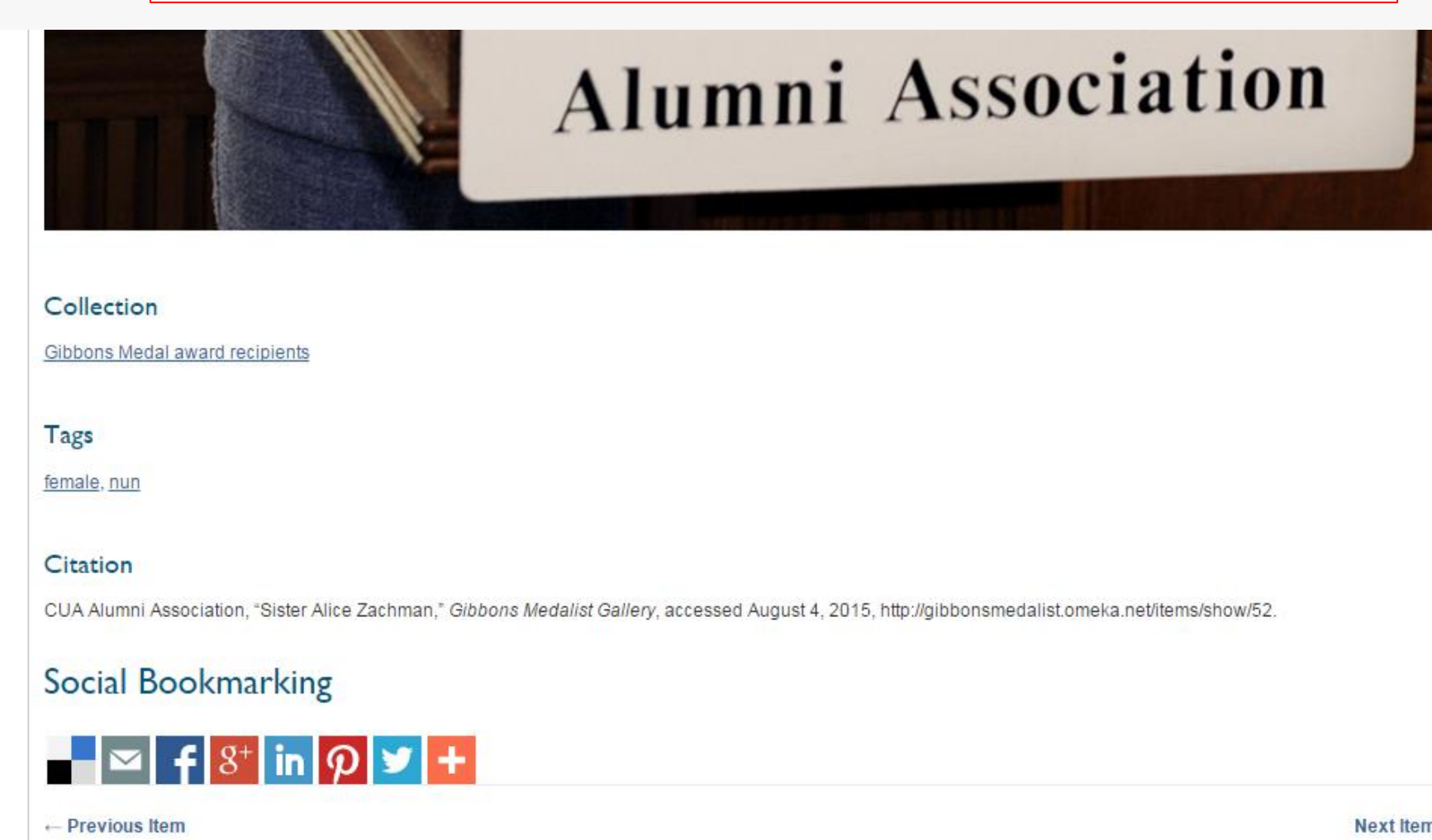
Adding Item Type Metadata



Navigating in Omeka

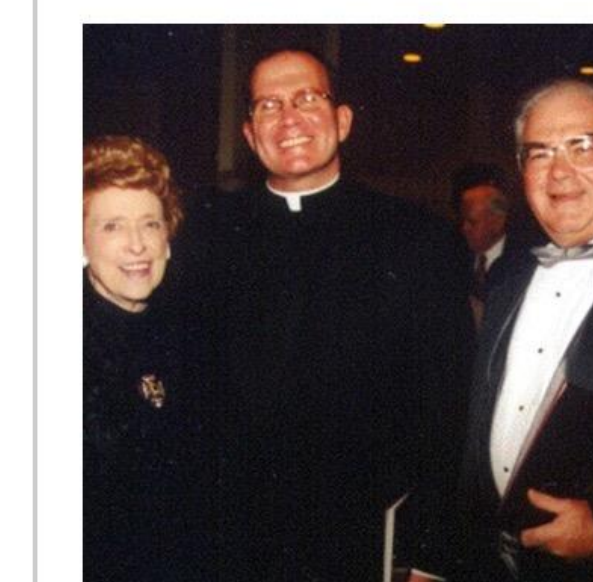


Social Tagging for extended metadata



Emerging Data Trends through Tagging

Corrine Boggs



The United States Ambassador to The Holy See, and the 1998 award recipient.
Tags: [female](#)

Timothy P. Shriver



CEO of the Special Olympics, and the 2015 award recipient.
Tags: [alumnus](#), [male](#)

Sister Mary Scullion



Co-founder of Project H.O.M.E. and the 2013 award recipient.
Tags: [female](#), [nun](#)

We used tagging techniques and chose specific categories to group awardees into certain areas — for example, gender, alumni status, career or religious role, etc. — to illustrate the trends, overall, throughout those are nominated to receive the award.

Some of our findings, which the Alumni Association award committee has taken into consideration:

- 58 men
- 9 women
- 3 nuns
- 7 priests
- 1 person of color
- 3 former University presidents

Conclusion

Overall, we found that content management systems can open doors to cross-departmental collaborations, that both benefit each stakeholder and enhance an institutional collection. We also found that tagging within a content management system can reveal otherwise hidden patterns in data.

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