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EADitor INCLUDED IN SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVISTS' DESCRIPTION EXPO 2011

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New York, NY - The American Numismatic Society is pleased to announce that EADitor, the open-source collection management and web publication system created by ANS web and database developer Ethan Gruber, has been selected for inclusion in the Society of American Archivists' Description Expo 2011.

Gruber has been working closely with ANS Archivist David Hill on a project using EADitor to manage and present descriptive information about the Society's collections of manuscript materials. The result will be the creation of fully searchable online finding aids written using Encoded Archival Description (EAD), the international XML standard for archival description.

EADitor provides for the easy production of EAD finding aids through built-in features like customizable data entry forms and direct access to controlled vocabularies, such as Library of Congress Subject Headings and the personal and corporate names compiled in the Virtual International Authority File (VIAF). Finding aids created in EADitor allow for full-text as well as more detailed faceted searching, giving ANS staff and researchers the ability to drill down and locate specific data across various archival collections.

Gruber, in close collaboration with ANS research scientist Sebastian Heath, also designed the Society's object collection search system MANTIS, which offers many of the same versatile search features. With this latest addition, ANS now offers a trio of leading-edge research tools—EADitor, MANTIS, and DONUM, the ANS library's online catalog—ensuring that ANS research collections of all types are made fully accessible.

To visit the Society of American Archivists' Description Expo 2011, please visit <http://www2.archivists.org/groups/description-section/description-expo-2011>. To explore the ANS archives, visit <http://www.numismatics.org/Archives>

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