

## Project Year

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## Project Team

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## Project Title

Civility in History and in Contemporary Society

## Audience

Students enrolled in a future course on civility.

## Pedagogical Issue

Professor Forni maintains a vast collection of research on the codes of social conduct, from Greek antiquity to contemporary America, in a wide variety of formats (paper-based articles, books, videos, audio tapes, etc.) Many items in the collection are accessible only in person and with special permission. Students, researchers, and others interested in the subject have significant difficulties obtaining access to these materials.

## Solution

Because of a surging interest in the subject of civility and manners, Professor Forni is developing a course on the subject, to be titled *Civility in History and in Contemporary Society*. Online access to the materials in his collection, in digital format, is a prerequisite to offering the course, because of the nonstandard nature of the course materials. Consequently, this team proposes to digitize materials from Professor Forni's archives and make them available online. The collection will include images, a wide variety of documents, and, in future iterations, audio clips from radio interviews. Students in the new course will use an electronic bulletin board on the course website to post progress on individual research, so that colleagues can offer suggestions in early stages of study. The peer advising and reviewing process will be monitored by the instructors.

## Technologies Used

Menalto Online Gallery, Max/MSP Programming Environment, scanning to digital format