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### **Metadata across the four fields of anthropology**

Documentary linguistics explicitly concerns itself with gathering data about the world's languages with long-term uses of the data in mind. Other academic fields which are likely to make use of language documentation are cultural anthropology, archaeology, and physical anthropology—that is, the three other traditional subfields of anthropology. Recently, efforts have begun for these fields to examine how they might develop an integrated plan for data preservation. This presentation and poster reports on the results of an NSF-funded workshop held in May 2009 which brought together representatives of cultural anthropology, linguistics, archaeology, and physical anthropology in order to discuss common data preservation and access concerns. Attendees at the workshop considered issues ranging from metadata standards to data formats to ethical concerns to systems of access. While it was clear that each field has its own specific needs, there was also identification of significant areas of overlap.