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Katie Gregonis is the Institutional Records Management Program Manager and Team Lead supporting Los Alamos National Laboratory. The Institutional Records Management team answers research requests and ensures preservation and disposition of records materials in accordance with federal guidelines. She finds opportunities to improve the digital records systems and facilitates integration to make records materials discoverable. Katie's varied background includes information and metadata management for government and academic institutions, digital art studio practice, and studies in military history.

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Nicholas Lewis is an historian with the National Security Research Center (NSRC), LANL's classified library. He has a PhD in the history of science and technology from the University of Minnesota—Twin Cities. He came to Los Alamos in 2014 as a graduate intern with the High Performance Computing Division, where he wrote his dissertation on the development of Los Alamos supercomputing. He then did a postdoc on the history of LANL's classified "code cultures," before joining the NSRC staff in May of 2021.

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Steve Simon is a consultant for the National Security Research Center. He received a PhD in Radiological Health Sciences from Colorado State University. Early in his career, he worked in medical physics at the Los Alamos Physics Meson Facility. Later specializing in environmental radioactivity and assessment, he directed the first and only nationwide monitoring program of the Marshall Islands for residual contamination from nuclear testing. He also participated in the radiologic monitoring of numerous other nuclear test sites worldwide including Johnston Island, French Polynesia, and Algeria and has led, or participated in, radiation health risk studies of fallout exposures in Utah, the Marshall Islands, and Kazakhstan. Dr. Simon moved to the National Cancer Institute's Radiation Epidemiology Branch where he served as an expert in dose reconstruction and led the Dosimetry Unit. His research program included methods for

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Patty Templeton is the Collections Management Team Leader at the National Security Research Center (NSRC). She manages a team of archivists, historians, and information specialists who are responsible for the growth, accessibility, and preservation of the NSRC's collections. She develops and implements indexing, standardization, and long-term preservation processes for the NSRC's technical reports, audiovisual materials, and special collections in support of researchers at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Patty is a Certified Archivist with a master of library and information science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She was a 2020 Library of Congress Junior Fellow with the Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division. Her main research pursuits include oral history and media preservation. She is excited by metadata management, creating efficiencies, and storytelling.