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Dr. Pickett is a senior professor of history at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. He has been a Fulbright professor in Japan and is the author of numerous books and articles on American political and diplomatic history and the history of technology. He has taught courses about the historical impact of the Web, and in 2006 he initiated and was co-chair of a conference called “The World Wide Web at Ten: The Dream and the Reality” commemorating the 10th anniversary of the commercial Web.

MARC WEBER, Co-Founder, Collections and Communications Specialist
Weber was an award-winning journalist and technology writer, and co-founder of Arcady Press. He was the first person to research the Web’s origins as a historical topic, starting in 1995. He co-founded the World Wide Web History Project in 1996 with the assistance of Sir Tim Berners-Lee and many other Web pioneers. Mr. Weber and the Project members interviewed all main sources and assembled the largest archive of early Web historical material to date. He and Kevin Hughes organized the first Web History Day and Exhibit for the 6th International World Wide Web Conference of 1997.

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As a pioneering Web designer and programmer, Mr. Hughes established many of the conventions we now take for granted with his sites for Honolulu Community College, CommerceNet, and later Commerce One and many others. He is one of the six members of the World Wide Web Hall of Fame, which includes Sir Berners-Lee. He was a co-founder of the Web History Project and co-organizer with Marc Weber of the 1997 Web History Day. He is the designer of Footsteps, the digital library architecture that when completed will allow people to both browse and contribute to the Web History Center’s collections.

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The Web History Center (WHC) is a non-profit educational organization to make public the history of the World Wide Web and preserve it for posterity. It will:

- Spearhead an urgent campaign to help save critical historic materials which are at risk—and to put programs in place to safeguard the record of the Web's ongoing development  
- Serve as the coordinating body for Web History Center Members. These already include many pioneers in the Web's development, both people and companies, as well as leading institutions in the history of technology field  
- Provide a means of public access to the Web's history for scholars, the press, authors, and all who are interested, through a shared digital library of historical materials, and also through events, exhibits, and educational programs

**WHY IT MATTERS**

In just a decade the vast growth of the Web has utterly transformed the ways that most of us use and store information, perhaps as completely as the printing press did starting half a millennium ago. The process continues, with no end in sight.

Yet many of the records of this historic transformation—and the little known 75-year history of brilliant innovation that led to it—are disappearing. Every day thousands of pages and untold bytes of irreplaceable source material are lost. Software programs that blazed trails in the science of handling information deteriorate on old disks and tapes without backups. New Web professionals are often unaware of prior achievements in their own field, and the resulting ignorance can slow innovation.

Since 1995 interest in various aspects of Web history has gathered momentum, and this has led to some important successes in saving portions of our digital heritage. These include the preservation work of the former Web History Project and especially that of some of the world-class institutions now becoming Web History Center members (see reverse).

But until now, no single entity has been tracking or tying together those independent efforts. There has been no clearinghouse for information for either archivists or the public, no coordinated preservation initiative, and no easy access to the materials already preserved.

By addressing these unmet needs, the WHC will save significant amounts of at-risk materials. Because the main role of the WHC will be to facilitate the preservation of materials by existing institutions rather than duplicate their efforts, from the outset it will have a permanent, tangible impact on how much of the history of our digital heritage is available to future generations.

**WHO WE ARE**

The Web History Center is assembling on one team some of the people and institutions most qualified to record the Web's history. The core organization will include individuals and resources from the ten-year-old Web History Project, from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, and from the group that originally developed the Web at CERN (European Organization for Nuclear Research) including its co-founder Robert Cailliau. The Web History Center uses the domain "www.webhistory.org", one of the best-known in this field. It was registered by the Web History Project in 1996 and has a consistent search engine ranking at or near the top for "Web history".

*The good thing about digital media is that you can save everything. The bad thing about digital media is that you can lose everything*  
— Brewster Kahle, pioneer, founder of The Internet Archive