

MAMA News

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Advocacy Workshop from SAA

Advocating for Archives in State and Local Policymaking

January 27, 10:00-5:00, via Zoom

This workshop aims to build capacity among SAA members and affiliates to advocate for archival issues in their immediate community, region, and state. You will learn how to identify, advocate for, and communicate effectively about archival issues to influence municipal and state decision makers. Over the course of the workshop, you will draft and begin refining an action plan for a real advocacy issue affecting your archival community. Exercises will draw from resources developed by the Society of American Archivists, the Council of State Archivists, the American Alliance of Museums, and other organizations dealing with state and municipal politics.

Presenters include Virginia Millington, Bryan Whitledge, and Samantha Winn.

Upon completion of this course, you'll be able to:

- Identify a key advocacy issue to address.
- Compile effective background research and support materials on an advocacy issue.
- Identify and develop strategies to work with potential decision makers, allies, and opponents.
- Construct a framework plan to reach your advocacy objective.
- Assess and refine your advocacy approach.

https://mysaa.archivists.org/nc_event?id=a0l5a00000EYl0fAAD

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Awards - Call for Nominations

MAC President's Award

Deadline: January 31

The MAC Presidents' Award was established in 1986 as a means for MAC to recognize significant contributions to the archival profession by individuals, institutions, and organizations not directly involved in archival work, but knowledgeable about its purpose and value. A committee comprising the three most recent past presidents of MAC chooses the recipients, based on nominations submitted by committees in each of the 13 states in the MAC region. Each state committee may put forward only one nomination per year. As many as three awards may be presented each year.

<https://www.midwestarchives.org/presidents-award>

MAC Distinguished Service Award

Deadline: January 31

MAC's Distinguished Service Award recognizes the otherwise unsung contributions of our MAC friends and colleagues. Please take a moment to think of those you know who have been quietly contributing their time and talents to MAC: the people who step up to serve on committees, who are ready to fill in as workshop leaders for participants who must withdraw at the last minute, or those who will gladly work the registration table when they learn someone has just canceled. Who among us can whip up a quick article for the newsletter when you need to fill that last quarter-page, or will help organize our annual meetings? Now take a few minutes to put into words why MAC should recognize at least one of these people, and submit your nomination on the MAC Distinguished Service Award nomination form.

https://www.midwestarchives.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=59

Colleague Conversation

Wednesday, January 13, 1:30pm

Please join us on January 13 to learn more about the Show Me Missouri digital exhibit.

Show Me Missouri is a state-wide collaborative initiative to document and commemorate Missouri's bicentennial in 2021. This forthcoming digital exhibit will tell the story of Missouri and Missourians through

the lens of 200 historically and culturally significant objects. Furthermore, the project will examine the comprehensive history of the state through a complex, inclusive, and critical interpretation. Each object will have an interpretative essay that will contextualize it in relation to the larger history of Missouri.

<https://mama.wildapricot.org/event-4098820>

Grants (sorta)

Lower Mississippi Delta Initiative Grant Funding Outreach List

The Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands at Indiana University is working with the National Park Service Cultural Resource Program at Interior Region 2 to develop a list of potential project partners for the National Park Service's Lower Mississippi Delta Initiative grant funding program.

We are looking to include small organizations and museums with a historic, archeological, or cultural focus that may complete preservation, research, or interpretation and education work.

This list will be used to reach out to organizations to see if they are interested in pursuing projects through the Lower Mississippi Delta Initiative funding mechanism.

https://iu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6E8HtYKNISmI5BH

Museum Assessment Program

Deadline: February 1

While the COVID-19 pandemic has created immense challenges for museums this year, it can also serve as an opportunity to improve operations and create new roadmaps for the future. During this time of uncertainty, the Museum Assessment Program (MAP) can help your museum chart that path. For forty years, MAP has helped more than 5,000 small and mid-sized museums of all types strengthen operations, plan for the future, and meet standards.

You can choose from five museum assessment types: Organizational; Community and Audience Engagement; Collections Stewardship; Education and Interpretation; and Board Leadership. If you're unsure where to begin, use our short questionnaire to help you decide which of the assessment types is the best fit for your museum.

<https://www.aam-us.org/programs/accreditation-excellence-programs/museum-assessment-program-map/>

Publications

SAA Archival Outlook

In the latest issue of Archival Outlook, Autumn Johnson shares how Georgia Southern University designed an escape room using archival primary sources to unlock clues; Irene Gates and Katherine Meyers Satriano discuss running a virtual edit-a-thon to enhance Indigenous and anthropology records in SNAC; and Yvonne Ng, Arul Prakkash, and Itza Carbajal outline the importance of preserving the records of citizen witnesses in social movements. In addition, archivists Collette McDonough, Adam Wanter, and Amy Rohmiller share what they learned from failing on the job and Andrea Hoff considers how the pandemic has affected digital records.

<https://mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?m=30305&i=685348&p=1>

Neat Stuff

Treaties Explorer

Hundreds of Native American treaties have been scanned and are freely available online, for the first time, through the National Archives Catalog. Also, in partnership with The Museum of Indian Arts and Culture (MIAC), these treaties and extensive additional historical and contextual information are available through Treaties Explorer.

Thanks to an anonymous donation, the National Archives was able to do needed conservation work, scan and digitize this historically and culturally important collection. These records are accessible for anyone, anywhere, through our National Archives Catalog.

Through the Treaties Explorer, you can view historic maps and the agreements and tribes that relate, as well as the historical and present day tribes involved in the treaties.

<https://digitreaties.org/>

Scholarships

Archie Motley Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: March 1

MAC is soliciting applications for the 2021 Archie Motley Memorial Scholarship for Students of Color. The scholarship is designed to provide financial assistance to students of color pursuing graduate education in archival administration and to encourage ethnic diversification of the MAC membership and of the archival profession as a whole. Two \$750 scholarships, accompanied by one-year memberships to MAC, will be awarded.

In order to be eligible for a scholarship, the applicant must be of African, American Indian, Asian or Pacific Islander, or Latinx decent; must be a student currently enrolled in or accepted in a graduate, multicourse program in archival administration; and must have a grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in their academic program. If the program is not listed in the SAA Directory of Archival Education, the applicant must provide proof of the multicourse standard by submitting copies of course descriptions from the institution's current departmental catalog. The applicant must also be either a resident of the MAC region or registered in a qualified program, onsite or online, that is based in the MAC region.

<https://www.midwestarchives.org/motley>

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