Emeritus Membership Award

The Membership Committee is pleased to award Dennis Meissner the 2020 Emeritus Membership Award. He was nominated by Kevin Leonard, university archivist at Northwestern University.

Dennis Meissner

The award recognizes those who have contributed to the success, growth, and visibility of the Midwest Archives Conference through committee work, programming, outreach, and governance. The award intends to recognize those who work behind the scenes for MAC, as well as those who have been honored by election to office.

In his nomination, Leonard wrote, “Dennis always was willing to give freely to his colleagues his good and reasoned advice relating to collections and archival practice. . . . Dennis has distinguished himself greatly in his work on behalf of MAC, SAA, and the profession in general. His development of More Product, Less Process (MPLP) methodology has transformed our practices. Dennis has given tremendously of his time and talent. He has devoted his life’s work to the betterment of our profession and to the service of our patrons. His efforts on behalf of MAC have been noteworthy.”


His contributions and service to MAC are substantial. Meissner has been a regular presence in the organization since joining in 1977. He held the offices of secretary-treasurer (1985–1989) and president (2007–2009), and served as chair of the Archival Issues Editorial Board (1995–1998). As chair, he revived the journal’s regular publishing schedule while maintaining an impressive quality of articles and reviews. Meissner was also speaker and facilitator at MAC’s 2006 Fall Symposium on “More Product, Less Process.”