Archival Issues Update

By Brandon T. Pieczko, Archival Issues Editorial Board Chair, Indiana University Bloomington

I hope this update finds you all healthy and well. The Archival Issues Editorial Board is wrapping up work on the current issue (40.2) of the journal, which will feature three articles on topics ranging from the preservation of audiovisual recordings to primary source instruction and outreach in medical archives, as well as nine publication reviews.

We have some new members joining the Editorial Board this summer. I would like to welcome Jackie Esposito (Penn State University) and Anne Cuyler Salsich (Oberlin College) who have been appointed to the board commencing with issue 41.1. Thank you to outgoing members Shannon Erb and Beth Meyers for their years of service. I am confident that Anne’s and Jackie’s many years of experience in the profession and academic publishing will be great additions.

As always, we welcome article submissions on a wide range of topics related to archives. If you have questions, ideas for articles, or manuscript submissions, please contact me at bpiecezko@iu.edu. I especially encourage new authors and early-career professionals to contribute to Archival Issues.

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Leanna Barcelona is the new university archivist at the University of Illinois at Chicago Special Collections and University Archives. She was previously the university archivist at Baylor University.

Steven Cox, head of the Special Collections and University Archives at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas, was promoted on July 1, 2020, to the academic rank of professor. In April, the University of Nebraska Press published his book, *When Sunflowers Bloomed Red: Kansas and the Rise of Socialism in America*, coauthored by R. Alton Lee.

Bethany Fiechter joined DePauw University on July 6, 2020, as the new university archivist. Fiechter comes to DePauw from the Indiana State Library where she served as the head of Rare Books and Manuscripts. Prior to her time at the Indiana State Library, Fiechter was the archivist for manuscript and digital collections at Ball State University.

Thomas Hamm is retiring as director of Special Collections at Earlham College and will be professor of history and Quaker Scholar in Residence. Jenny Freed, who has served as college archivist since 2014, will replace Hamm as director.

Lindsay Hiltunen, university archivist at the Michigan Tech Archives in Houghton, Michigan, has been elected as the vice president–president elect of the Michigan Archival Association (MAA). Hiltunen will serve two years as vice president and will transition to president in June 2022.

Alexis Braun Marks, CA, Eastern Michigan University archivist, has been awarded a two-semester sabbatical leave for fall 2020 and winter 2021 to complete a project entitled Preserving the History of the University: A Comprehensive Survey and Proposed Policy for Records Transfer to University Archives. If you would be willing to talk about your university records retention policy, please feel free to reach out.

Irina Rogova joined the Richard L. D. and Marjorie J. Morse Department of Special Collections at Kansas State University Libraries as the digital resources archivist in July 2020. Previously, she was the project archivist for the Race and Racism Project at the University of Richmond. She holds an MS in library and information science from Simmons College and a BA in historical studies from Bard College. Leading the digital initiatives team, she will manage the preservation of and provide access to born-digital and digitized resources at K-State Libraries within an equitable, inclusive, and antiracist framework.

Wesley W. Wilson retired July 1, 2020, as coordinator of Archives and Special Collections at DePauw University after 36 years of service. He will continue part time to assist with the transition to the new archivist through the end of the year. He also received, on June 17, 2020, the George and Virginia Crane Exemplary Teaching Award presented by the General Board of Higher Education of the United Methodist Church.