Archival Issues: Upcoming Issues and Opportunities

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As I write this, the next issue of Archival Issues is well underway. Included are three articles spanning a range of topics. Tom Belton (Western University Canada) reviews the results of his GIS and mapping tools surveys and case studies across archives and historians. Matthew Strandmark (University of Kentucky) presents qualitative student feedback as a method to improve archivist pedagogy. And William Hardesty (Georgia State University) discusses collection description preparation for GSU’s migration from Archivist’s Toolkit to ArchivesSpace. An assortment of publication reviews will round out the issue.

We accept article submissions on a continuous basis, so I encourage you to contact me, Alexandra A. A. Orchard, Archival Issues Editorial Board chair, at alexandra@wayne.edu if you have any questions about article ideas, transitioning a conference presentation or poster into an article, or a submission. As a reminder, we encourage contributions from both new and experienced authors.

In addition to the ongoing opportunity to publish with Archival Issues, three of our board members will reach their consecutive term limits and cycle off this spring. While this is bittersweet, as I am exceedingly grateful for their service to the journal and the organization, it is also an exciting time. I will put a call out for new Archival Issues Editorial Board members in the coming weeks—we’ll be looking for board members who can bring diverse points of view and ideas to the journal. I hope to hear from many of you!

MAC Goes to SAA

For those who attended Archives*Records 2018 in Washington, DC, you may have spotted a familiar face near the registration desk and grouped with the tables of regional archival associations: MAC at SAA! What’s more, you may have caught a glimpse of MAC’s attractive new banner, which boasts a representative photograph from each of MAC’s 13 member states.

A snazzy banner is about more than looking good; it’s about amplifying what we do and building awareness of who we are. SAA attendees learned about the benefits of MAC membership and picked up info about MAC’s upcoming educational opportunities. And what would a promotional table be without some swag? Chip clips and pencils, were available for the taking. A big thanks to our volunteers who staffed the table and answered questions. We look forward to seeing you next year in Austin!