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MAC Annual Meeting April 10–12, 2025 "Serving It Up" Minneapolis Style

Minneapolis, 1857. Image courtesy of Hennepin County Library.

It will be more than hotdish on the table when Minneapolis, Minnesota, hosts the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Archives Conference. The Local Arrangements and Program Committees are whipping up a satisfying menu to suit every archival taste. Located on the Dakota and Ojibwe lands of Mni Sota Makoce along the shores of Haha Wakpa (the Mississippi River), Minneapolis and the adjacent capital city of St. Paul are known as the Twin Cities. The conference hotel is located in the heart of Minneapolis,

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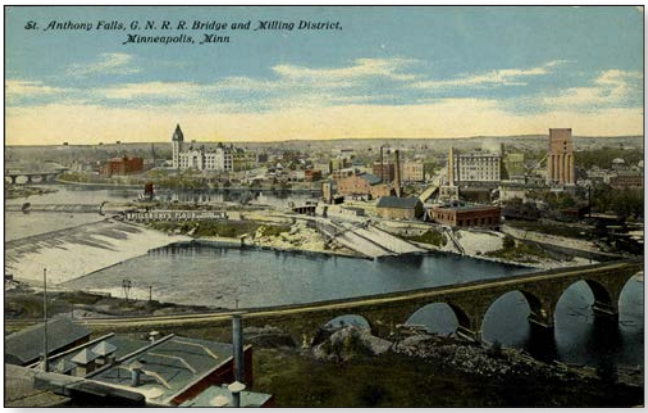
across the street from Orchestra Hall, one block from the Nicollet Mall shopping and dining corridor, and just a few blocks from the Hennepin Avenue theater district—including First Avenue, famous as a frequent concert venue for Minnesota-born and -based musician Prince. A longer stroll or a short (free) bus ride brings you to the historic riverfront area, featuring the Mill City Museum, the Guthrie Theatre, and the iconic Stone Arch Bridge. Transit to and from the airport or the Amtrak depot in St. Paul is easy via the light rail just a few blocks from the hotel.

We are excited to feature Fallon Carey, digital archives manager for the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition, as our plenary speaker this year. Ms. Carey's keynote, "Curating Boarding School Records for Historical Accountability and Community Healing," will highlight the multifaceted nature of this work, including the technical and ethical challenges of managing sensitive historical data, ensuring respect for cultural protocols, and addressing the dual responsibilities of providing public access and safeguarding Indigenous perspectives.

Plan to come early for workshops on Wednesday, April 9, including the Society of American Archivists' course, Digital Forensics: Fundamentals. You'll also want to be on hand for the DEI Unconference, which will happen 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 10. You can also tour local repositories, including the Minnesota Historical Society, the Hennepin County Library, the Elmer L. Andersen Library at the University of Minnesota, and more to be announced.

Look for many more details and registration information through MAC communication channels. In the meantime, feel free to reach out to the Program or Local Arrangements Committee with any questions. Keep an eye on the Annual Meeting blog at https://mplsmac2025.wordpress.com. We will be posting regular updates about meeting highlights and logistics as well as fun things to do outside the conference. We hope you are building up an appetite for a real feast!



St. Anthony Falls, Stone Arch Bridge, and Milling District postcard, undated. Image courtesy of Hennepin County Library.

First Avenue and 7th Street entry, 1970s or 1980s. Image courtesy of Hennepin County Library.