

# CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS / CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

## SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVISTS 2012 RESEARCH FORUM “FOUNDATIONS AND INNOVATIONS” ..... TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 9 A.M.–5 P.M. SAN DIEGO HILTON BAYFRONT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Participants' enthusiastic response to the past five Research Forums confirms that the full spectrum of research activities—from “pure” research to applied research to innovative practice—is of interest and value to the archives community. The 2012 Research Forum will build on previous success by continuing with a full day of presentations.

### If you're:

- Engaged in research . . .
- Seeking to identify research-based solutions for your institution . . .
- Willing to participate in the research cycle by serving as a beta site for research trials
- Simply interested in what's happening in research and innovation . . .

### Then join us for the 6th Annual SAA Research Forum: “Foundations and Innovations”!

Researchers, practitioners, educators, students, and the curious across all sectors of archives and records management are invited to participate. Use the Forum to discuss, debate, plan, organize, evaluate, or motivate research projects and initiatives. The event seeks to facilitate collaboration and help inform researchers about what questions and problems need to be tackled.

As archivists from around the country and the world convene at *Beyond Borders: The 2012 Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archivists*, the Research Forum will provide a platform to acknowledge current—and encourage future—research and innovation from across the broad archives community and for the benefit of the archives profession.

### Research Forum Events at *Beyond Borders*

The following events are planned for 2012:

- **Research Presentations and Posters** (Tuesday, August 7, 9:00 am–5:00 pm): Here's your chance to present, discuss, listen to, or view research reports and results on a variety of topics. The final 30 minutes of this session will seek input for SAA's 2013 Research Forum.
- **“Office Hours” in the Exhibit Hall** (Thursday, August 9, and Friday, August 10): Research Forum organizers will be on hand to hear your ideas about the Forum and for *ad hoc* discussions about specific research projects.
- **Poster Sessions:** Be sure to make time to visit the poster sessions, which will include practice innovation and research topics.

### Call for Platform and Poster Presentations

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SAA invites submission of abstracts (of 250 words or fewer) for either 10-minute platform presentations or poster presentations. Topics may address research on, or innovations in, any aspect of archives practice or records management in government, corporate, academic, scientific, or other setting. Presentations on research results that may have emerged since the 2012 Annual Meeting Call for Proposals deadline in October 2011 are welcome, as are reports on research completed within the past three years that you think is relevant and valuable for discussion. Please indicate whether you intend a platform or poster presentation.

Abstracts will be evaluated by a review committee co-chaired by Nancy McGovern (Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan) and Helen Tibbo (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill).

**Deadline for submission of abstracts: May 1, 2012.** You will be notified of the review committee's decision by July 1.

Submit your 250-word abstract no later than May 1 via email to [researchforum@archivists.org](mailto:researchforum@archivists.org).