

SAA Publications Citation Analysis Dennis Riley - November 2012

In conducting this citation analysis I searched for the 68 titles published by SAA in two different databases – World of Knowledge and Scopus. Unfortunately, the results from World of Knowledge were not sufficient to draw any meaningful conclusions. The following, therefore, is based solely on search results retrieved from Scopus as of November 2012. Thus, this analysis only reflects the accuracy and reality documented by Scopus and the general caveat applies that SAA titles may have been cited in publications not included in Scopus or in such a way as to not be reflected in a basic title search.

Furthermore, I did not differentiate between citations that used editions of titles published by entities other than SAA. For example, the Dutch Manual was cited 29 times for all editions, but only nine times was the SAA edition cited. By not differentiating between which version or edition was cited, the following analysis hopefully still reflects each title's relevancy to the field.

All but 10 of the 68 titles are cited in articles, conference proceedings, or other publications that are indexed by Scopus. Which means that 85% of SAA publications have been cited at least once.

Of the 10 titles that have not been cited, four are brochures (two in Spanish) and one is a thesaurus. Another three titles not yet cited were published in 2011 or 2012, which may be too current to have been used as a source by another author, although four titles published in 2011 have been cited at least once. *Architectural Records: Managing Design and Construction*, published in 2006, is the only full-fledged book that has been in circulation for a number of years that has yet to be cited according to Scopus.

Of the 58 titles that have been cited, 11 have been cited only once and another 19 have been cited between 2-9 times, which account for 52% of titles that have been cited. Conversely, 28 (48%) of the titles have been cited more than 10 times.

The top five titles to be cited are:

Modern Archives: Principles & Techniques – 71 citations
Glossary of Archival and Records Terminology – 67 citations
Describing Archives: A Content Standard – 52 citations
Archives in the Ancient World – 39 citations
Selecting and Appraising Archives and Manuscripts – 31 citations

Curiously, four of these titles are designated as out of print.

The top five titles cited that are not designated as out of print are:

Selecting and Appraising Archives and Manuscripts – 31 citations
Manual for the Arrangement and Description of Archives – 29 citations
Varsity Letters: Documenting Modern Colleges and Universities – 29 citations
Political Pressure and the Archival Record – 26 citations
Understanding Archives and Manuscripts – 25 citations

All of the titles designated as either AFS II or Classic publications have been cited at least once, with most of them being cited 16 times or more. These titles account for 48% (13 titles) of the 28 most cited titles. Only two – one AFS II (*Managing Archival and Manuscript Repositories*) and one Classic (*Lester J. Cappon and the Relationship of History, Archives and Scholarship*) – have only been cited once.

Of the 795 citations, not surprisingly, the publication in which SAA titles were most frequently cited was *American Archivist*, with 232 instances (29%). The other publications in which SAA publications were cited 10 or more times include:

Archival Science – 91 instances

Journal of Archival Organization – 76 instances

Journal of the Society of Archivists – 47 instances

Libraries and the Cultural Record - 16 instances

Library Resources and Technical Services – 14 instances

Journal of Information Ethics - 13 instances

Records Management Journal – 13 instances

An assortment of other information services related journals (i.e. libraries, computer science, museums, records management) account for an additional 200 instances. Overall, information management related journals account for 88% of the citations found in Scopus. Conversely, this means only 12% of citations are from journals outside the general audience of SAA publications.

Finally, it should be noted that a number of articles cite multiple SAA publications. In total, 168 different articles account for 450 citations, which means that about a third of the articles that cite SAA publications account for 57% of all citations.

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X = out of print

Item #	Item/Title	Copyright	Web of Knowledge	Scopus
BOOKSAA-ACS0323	X-Modern Archives: Principles & Techniques (Classic)	2003, 1956	0	71
BOOKSAA-AFS0460	X-Glossary of Archival and Records Terminology, A (AFS II)	2005	7	67
BOOKSAA-0436	X-Describing Archives: A Content Standard	2007	0	52
BOOKSAA-ACS0174	X-Archives in the Ancient World (Classic)	2003, 1972	2	39
BOOKSAA-AFS0457	Selecting & Appraising Archives & Manuscripts (AFS II)	2005	1	31
BOOKSAA-ACS0257	Manual for the Arrangement and Description of Archives (Classic)	2003	0	29
BOOKJNT-0196	Varsity Letters: Documenting Modern Colleges and Un	1992	0	29
BOOKSAA-0343	X-Encoded Archival Description: Tag Library (V2002)	2002	0	28
BOOKSAA-0480	Political Pressure and the Archival Record	2005	0	26
BOOKSAA-ACS0433	X-The Management of Archives (Classic)	1965	0	26
BOOKSAA-AFS0483	Understanding Archives and Manuscripts (AFS II)	2006	0	25
BOOKSAA-AFS0458	Arranging & Describing Archives and Mss (AFS II)	2005	1	23
BOOKSAA-AFS0459	Providing Reference Services for Archives and Mss (AFS II)	2005	1	23
BOOKSAA-0521	Archives and Justice: A South African Perspective	2007	0	22
BOOKSAA-0331	Records of American Business, The	1997	1	22
BOOKSAA-0556	Archives Power: Memory, Accountability, and Social Justice	2009	4	19
BOOKJNT-0215	X-Canadian Archival Studies and the Rediscovery of	1992	0	19
BOOKSAA-0395	American Archival Studies: Readings in Theory and Practice	2000	0	18
BOOKSAA-ACS0484	Archives and the Public Interest: Selected Essays (Classic)	2006	0	17
BOOKSAA-AFS0533	Preserving Archives and Manuscripts (2nd ed) (AFS II)	2010	0	16
BOOKSAA-ACS0121	Norton on Archives: The Writings of Margaret Cross Norton (Classic)	2003	4	16
BOOKSAA-ACS0415	Selected Writings of Sir Hilary Jenkinson (Classic)	2003	0	16
BOOKSAA-0365	X-Encoded Archival Description: Application Guidelines V1.0	1999	0	16
BOOKJNT-0162	Management of College and University Archives, The	1992	1	14
BOOKJNT-0197	Without Consent: The Ethics of Disclosing Personal Info...	1992	0	12
BOOKJNT-0246	Advocating Archives: An Introduction to Public Relations	1994	0	11
BOOKSAA-0461	Privacy & Confidentiality Perspectives: Archivists	2005	0	10
BOOKSAA-0417	Ethics and the Archival Profession: Introduction an	2003	2	10
BOOKJNT-0278	Documenting Localities	1996	0	9
BOOKSAA-0532	College and University Archives: Readings in Theory...	2008	0	8
BOOKSAA-0481	Photographs: Archival Care and Management	2006	0	7
BOOKSAA-0349	X-Encoded Archival Description: Context, Theory and CS	1998	0	7
BOOKSAA-0522	Film Preservation: Competing Definitions of Value,	2007	1	6
BOOKSAA-0530	Navigating Legal Issues in Archives	2008	0	5
BOOKJNT-0245	Starting an Archives	1994	0	5

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BOOKSAA-0570	Ethical Archivist, The	2010	0	4
BOOKSAA-0248	Oral History Cataloging Manual	1995	0	4
BOOKSAA-0531	Archival Internships: A Guide for Faculty, Supervisors...	2008	0	3
BOOKSAA-0435	Museum Archives: An Introduction (2nd ed.)	2004	0	3
BOOKSAA-0572	Controlling the Past: Documenting Society and Institutions...	2011	1	2
BOOKSAA-0571	How to Keep Union Records	2010	0	2
BOOKSAA-0538	Archival and Special Collections Facilities: Guidelines	2009	0	2
BOOKSAA-0535	Managing Congressional Collections	2008	0	2
BOOKSAA-0523	Planning New and Remodeled Archival Facilities	2007	0	2
BOOKJNT-0416	Imagining Archives: Essays and Reflections by Hugh Taylor	2003	0	2
BOOKJNT-0319	Research and the Manuscript Tradition	1997	0	2
BOOKSAA-0171	X-Native American Archives: An Introduction	1984	0	2
BOOKSAA-0576	Different Kind of Web, A	2011	0	1
BOOKSAA-0578	I, Digital: Personal Collections in the Digital Era	2011	0	1
BOOKSAA-0568	Many Happy Returns: Advocacy and the Development...	2011	1	1
BOOKSAA-0575	Waldo Gifford Leland and the Origins of the American Archival...	2011	0	1
BOOKSAA-ACS0455	Lester J. Cappon and the Relationship of History, Archives ... (Classic)	2004	1	1
BOOKSAA-AFS0437	Managing Archival and Manuscript Repositories (AFS II)	2004	0	1
BOOKSAA-0176	Sample Forms for Archival, Records Management ...	2002	0	1
BOOKJNT-0137	AMIA Compendium of Moving Image Cataloging Practice	2001	0	1
BOOKSAA-0346	Brochure: Guide to Deeds of Gift	1998	0	1
BOOKSAA-0192	X-Student Assistants in Archival Repositories: A Handbook...	1992	0	1
BOOKSAA-0120	X-Archives and Manuscripts: Surveys	1977	0	1
BOOKSAA-0581	How to Manage Processing in Archives and Special Collections	2012	0	0
BOOKSAA-0580	Lone Arranger: Succeeding in a Small Repository, The	2012	0	0
BOOKJNT-0577	Public Relations and Marketing for Archives	2011	0	0
BOOKSAA-0541	Brochure: Guia para donar los registros de su organizacion a un deposito	2009	0	0
BOOKSAA-0620	Brochure: Guia para donar sus documentos personales o familia	2007	0	0
BOOKSAA-0482	Architectural Records: Managing Design and Construc	2006	0	0
BOOKSAA-0253	Protecting Your Collections: A Manual of Archival Security	1995	0	0
BOOKSAA-0243	Brochure: Donating Personal or Family Papers to a Repository	1994	0	0
BOOKSAA-0260	Brochure: Donating Your Organizational Records to a Repositor	1994	0	0
BOOKSAA-0194	X-Thesaurus of University Terms	1986	0	0