SAA Distinguished Service Award 2012

Subcommittee Chair: Heather Soyka

Subcommittee Members: Jody Hoks, Jonathan Dembo

Award Winner: Archival Education Collaborative/ Elizabeth Dow

Will the winner be attending the ceremony to receive the award? Yes

Contact/Person accepting award: Elizabeth Dow

Subcommittee member presenting the award: None of the current subcommittee members are able to be present during the awards ceremony. The citation and plaque will be presented by the awards committee.

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes an archival institution, education program, nonprofit organization, or government organization that has provided outstanding service to its public and has made an exemplary contribution to the archives profession.

The 2012 winner, the Archival Education Collaborative, has developed a program and model that warrants special recognition for contributions to the archival field. The dedication displayed by this graduate initiative over the past decade has been exemplary, providing access to archival education that would otherwise be geographically out of reach for many students. Through this cross-institutional resource, many students have been able to engage with relevant coursework and instructors while remaining part of their home institution. The Archival Education Collaborative has proven to be a creative solution to providing access to archival education.