

Peer Review for *The American Archivist*

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Criterion	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Comments
Statement of Problem or Purpose	The theoretical or practical problem or challenge is <u>stated clearly</u>	The theoretical or practical problem or challenge is <u>stated adequately</u>	The theoretical or practical problem or challenge is <u>stated vaguely</u>	The theoretical or practical problem or challenge is <u>not stated</u>	
Relevance of the Topic	<u>Highly relevant</u> to the mission and purpose of the journal	<u>Somewhat relevant</u> to the mission and purpose of the journal	<u>Marginally relevant</u> to the mission and purpose of the journal	<u>Not relevant</u> to the mission and purpose of the journal	
Importance of the Topic	<u>Great importance</u> to advancing thought on archival principles and practices	<u>Somewhat important</u> to advancing thought on archival principles and practices	<u>Marginally important</u> to advancing thought on archival principles and practices	<u>Not likely</u> to advance thought on archival principles and practices	
Contribution to the Literature	Provides <u>significant</u> original contributions to the literature	Provides <u>important</u> original contributions to the literature	Provides <u>marginal</u> original contributions to the literature	<u>Does not provide</u> original contributions to the literature	
Organization	<u>Excellent</u> organization of ideas and supporting points	<u>Good</u> organization of ideas and supporting points	<u>Fair</u> organization of ideas and supporting points	<u>Poor</u> organization of ideas and supporting points	
Drawing and Building Upon Relevant Literature	Provides an <u>excellent summary</u> of the major points in the relevant literature	Provides a <u>good summary</u> of the major points in the relevant literature	Provides a <u>fair summary</u> of the major points in the relevant literature	Provides a <u>poor summary</u> of the major points in the relevant literature	
Methodology	Uses a <u>highly appropriate or innovative research methodology</u>	Uses an <u>adequate research methodology</u>	Uses a <u>poor research methodology</u>	Uses an <u>inappropriate research methodology</u>	
Discussion	<u>Thoroughly develops</u> major points with relevant evidence and solid reasoning	<u>Adequately develops</u> major points with evidence and reasoning	<u>Somewhat develops</u> major points with evidence and reasoning	Contains <u>major problems</u> with the quality of the evidence and reasoning	
Conclusion	<u>Excellent</u> conclusion with justification from evidence presented	<u>Good</u> conclusion with justification from evidence presented	<u>Fair</u> conclusion without sufficient justification from evidence presented	Missing or <u>inadequate</u> conclusion	
Mechanics	<u>Few</u> to no errors in usage, spelling, and punctuation	<u>Some</u> errors in usage, spelling, and punctuation	<u>Many</u> errors in usage, spelling, and punctuation	<u>Major</u> errors in usage, spelling, and punctuation	
Citations	<u>Few</u> to no errors in citation and reference format	<u>Some</u> errors in citation and reference format	<u>Many</u> errors in citation and reference format	<u>Major</u> errors in citation and reference format	

Recommendation:

_____ Accept. The article is acceptable for publication. Minor corrections may need to be made.

_____ Revise and Resubmit. The article is not acceptable as submitted. Encourage the author to revise and resubmit.

_____ Reject. The article does not merit publication.

Additional Comments for the Author:

Additional Comments for the Editor (will not be shared with the author):