

Agenda Item VII.G

Society of American Archivists Council Meeting February 5-6, 2024

Report of the *American Archivist* Editor 2nd Quarter Report: October 2023 – January 2024 (Prepared by Amy Cooper Cary)

I. Update on Publication Status

- **86:2** was released on December 28, 2023
- **Content for 87:1** – Content for Spring/Summer 2024 is being sent to copy editing.
Table of Contents:
 - **Presidential Address:** Terry Baxter
 - **Pease Award Essay:** Sony Prosper
 - **Articles:**
 - Bond, Natalie: This is not my America: Myth and Memory in Congressional Papers
 - Olson, David: Forms, Formations, and Reforms
 - Moyer, Heidi et al: (Re)Appraising our Archival Identity: Demystifying the Process and Changing the Dialogue about Promotion and Tenure for Academic Archivists
 - Duff, Wendy: Supporting Researchers Investigating Difficult Histories: A Relationship-Based Access System
 - Meehan, Jennifer: Taking our Own Measure: Archival Engagement and Storytelling
 - Rinn, Meghan: The Career Does not Love you Back: Impacts of Contingent Employment on Workers, Cultural Heritage Institutions, and the Archival Profession
- **Content for 87:2** – selections are being finalized.

II. Reviews -- “Intergenerational Conversations.” (Rose Buchanan and Stephanie Luke, Editors)

- Intergenerational Conversations has completed its first publication cycle, adding the final two essays to the series “Reflecting on the Work of John Fleckner.” The full series can be found here: <https://reviews.americanarchivist.org/intergenerational-conversations/>
- The Editors are beginning preparations for the second iteration of Intergenerational Conversations, which will focus on SAA Presidential Addresses. They have selected addresses, are soliciting reviewers, and have asked the most recent four past Presidents to comment on the importance of the Presidential Address to incorporate their views into the introduction to this second series. It’s a very exciting way to continue what has been an excellent addition to the Reviews Portal, and I’m eager to see where it goes!

II. Update on Activity, Conversations, and Initiatives

- January 9, Cary and other members of the SAA Publications team held a very successful Writer's Forum. The forum, for the first year, included representatives from CODA and the Dataverse. This seemed an obvious opportunity to stress the impact of research on the journal, and to make more people aware of the opportunities to submit data sets to the Dataverse. This is a key recommendation that I make to authors, and I will continue to support this in future editorial efforts.
- Cary, Buchanan and Luke have written a statement on the use of Generative AI in the journal. The statement was revised after a conversation at the Fall Editorial Board meeting. The revised final version will be distributed and discussed at the Editorial Board meeting taking place on February 15, 2024. Revised version is attached.
- Cary is working with the Section Editors for the Special Section on Accessioning to put out the Call for Papers. This will go out in March of 2024, and deadline will be October of 2024. Section Editors are Rosemary J. K. Davis, Rachel Searcy, and Audra Eagle Yun.
- Cary has requested and received a spreadsheet of Classifications used in Editorial Manager. She will begin work with the Editorial Board to review the classifications and suggest changes and updates based on journal content and professional trends. Expect suggested changes to be made by the annual meeting (August) 2024.

As always, please feel free to provide feedback and comments for me at americanarchivist@archivists.org or amy.cary@marquette.edu