

**Society of American Archivists
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**American Archivist Editor's Report
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I. Update on Publication Status

- **Content for 86:1** is complete, and we're putting the finishing touches on it. Publication set for June 2023
- **Content for 86:2** – Content is set for 86:2, Fall/Winter 2023
 - A *CENSUS II: Administrator's Survey. As we did with the All-Archivists Survey, we intend to publish the basic information from the Administrator's Survey.
 - Special Section on Archives and Libraries of the Middle East and North Africa (Guest Editors Sumayya Ahmed and Rebecca Hankins). Ahmed and Hankins are reviewing and securing peer review on content. We anticipate 8–10 articles to be published.
 - Regular feature articles:
 - Ashley Todd-Diaz – “Primary Sources Belong in a Library but in a Special Place:” Corporate Identity and User Perspective on the Positioning of Archives in Libraries”
 - K. J. Rawson – “Archival Reckonings: Confronting White Supremacy in the Digital Transgender Archive.”
 - Pam Hackbart-Dean, Leanna Barcelona, Anne Marie Hamilton-Brehm – “Emerging Best Practices for Managing Online Exhibits: Survey Report”
 - Christie Moffatt – “Innovation and Collaboration at the NLM.”
 - April Anderson-Zorn, Stephanie Collier – “Wikipedia Pages for Underrepresented Archivists: Creating Representation Through an SAA Foundation Grant-Funded Documentation Project.”
 - Yoonhee Lee – “Archival Mentalities, Multiculturalism, and the Canadian Context: Identifying the Value and Impact of the Ontario Jewish Archives.”
 - Dana Reijerkerk – “Archives, Decolonization, and the Politics of Tribal Sovereignty: An Examination of Accessibility Barriers to Indigenous Federal Recognition Research in the United States.”
 - Jennifer Meehan – “Taking our Own Measure: Archival Engagement and Storytelling”

II. Reviews: “Intergenerational Conversations” Series.

- January through March saw the first installments of Intergenerational Conversations (<https://reviews.americanarchivist.org/intergenerational-conversations>). I want to amplify the work of Reviews Editors Rose Buchanan and Stephanie Luke and congratulate them for bringing this series to publication and for working so diligently to secure great writers

for this series. The first two essays, by Jessica Neal and Jennifer Johnson, are powerhouse pieces that speak directly to the relevance of John Fleckner's work and to the imperative for today's archivists to read this work through a new lens. If you haven't read these pieces or shared them with colleagues, I highly encourage you to do so!

II. Update on Events

- We welcomed Amanda Greenwood to the Editorial Board, taking over for one Board member who left. Amanda was an Early-Career Member who worked on the Hidden Content Project and will be able to carry that project forward.
- Cary is working with members of the Pease Award Committee to make selections for the 2023 Award.
- The Annual Meeting of the Editorial Board is scheduled for June 29 from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. CT.

III. Update on Ongoing Conversations and Initiatives

- **A*CENSUS II:** We will call for content for evaluative articles working with A*CENSUS II data in the July/August issue of *Archival Outlook*. Content will be targeted for 87.1 (Spring/Summer 2024) and 87.2 (Fall/Winter 2024).
- **Readership Survey, Spring 2023:** The Readership Survey closed in the first week of March, and we received 212 responses. The goal was to identify how members interact with the journal in its digital format. Summaries will be published in *Archival Outlook* and online. Early indications from the relatively small sample of readership are that folks tend to examine articles on an “as needed” basis or look through the table of contents to find articles that interest them. Some still want the physical format, but in general, readers also like the flexibility of digital issues. The readership survey gives us a good benchmark going forward and allows us to think critically about possible initiatives such as continuous publishing. More information will be shared as we more thoroughly analyze the data.