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**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report: *The American Archivist* Editor  
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(Prepared by Amy Cooper Cary)**

**I. Update on Publication Status**

- **Content for 87:1** – Content for Spring / Summer 2024 is in final stages of editing and layout.

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- **Content for 87:2** –
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- deGraffenreid, Lexy: Engaging the Space Between Minimal Processing and Inclusive Description to Create More Sustainable and Ethical Workflows
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- Alghnimi, Maali: Digital Preservation Practices and Challenges at University Archives in the United States
- Feustle, Maristella: But Wait, There's More: Archival Authority Records and the Potential of Human-Centered Archival Description

- Todd-Diaz, Ashley and Alexander Poole: I Can't Work Part Time for the Rest of My Life: Students, Early Career Professionals, and the Prospects of an Archival Career.

## II. Reviews -- "Intergenerational Conversations." (Rose Buchanan and Stephanie Luke, Editors)

- Reviews Editors have released the first essay (their own introduction) in the Intergenerational Conversations 2024: Presidential Addresses series. See <https://reviews.americanarchivist.org/2024/04/09/intergenerational-conversations-2024-saa-presidential-addresses/>

## II. Update on Activity, Conversations, and Initiatives

- We welcome Amanda Greenwood to the Board as a mid-term appointment, for a term ending September 1, 2026. Amanda has already done great work with the Board on a temporary appointment and as an Early Career member, and we're very glad to have her fully on the Board.
- The Pease Award Committee met in April 2024 to review submissions for the 2024 Award. Only two papers were submitted, neither of which met the criteria for the award after substantial committee discussion. Cary will work with the Editorial Board, Tiffany, Stryker, Awards Committee Chair Alex Duryee, and others (such as the Archival Educators Section) to consider ways to reinvigorate the Pease Award and generate submissions. Conversation with this year's Committee members noted that educators (those who make the nominations) are less likely to be assigning research papers to their students; and that there is a decline in the overall student population (the enrollment cliff) in graduate archives programs.
- The final version of the Editorial Board's Generative AI statement was adopted at the Editorial Board meeting in February and was released to membership in April 2024. The announcement was made through multiple venues. See <https://www2.archivists.org/american-archivist/AI-statement> Personally, I would like to commend Reviews Editors Rose Buchanan, Stephanie Luke, and the members of the Editorial Board for their work on this statement. It is being shared widely (*Comma* is using it as a template, as has the Publications Board) and will be invaluable to the integrity of our publication efforts going forward.
- We are preparing to release the Call for Papers for the Special Section on Accessioning. Should go out to multiple venues before May 1. Deadline will be October of 2024. Section Editors are Rosemary J. K. Davis, Rachel Searcy, and Audra Eagle Yun.
- In the coming month, Cary will begin work with the Editorial Board to review the classifications and suggest changes and updates based on journal content and professional trends. Though a bit behind on this project, I still hope for suggestions for changes by the annual meeting (August) 2024.

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