

**Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
May 12 & 15, 2025
Report of the *American Archivist* Editor
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I. Update on Publication Status

- **87:2** – Fall/Winter 2024 was published (<https://meridian.allenpress.com/american-archivist>)
- **88:1** – Spring/Summer 2025 – Moving through final edits and revisions
 - Special Section, Accessioning – Guest Edited by Rosemary Davis, Rachel Searcy, Audra Eagle Yun. Articles have been selected and are also moving through final edits and revisions.
- **88:2** – Fall/Winter 2025 – This is the first of our “submissions window” workflow issues. See [Submissions Window Workflow | Society of American Archivists](#) We received 20 articles, and these are out of peer review and with the editor.
- **89:1** Spring/Summer 2026 -- (second submissions window) – Deadline for submissions is July 15. <https://www2.archivists.org/american-archivist/submissionwindow> Please feel free to share widely!
 - Special Section, User Experience – ACC touching base with guest editors.
 - Pease Award Winner will be published

II. Update on Activity, Conversations, and Initiatives

- Pease Award Committee met on April 22, and selected a winner for the award. We had 4 submissions this year. I will continue to work with the Committee (as it is appointed yearly) to try to increase the number of submissions, but was encouraged by the improvement this year.
- Marlee Newman and Stephanie Luke will work with Editor to revise AI statement (<https://www2.archivists.org/american-archivist/AI-statement>) based on feedback from Editorial Board. Revision will be approved by the Editorial Board in July.
- Thanks to the work of Board member Amanda Greenwood, the evaluation of the journal for the Hidden Content Project is complete. Greenwood is working with Editor and SAA Publications team to consider next steps for the project.
- Continue work on Classifications (work with Dictionary Working Group)
- Discussion about the potential usefulness of a controlled vocabulary for keywords (rather than author generated) was inconclusive. Free text searching seems to render this superfluous at this time. Not a priority for the Board.
- Intergenerational Conversations (<https://reviews.americanarchivist.org/category/intergenerational-conversations/>) is entering its 3rd iteration and is focusing on articles published between 1985 and 2000, with a focus on Social Memory / Social History / Social Justice. Used the Hidden Content project to inform this deep dive into the journal. Congratulations to Rose Buchanan and Stephanie Luke for such great work on this series!

- Continue to have regular meetings with Reviews Editors, SAA Publications staff, and individual authors.

Editorial Board Annual Meeting scheduled for Wednesday July 16 at 11 AM.

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