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Hybrid**

**Report of the Publications Editor, May 2025 - August 2025
(Prepared by Stacie Williams, Publications Editor)**

Initial, ongoing and projects nearing completion have the following updates:

- ***Digital Congressional Collections*** (Dearborn/Bibens/Lay) Manuscript first draft received June 2025, currently in review.
- ***See You at the Meeting*** (Booth/Brown) Manuscript currently with copy editor as of Q2.
- ***610 Measurable Learning Outcomes for Primary Source Literacy*** (Katz) 2nd draft edits back to author. Final draft expected July 2025.
- ***Expanding the Record: Case Studies in Reparative Description*** (Wisser/Hinkle) Publication expected mid-2025.
- ***Archival Futures – Infinite Loop*** (Thomas/Rawdon) Foreword received from guest contributor. Publication expected Q3 2025*
- ***Selecting and Appraising Archives and Manuscripts (Eagle Yun/Weber)*** Manuscript moving to final stage of editorial workflow in Q3, publication estimated by end of Q4 2025
- ***Radical Visions: New Perspectives on Special Collections Curatorship (Cuellar, Czebakow)*** Manuscript in copy edits, with authors addressing final changes. Publication estimated for Q4 2025.

Proposals: Proposal accepted for contract on **Accessibility in Archives** (Ganz et al).

Updates: The Publishing program continues to experience changes in board membership, some due to usual changes in service capacity, some related to recent administrative Executive Orders. Ability to participate in Publications Program service may have changed for some, especially as the Publication Program's new Call for Proposals explicitly engages and encourages DEIA language and concepts—in alignment with SAA's Strategic Plan. The following are recommendations for recruitment and retention of board members and peer reviewers

- **Publications-related onboarding for elected section heads** to communicate manuscript peer review as one of their *expected* service duties as a section chair or executive board member within SAA. Looking to Council and various section leads and communications teams to help underscore this throughout the year and during annual meeting. Publications Editor is available now through Q4 for a larger joint meeting with section heads to more directly convey editorial expectations and workflows.
- **Remuneration** or comparable compensation for the two section leader peer reviewers who

review the first draft, as peer review may amount to significant labor or participation from people who are already volunteering as section leaders. If money or gift card are an issue, a comparable benefit, such as a reduction in annual meeting registration may be appropriate, to convey all parties' understanding that strong, critical peer reviews are key to the quality of SAA's book publishing program. As it becomes more challenging to secure peer reviewers at the current time, this recommendation may help advance recruitment and retention in this area.

Generative AI updates: Recent Supreme Court ruling ([Bartz v. Anthropic](#)) with some implications for SAA's previously published titles, case studies, and/or data. LLM companies may use published texts under Fair Use copyright exemptions for training large language models toward the goal of generative AI or for use with other AI processing and creation tools. Our current statement does not address this from a back end, publisher perspective, only the author perspective. Recommend that SAA's legal counsel explore safeguards to protect any of its previously published works from being used in this capacity, if possible.

*Some aspects of production reside with ALA.