

# Charting the Landscape: A Comparative Analysis of Six Regional Archival Journals and *The American Archivist*

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## Abstract

*The American Archivist*, published by the Society of American Archivists, has served as the leading voice for the archival profession in the United States since it was founded in 1938. Featuring articles, book reviews, and organizational news, the journal's impact on archival science has been widespread and its contents reflect the history and culture of the profession. There have been a variety of efforts to assess the role of *The American Archivist* in the archival profession. Various types of analyses have been conducted of the journal and its content. These include statistical analyses, bibliometric studies, author analyses, and corpus analyses. In the 1970s regional archival associations were formed and began contributing to the professional conversation through newsletters and, in a few cases, by publishing journals. By the mid-2010s many of these regional archival associations were publishing peer-reviewed journals. Content in these regional journals has not been analyzed in the same way as that of *The American Archivist*. Nor has the content of the regional journals been compared with that of *The American Archivist*. This presentation will present preliminary results of a study to better understand how these regional archival journals compare to *The American Archivist*. The study uses corpus analysis to compare the contents of the journals, an author analysis to understand who is publishing in regional archival journals versus *The American Archivist*, and a citation analysis to examine the impact of the regional archival journals versus *The American Archivist*.

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