

**Society of American Archivists  
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**Council Working Group on Diversity and Inclusion:  
Update and Discussion Questions  
(Prepared by SAA President Nance McGovern)**

**BACKGROUND**

The Council Working Group on Diversity and Inclusion reflects the ongoing commitment by the Council, on behalf of SAA, to make progress toward greater diversity and inclusion as expressed in our Diversity and Inclusion Statement. The members are: Amy Cooper Cary, Bergis Jules, Bertram Lyons, Nancy McGovern (convener), Helen Wong Smith (*ex officio*), Nancy Beaumont, and Felicia Owens. This document provides a brief update of the efforts of the Working Group since the 2016 Joint Annual Meeting and includes some discussion questions for the Council.

**UPDATE**

Members of the group have been preparing for the November Council meeting, including coordinating with DeEtta Jones on our facilitated discussion and with the 2017 Program Committee on the development of the Liberated Archives Forum, as well as sharing updates from SAA groups that work on diversity and inclusion. The Working Group had a call on October 19 to review preparations for the November meeting and look ahead to the 2017 Annual Meeting. We agreed that it would be useful to have a discussion at the November Council meeting to build further on ideas from our facilitated session and apply them directly to SAA's diversity and inclusion efforts.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

We may add or modify questions based on the session with DeEtta Jones. As a start, please consider these questions:

1. What role does the Working Group and the Council have regarding the 2017 Annual Meeting theme (*alike/different*) and to contribute to the success of the Liberated Archives Forum?
2. What kinds of outcomes should the D&I Working Group strive for this year?
3. What ideas/suggestions do you have for things that SAA could/should do to advance diversity and inclusion within SAA and the archives profession?
4. As a member of the Council and an SAA member, what are you doing and/or will you do to contribute to SAA's efforts to make progress on diversity and inclusion?