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**Report of the Publications Editor, August–October 2017
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My goal until the end of my term as Publications Editor is to help the Publications Board position SAA for continued growth and impact by focusing on three areas: a) Increasing the number of high-quality books and other resources published; b) Forging new distribution partnerships, channels, and platforms; and c) Providing members new opportunities for professional and societal influence. Specifically, the Board has a number of important works in process, we are making tangible progress in establishing publishing partnerships, and we are on the cusp of launching a high profile new book series.

Archival Fundamentals Series III

- Work continues on six of the seven volumes, coordinated by Series Editor Peter Wosh. Three manuscripts in the Archival Fundamentals Series III are in the editorial review/revision stage:
 - *Providing Reference and Access Services for Archives and Manuscripts* by Cheryl Oestreicher
 - *Leadership and Management of Archival Programs* edited by David Carmicheal and Peter Gottlieb
 - *Advocacy and Outreach for Archives and Manuscript Repositories* by Kathleen Roe
- A prospective author is developing a proposal for the volume *Appraising and Acquiring Archives and Manuscripts* (originally to be authored by the late Mark Greene).

Accepted Proposals and New Partnerships

- The Board reviewed a proposal from Luciana Duranti and Corinne Rodgers for *Trusting Records in the Cloud*. This would report the findings of the InterPARES Trust Project and will have a major international component including authors from around the world. The work will be co-published by SAA and Facet Publishing, with SAA acting in editorial advisory role and Facet leading on copy editing and final production. SAA will be the North American distributor. We look forward to this new partnership with Facet, which is affiliated with the UK's CILIP (Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals).
- The Board also reviewed a proposal from Laura Millar for a proposed book, *A Matter of Facts: Archives and Evidence in an Information Age*. We are currently in discussions

with ALA Editions regarding a co-publishing agreement for this exciting work. Again SAA will take the lead in developmental editing and peer review, which we believe will bring great benefit to SAA and build bridges to another ally and professional association publisher who can help bring archival values to greater prominence.

- The Board is currently reviewing a proposal for a book aimed at the general public. We believe that it has great potential as an advocacy piece while helping people better care for their own materials. We will be pursuing distribution partnerships for this as well, including potential brick-and-mortar distribution.
- We have been in active contact with the University of Michigan regarding Fulcrum, an electronic publication platform currently under development with funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. We hope to pilot a few books into the platform when it is available later in 2018, and will consider it for potential institutional distribution of e-books. This would represent a new and valuable distribution channel and position SAA as one of the early adopters of a full-featured e-book platform that runs on a non-profit basis.

New Series

- The Publications Board is actively working to develop a new series concept in conjunction with a partner. As with our other partnerships, this would leverage our member expertise and our editorial advisory services, giving members a means to influence professional dialog during disruptive times. Each book in this series will take the form of an extended essay or “think piece,” which is intended to be provocative and speculative while also providing some practical insight and guidance, examining a trend or issue in light of professional values and current innovations in archival and library practice. I am happy to receive Council feedback on this concept. Please contact me directly at PublicationsEditor@archivists.org.

Other Project Updates

- *Archival Values: Essays in Honor of Mark A. Greene*, edited by Mary Caldera and Christine Weideman. The manuscript is currently out for review and publication expected in 2018.
- *Museum Archives: An Introduction* (3rd Edition), edited by Rachel Chatalbash and Susan Hernandez. Megan Schwenke has been added as a third editor. Work is proceeding and the manuscript is expected for review in November 2018.
- The Reference Access and Outreach Section is moving forward with a new case study series on the topic of Teaching with Primary Sources. Coordinated by Bill Landis, this series will offer a low-barrier publication channel for peer-reviewed work on this topic. This will bring the number of active case studies series to five—Campus Case Studies, Archival Ethics, Diversity, and Government Records—and we enjoy seeing such deep involvement directly by respective SAA committees and sections in the publication process and in peer review.
- I continue to work with Board members and potential authors on additional ideas for either module clusters in Trends in Archives Practice or for SAA books. Four specific proposals are in the works and I will report back to the Council if these progress to acceptance.