Agenda Item V.J.

Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
November 20, 2020
Virtual Meeting

Annual Report:
Committee on Ethics and Professional Conduct
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For the 2019-2020 term, CEPC worked on the following:

Revisions to the Core Values of Archivists and Code of Ethics for Archivists:

The CEPC members made major revisions to the Core Values of Archivists and Code of Ethics for Archivists that were initiated in the previous year and incorporated member input from the 2018 comment period. On May 29th the committee submitted a final version of revisions to its Council liaison Melissa Gonzalez who presented the proposed revisions to the SAA Council. These significant revisions were approved by the SAA Council on its August 3rd virtual meeting, and the revised documents were posted on the SAA website. Going forward the CEPC will work with the Council to review these documents on a more regular schedule that will include an opportunity for ongoing input from members.

Hosting an Early Career Member:

In 2019-20 the CEPC hosted its first Early Career Member, Jessica Rayman who became an equal member of the committee actively contributing to the discussion and conducting research related to the revisions. Madeline Goebel joined CEPC as an Early-Career Member for 2020-2021.

Annual Meeting:

The CEPC annual meeting was held on Thursday, July 30th virtually. Due to improved accessibility and a-synchronicity of SAA’s annual meeting events, in contrast to the previous years’ gatherings when only committee members were in attendance with an occasional 1-2 SAA members attending, this annual meeting had in attendance approximately 50 people. The annual meeting participants shared ideas for future projects that were compiled into a Google doc that will be used by committee members to identify priorities and develop a work plan for the next year/s.