**Society of American Archivists**

**Council Meeting**

**November 2022**

**Report of the *American Archivist* Editor   
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**I. Update on Publication Status**

* [**TOC**](http://files.archivists.org/periodicals/American-Archivist/AA-85-2_TOC.docx) **for 85:2** – As of this writing, we are in the final stages of copyediting and layout for this issue.
* **Content for 86:1** is being gathered. This is a very “reflective” issue—a lot of research being brought to bear on the profession.
  + Chartier, 2022 Presidential Address
  + Tansey, “The Academic Enclosure of *American Archivist*”
  + Todd-Diaz and Poole, “‘Sometimes I Think That They Hate Us’: Archival Studies Faculty, the Society of American Archivists, and Graduate Archival Education in the 21st Century”
  + Sweetser et al, “College and University Archivists: Doing It All for Less”
  + Meehan, “Taking Our Own Measure: Archival Engagement and Storytelling”
  + Jones, “Adapting for Distance: A Perspective on Team-based Archival Processing during a Pandemic”
  + Additional content will include A\*CENSUS II reporting (see “Update on Ongoing Conversations” below).
* **86:2 – Special Section** **on Archives and Libraries of the Middle East and North Africa.** We are seeing a very strong early response to the [call for papers](https://www2.archivists.org/news/2022/american-archivist-calls-for-articles-on-middle-east-and-north-african-archives) which was released this summer, with numerous queries to the Editor and to the Guest Editors, Sumayya Ahmed and Rebecca Hankins. We are all very excited to see this progress and look forward to publication in Fall/Winter 2023.

**II.** **Update on Events**

* The Editorial Board held a virtual Conversation Lounge at the Annual Meeting on Thursday August 25 at 5:30 PM. Only a handful of conference attendees tuned in. The Board will consider other ways to interact with members at the annual meeting. While several factors prevented me from attending in person this year, the intent is to attend in person next year. I hope that on-site presence will help to encourage broader participation.
* I also attended CORDA’s conversation lounge to continue to solidify the partnership with CORDA and *American Archivist*.
* The annual Write Away Forum will be held on November 17, in conjunction with the Publications Director and Publications Editor. We’re looking forward to this always well-attended event!
* The Editorial Board’s joint meeting with CORDA will be held on November 18, to discuss the ongoing role of *American Archivist* in contributing to the CORDA Research Roadmap and the Dataverse.

**III. Update on Ongoing Conversations and Initiatives**

* **A\*CENSUS II**: Cary continues discussions with the A\*CENSUS II Dissemination Team about the best way to present results from the census in *American Archivist.* Cary will continue to represent the Board with the Dissemination Team and the larger A\*CENSUS II Working Group.
  + **Proposed Timeline**:
    - 86:1: Introduction from Jennifer Gunter King, Beth Myers, and Sarah Pratt. Publication will include the first 70 pages of the report from Ithaka on the individual survey.
    - 86:2: Cluster of Themed Articles [based on identified themes in the grant]
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    - 87:2: Open call – writing from the data
  + **Role of Editorial Board**
    - This is being re-defined, based on conversations with Myers, and on the conclusion of the work with the dissemination team. Cary meets with Myers on 10/18 to discuss further efforts. We remain committed to supporting the A\*CENSUS II team and CORDA in efforts to provide information about the A\*CENSUS II
* **Intergenerational Conversations**: Cary and Reviews Editors Buchanan and Luke are continuing the conversation with Rand Jimerson and John Fleckner for the publication of “Intergenerational Conversations.” This will be a year-long project which engages new voices in the literature with the previously published work of John Fleckner, with context by Fleckner and Jimerson.

**IV. Editorial Board Updates**

* Dr. Shirley Franco, Universidade de Brasília (UnB), has joined the Editorial Board as our International member. Cary will meet with Franco the week of October 17 to provide an orientation to the Board.
* Kathryn Puerini is no longer a member of the Editorial Board. In working to replace her for the remainder of her term, Cary approached three early career members with no response. She is currently approaching two former Board members to determine if one of them is willing to serve the remainder of Puerini’s term.