

Archives Management Roundtable Newsletter

Archives Management Roundtable Meeting
Wednesday, August 29, 2007 at
Fairmont Hotel, Regent Room on level 3
(up two levels from the Fairmont lobby)

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER HOWARD PRAGER TO ADDRESS THE ARCHIVES MANAGEMENT ROUNDTABLE IN CHICAGO

The SAA Archives Management Roundtable will meet at Wednesday, August 29, 2007, at The Fairmont Chicago, in a room to be announced. We're lucky to have as our speaker Mr. Howard Prager, who will discuss building, developing, and leading teams; in addition, he will talk about the American Society for Training & Development (ASTD).

Mr. Prager has over 20 years' experience in curriculum design, innovative learning solutions and business performance consulting. He serves as Director, Lake Forest Corporate Education, part of the Lake Forest Graduate School of Management. Mr. Prager is responsible for the sales, design delivery, and academic quality of Corporate Education programs, working closely with corporate universities and senior management of Fortune 500 organizations. He manages the Simonton Leadership Challenge, ranked in 2005 as one of the Top 5 Leadership Development programs in North America by Executive Excellence. This program won the Best Practice for Corporate/College Partnership award and was an Excellence in Practice winner for Measurement by Corporate University Exchange in 2006. Mr. Prager previously was in charge of The Next Step, a training consulting firm, and served as a consultant in Corporate Development and Training with Allstate Insurance.

Mr. Prager has served the ASTD with distinction, being elected as Chair of the ASTD National Advisors for Chapters and as a member of the ASTD Board of Directors for 2003-2004. He is a Past President of the Chicagoland Chapter of ASTD, and currently serves on the CCASTD Board as Presidential Advisor.

Mr. Prager holds an MBA from the University of Michigan Graduate School of Business Administration and a BA from Northwestern University.

The second half of our meeting will begin with election of new officers for the Archives Management Roundtable. The audience will break up into small groups and have a spirited discussion about selected topics relating to team leading, training, and development. Each group will report briefly its conclusions.

We hope to see you at the Archives Management Roundtable in Chicago!

Casey Edward Greene
Chair, SAA Archives Management Roundtable

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON SLIS/CONTINUING EDUCATION AWARDED NHPRC GRANT TO ESTABLISH AN ARCHIVAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Library and Information Studies/Continuing Education Services was awarded the National Historic Preservation Commission grant to develop an Institute for Professional Archival Leadership. According to Jane Pearlmutter, Associate director, School of Library and Information Studies, the institute will provide an opportunity for archivists to develop leadership skills that will add value to their institution and the profession and for collaboration with colleagues. The archival institute will be different from a traditional management institute where participants hope to rise within an organization. A major goal of this program will be that participants will become leaders within the archival community and work together to develop a vision for the profession and effectively communicate that vision.

The curriculum will include communication, advocacy, collaboration/coalition building, managing change, creative problem solving. In addition to the program of study, a major objective is that at the end of the program participants will develop a bond, through the creation of a common leadership goal, that will produce a strong network of professionals dedicated to advocating for and leading their individual organizations and the archival community.

The program will be a week-long course with lectures, panels, small group discussions, and social activities for networking. The first Institute will be June 21-28, 2008. The class will be limited to twenty-five archivists and as a result there will be a formal application process. The application forms will be posted on the website, <http://www.slis.wisc.edu/continueed/archivesinst.html>, in September 2007. If you want to apply you will have to provide a statement of interest on how your participation will benefit your career, your institution and the profession. In addition to the statement of interest you will need a letter of nomination. Applications will be due by December 31, 2007. The course fee will be set between \$500 and \$550. Jane indicated that tuition scholarships and travel scholarships will be available for selected applicants.

When asked how the SAA Archives Management Roundtable can assist in promoting the Institute, Jane replied that members can help support the institute through self identification and apply to attend the institute. Members can also encourage a colleague to apply. The Roundtable can also promote the program through newsletter updates and workshops on the progress of the institute.

Membership and participation with this roundtable indicates that we are managers who are concerned with increasing our management skill and are seeking networking opportunities in order to be more effective leaders of our institutions and the archival community. The establishment of the Institute for Professional Archival Leadership is an opportunity to expand interest within the archival community in the effective management of our organizations and the future role of archivist in our society.

Professional or Institutional News Wanted

Roundtable members are encouraged to submit professional accomplishments and institutional news items for inclusion in this newsletter. Please send submissions to Kerrie A. Cross, University Archivist, Albert Emanuel Hall Room 211, University of Dayton, Dayton, OH 45469-1360, or Kerrie.Cross@udayton.edu.