

Archives Management Roundtable Newsletter

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Spring greetings from your co-chairs. It has been so encouraging to see all the discussion on such a range of topics on our AMRT list. It is terrific to see colleagues share their expertise and to welcome new posters to the list. The AMRT professional virtual network is serving as a collegial resource in the best sense of the word. Thanks to everyone who poses a question and to all colleagues who respond so thoughtfully.

The AMRT has continued our partnership with the Records Management Roundtable with the innovative work of the Joint Working Group on Diversity in Archives and Records Management. AMRT Steering Committee member Debra Kimok and Daria D'Arienzo co-chair the Working Group—and are excited about the upcoming Forum and Expo that will take place at the SAA meeting in Washington. Read the latest report below about the Working Group's activities.

The economy continues to be an almost overwhelming challenge for all of us as we look for new and traditional ways to fund and carry on our work. Archivists often turn to discrete projects. Our roundtable meeting this year will feature Steering Committee member Salvador Barragan with a short, but packed program: *Project Management for Archivists: the "Tweet" Version*. Join colleagues in a discussion of practical attitudes and tools for surviving in this environment.

The AMRT is being revitalized. We continue to look for ways for the Roundtable to be a resource. We welcome your thoughts, ideas, comments and willingness to contribute. Please be in touch.

Please come to the AMRT meeting on Wednesday August 11, 2010 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and reconnect with your colleagues, elect new leadership and share treats to tide you over until dinner time.

In the meantime, check out the AMRT website ably maintained by our Web liaison, Kate Rogge. We thank Kate and Debra and Salvador for serving on the AMRT Steering Committee.

We have been pleased and honored to serve as your AMRT co-chairs for the past three years and look forward to seeing those of you who will be in Washington, DC in August.

Our very best,

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SAA 2010 CONFERENCE & ROUNDTABLE MEETING

Our Roundtable meeting for 2010 will convene on Wednesday August 11th from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. This year's presentation will be "*Project Management for Archivists: the 'Tweet' Version*"- From small to large, archivists are always doing projects. But does that make us good project managers? Salvador Barragan, Records Section Chief of the Inter-American Development Bank, will address keys to success and tools to take the heartache out of this necessary but sometimes tedious task. Join the lively discussion. Business meeting and election will follow.

Archival Accessibility for All: An Awareness Forum

Thursday, August 12, 2010 from 12:00 noon - 1:15 p.m.

Access and disability issues are human issues. They impact and include everyone. Join distinguished speakers and fellow archivists for SAA's first community forum focused on the very real issues of physical accessibility and access for colleagues and patrons in our archives. SAA has made a commitment as a professional organization to create accessible work places and research centers for all colleagues and patrons. Since 2008, a small SAA Working Group (Archives Management/Records Management Roundtables Joint Working Group on Diversity in Archives and Records Management) has been working to study and report on the status of employees and patrons with physical disabilities in archives, identify the challenges to accessibility, and develop tools and recommendations. The July, 2008 survey of employees with disabilities resulted in two preliminary papers (both 2009): *Recommendations for Working with Archives Employees with Physical Disabilities* and *Recommendations for Working with Archives Researchers with Physical Disabilities*. (See: <http://www.archivists.org/saagroups/archmgmt/diversity.asp> for the group's work.)

This Forum will provide an opportunity for an honest discussion of accessibility issues in the archival profession. Come share ideas and help chart a course for the future as we work together to create a foundation on which the profession can build as we make addressing disability and access issues a priority.

Speakers:

Mark Greene, Director, American Heritage Center, University of Wyoming; Past President SAA

Patrick Timony, Adaptive Technology Librarian, Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, Washington, D.C.

Venetia V. Demson, Chief, Adaptive Services, D.C. Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Washington, D.C.

Policy Speaker, TBA

Chair, Daria D'Arienzo, Co-Coordinator, Joint Working Group

SAA 2010 Conference Registration Fees, Hotel Reservation Site now Available

Begin planning for *DC 2010*! [Click here](#) for information about registration fees and to access the headquarters hotel's guest room reservation site.

AMERICAN ARCHIVIST NOW IN JSTOR

Back issues of *American Archivist* are now available on JSTOR, the not-for-profit online digital archive. Researchers may access articles as full-text PDF files for searching, browsing, downloading, and printing from the journal's first year of publication (1938) up to the most recent three years. Users at institutions that participate in JSTOR's Arts & Sciences VI Collection can access back issues directly by visiting *American Archivist's* [journal page](#). SAA is pleased to collaborate with JSTOR to preserve and make available this important body of scholarship.

SAA ELECTIONS VOTE TODAY

Online voting for SAA's 2010 Election is now open. Casting your [vote online](#) is easier than ever by visiting SAA's home page **before April 11** to select the candidates of your choice vying for SAA office. All individual members, student members, and primary contacts of institutional members who were in good standing on February 28, 2010, are eligible to vote. Paper ballots may be requested by calling 1-866-722-7858 or [e-mailing](#). **Paper ballots must be requested by March 31, 2010, and postmarked no later than April 11, 2010.**

ARCHIVES MANAGEMENT ROUNDTABLE WEBSITE

Our web liaison, Kate Rogge, can be reached at: krogge@kshs.org The Roundtable's website is located at <http://www.archivists.org/saagroups/archgmt/>

ARCHIVES MANAGEMENT ROUNDTABLE LISTSERV

You may send questions, announcements or other messages to members of the Roundtable's listserv at: archgmt@forums.archivists.org

To unsubscribe from this list, please visit:

<http://saa.archivists.org/Scripts/4Disapi.dll/4DCGI/person/ListServ.html>

To log into the SAA Archives Management Roundtable Discussion List forum, visit:

<http://forums.archivists.org/read/?forum=archgmt>

and enter your email address and your SAA password.

SAA COUNCIL LIAISON

Our Roundtable liaison to SAA Council is Brenda Lawson from the Massachusetts Historical Society. Her term of office ends Sept 1, 2011. Should you have questions or concerns about this Roundtable or other matters, you may contact her at blawson@masshist.org

The SAA Council has approved the minutes of its February 2-4 meeting, which are [now available](#).