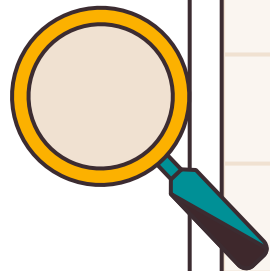





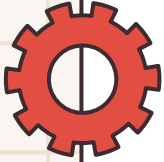
July 2, 2025

Committee on Research, Data, and Assessment



CORDA Annual Business Meeting

Society of American Archivists



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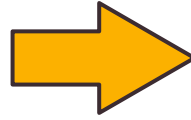
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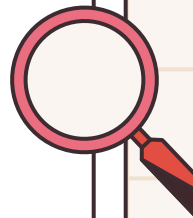
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CORDA Charge

The Committee on Research, Data, and Assessment (CORDA) provides access to significant and useful data and research about SAA, American archives, and their uses that evidence the value of archives for society and help us improve our services to SAA members and to our consumers. The Committee will work to conduct or support relevant research to create, gather, and preserve data by directing and engaging in several areas of activity:

- Providing SAA members with standardized tools for gathering and analyzing data;
 - Providing a repository or portal for data and other research outputs;
 - Providing training on gathering, analyzing, interpreting, and using data; and
 - Providing up-to-date and reliable basic facts and figures about archives and archivists.
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CORDA Membership 2024-2025

Co-Chairs

Emily Lapworth (JFK Presidential Library)

Jane Fiegel (Tulane University)

Ex Officio & Liaisons

Ex Officio -

Chris Marino (Hoover Institution Library & Archives, Stanford University, Immediate Past Chair; Research Forum Chair)

Rebecca Thayer (Harvard Medical School, Research Forum)

Rita Johnston (University of Miami, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Education)

SAA Council Liaison - **Jillian Cuellar** (Tulane University)

SAA Staff Liaison - **Jackie Price Osafo** (SAA CEO)

Members

Stephanie Bredbenner (Yale University)

Nick Connizzo (Norwich University)

Gwen Higgins (University of Alaska, Anchorage)

Elliott Kuecker (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

Jordan Meyerl (Fidelity Investments)

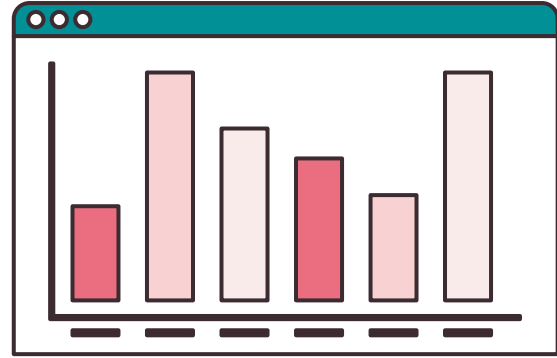
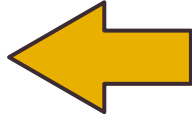
Anna Smith (University of Rochester)

Michelle Sweetser (Bowling Green State University)

Ashley Thomas (Harvard Medical School)

Victoria Contreras (Early-Career Member)

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2024-2025 Accomplishments



SAA Dataverse

- Team: Ashley (lead), Stephanie, Nick, and Anna
- International Love Data Week (February 10 to 14, 2025)
 - Total of three graphics were shared on SAA's Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn
 - Featured data on the SAA Dataverse itself and from A*CENSUS II
 - Also featured a fun archival word search - <https://bit.ly/WordSearchSAAD!>
- Continued to offer SAA Dataverse consultations - <https://bit.ly/saadataconsult>
- Ongoing dataset recruitment
- Dataverse Migration
 - SAA Dataverse is migrating from the UNC-Chapel Hill Dataverse to its new home at the Harvard University Dataverse (move completion date is TBD)
 - SAA Dataverse is still accessible to users and can accept new data deposits
 - A very BIG **THANK YOU** to the UNC and Harvard teams who have committed the resources necessary to complete the migration at no cost to SAA



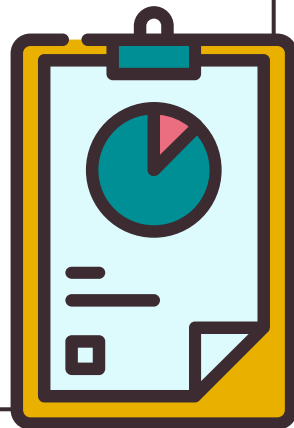
Creating & Conducting Focus Groups for Archivist Researchers

Workshop – March 19, 2025

- Prepared and taught by Elliott Kuecker, UNC-Chapel Hill
- CORDA offered this 90-minute, free, virtual workshop as a way to build confidence in archivists who are research-curious and want to learn more methods that might be useful for improving their jobs, or even publishing research studies
- Participants learned when focus groups are useful, how to prepare for and conduct them, and had time to discuss their own projects or ask questions
- The workshop was [recorded](#) with subtitles and is now offered on our microsite
- More than 20 participants from across the US and Canada
- Survey respondents all gave 5-stars, noting it was a rich experience

Ongoing Research Project Tracking

- Team: Gwen (lead), Stephanie, and Victoria
- [Finalized tracking spreadsheet](#)
- Updated spreadsheet with recent calls for survey participation (SAA listservs)
- Created a [submission form](#) for people to submit their own projects
- Next steps: 1) creating a page on the CORDA microsite and 2) promote the effort among various SAA sections



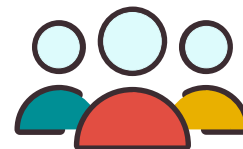
Facts & Figures

- Team: Gwen (lead) and Nick
- Significant roadblocks in getting permissions to edit the CORDA microsite
 - There is a bug in Drupal that prevents assigning permissions to individual pages
 - It doesn't seem like this is something that is going to get fixed anytime soon, and currently the only option is to email any additions or changes to SAA staff, which is not ideal
 - Currently looking into options to move the 'Facts & Figures' site off of SAA's Drupal website
 - Committee and Section blogs provide an example of component groups maintaining sites outside the SAA website, all found use WordPress
- Nick spoke with COPP about what data would be useful to highlight, once we are actually able to add information



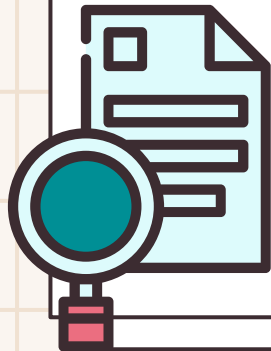
Joint Subgroup on Education Offerings

- Team: Jane, Gwen, Jordan, Michelle, Elliott, and Jane LaBarbara (College & University Archives Section Steering Member)
- Group began in early 2025
- Partnered with SAA's College & University Section to create new educational offerings focused on improving archivists' research skills
- Planning for a series of free, virtual events centered around the fundamentals of research
- Will be applying to SAA's grant programs to secure instructor honoraria



SAA Research Forum

- Team: Chris (co-chair), Emily (co-chair), Rebecca (co-lead), Jordan, Michelle, and Victoria
- Continued implementation of abstract submission rubric from 2024
- Feedback from 2024 was largely positive about quality of presentations
 - Lighting Talks preferred over two-minute poster presentations, but format can still be improved
- Large increase in number of platform presentation submissions
 - 36 submissions (2025) versus 27 submissions (2024) for 22 platform slots





Join us!
**RSVP today for
this year's
Research Form!**

**Wednesday, July 23 & July 30
12:00 to 4:00 p.m. CDT**

www2.archivists.org/am2025/research-forum-2025

- Virtual two-day forum
- Agenda available on the Research Forum website
- Slides and abstracts will be available before the Forum on the website
- Recordings of each section will be made available following the Forum
- Any related papers and/or reports will be posted in the coming months



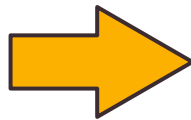
Research Agenda

- SAA Council adopted the [Research and Innovation Roadmap](#) in 2023
- Awarded an **Institute of Museum and Library Services Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Grant** in 2024 to convene archivists from key sectors and professional positionality, and relevant non-archivist stakeholders, to take the roadmap and establish a research agenda for the archival profession
- Convening held on May 1 and 2, 2025 in Chicago
- In progress: drafting the research agenda, white paper, and dataset
- In person [session at the SAA Annual Meeting](#) on Monday, August 25 at 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

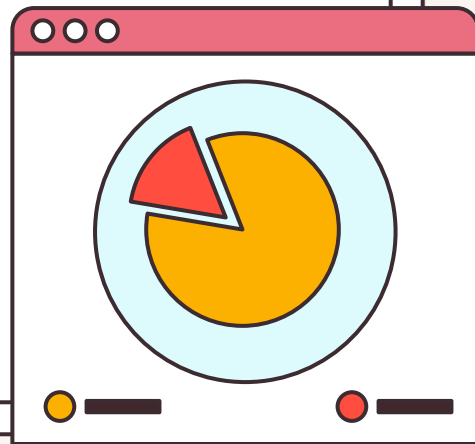




Looking Ahead: Goals for 2025-2026



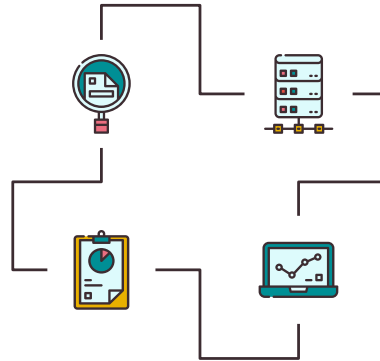
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2025-2026 Goals & Initiatives

- [CORDA in the SAA Strategic Plan](#)
- Promotion and outreach
- Events (e.g. workshops, office hours, etc.)
- Annual Research Forum

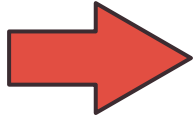


- Facilitate deposits into the SAA Dataverse
- Maintain and update the 'Facts & Figures' webpage
- Complete the IMLS grant and publish the Research Agenda



Volunteer!!

- Committee Members
 - Look for the 'Call for Volunteers for SAA Appointed Groups' around October and nominate yourself by December
 - Three year term
- Early-Career Member
 - Look for the 'Call for Volunteers' around May
 - One year term
- Committee Charge
- Committee microsite



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Feedback & Open Discussion





Thanks!

Do you have any questions?

Facts & Figures

www2.archivists.org/facts-and-figures

Dataverse

dataverse.unc.edu/dataverse/saa

SAA Research Forum

www2.archivists.org/publications/research-forum

SAA CORDA Microsite

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