



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

*The Information School*

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Mr. Brian Doyle  
Society of American Archivists  
527 South Wells Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Dear Mr. Doyle:

On behalf of the Information School of the University of Washington, it is my sincere honor to support the Archives and Preservation Club in their application to become a chartered student chapter of the Society of American Archivists.

The mission and goals of the Information School closely mirror those of the Society of American Archivists. Our students and faculty are conducting innovative research into new methods for preserving, cataloging, and distributing information in an ever-changing world. While we are an academic institution, our curriculum places a particularly strong emphasis on professional practice, and I believe that a formal relationship between the Information School and the Society of American Archivists would be mutually beneficial for students and professionals alike.

The University of Washington Archives and Preservation Club has had a strong presence in our program for the last five years. In this time, its members have taken an active role in informing their peers and faculty about the latest developments in the archives community. They have organized a number of events including panels featuring scholars and professionals, as well as numerous workshops and visits to special collections, archives, and museums in the Northwest. I believe that a charter in the Society of American Archivists would recognize their exemplary work to date and provide valuable resources for students in the future, including access to professional conferences, practitioners in the field, and increased visibility for the organization at the University of Washington.

In closing, I wholeheartedly endorse the application of the UW Archives and Preservation Club to become a chartered member of the Society of American Archivists. This connection between the UW Information School and the Society of American Archivists will help advance the mission and goals of both organizations for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Harry Bruce', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Harry Bruce  
Professor and Dean