

SAA Publications Board General Call for Manuscript Proposals 2024-2026

Between 2022-2023, the Publications Board completed an audit of its publications, looking at data such as sales, popular titles, categories of proposals and published works, and author diversity across the life of the program. As part of our goals to continue acquiring and publishing scholarship reflecting issues of critical importance to archival workers, we are issuing a **general Call for Proposals** to: 1) publish **relevant and timely issues and theory** for archival workers and the general public, more of whom are taking an interest in maintaining their personal collections and 2) **encourage more authors underrepresented in our published work**—across geographic location, institution type, career position, and those representing protected categories of race, gender, sexual identity, marital status, religious identity and/or disability—**to develop and publish manuscripts** within the program.

This Call for Proposals welcomes emerging or ongoing scholarship, both theory and technical practice, related to topics such as:

- climate change
- digital preservation
- community archives
- sustainable funding or resource development
- historical exclusion in the record
- archives and social justice
- ethics (can pertain to a specific area, i.e. ethics and acquisition, ethics and staffing, ethics and curation, or can be more broadly focused on the profession)
- facilities or space planning
- accessibility
- operational sustainability
- AI in the archives
- cybersecurity

We are open to other topics but prioritize the categories above. The call is applicable to general monographs or for any of our special series: [Archival Fundamentals](#), [Archival Futures](#), or [Trends in Archival Practice](#).

Proposals should consider an audience that includes community or independent archivists, nonprofit organizations, business/corporate archivists, government archivists, and the general public.

The call is open to all, but we especially encourage authors who represent archives in rural areas, archives in the American South, archives in the Global South, community-based archives, government

archives, business archives, nonprofit-based archives, archives consultants, and first-time authors or early-career authors. In this call, we especially encourage proposals from authors whose identities may exist and overlap across categories of race, gender, class, sexual identity, marital status, religious identity and/or disability, knowing those identities are also represented across the audiences, institutions, and geographic locations we want to see included in our publications. [See SAA's Statement on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.](#)

Please see our [Notes and Recommendations](#) regarding the use of generative artificial intelligence in our Publications program.

If you have an idea for a manuscript but aren't sure where to start, contact us at publicationseditor@archivists.org, for questions or a consultation.

The call will run through **December 20, 2026**. All proposals received through this date will be reviewed.