

Call for Volunteers

The Steering Committee of the Reference, Access & Outreach Section of the Society of American Archivists approved the launch of an Access to Electronic Records Working Group to investigate and share current best practices for providing access to electronic records.

Much scrutiny has been placed on accessioning, processing and preserving electronic materials, while very little attention is given to how we provide access to these materials. The initial tasks that have been identified and approved by the RAO Steering Committee include:

- Conduct initial research to determine on which key focus areas related to reference, access, outreach, and preservation work the working group shall focus its efforts.
- Compile a bibliography of key resources, including publications, presentations and workshops, which explore how archival institutions provide access to born-digital and electronic records. Other organizations active with electronic records will also be included in this resource list.
- Conduct a survey of the archival profession regarding current practices and attitudes towards providing access to born-digital and electronic records.

The group is seeking volunteers from the SAA membership at large and we'd love to have you participate! The working group is charged for an initial one-year period that continues through SAA's 2015 Annual Meeting. Co-chairs of the working group are Rachael Dreyer, University of Wyoming, (rdreyer@uwyo.edu) and Amy Schindler, University of Nebraska Omaha (acschindler@unomaha.edu).

Archivists who wish to express an interest in serving are asked to complete the form available at <http://bit.ly/1kf7tTC> by August 29, 2014. Volunteers are asked to provide the following information: your name, title, institutional affiliation (students welcome!), and a brief statement describing your interest in the working group's charge. We also ask that you indicate with which of the group's initial projects (research, bibliography, or survey) you would like to be involved. If you have any questions about volunteering, please contact either Amy or Rachael.