Dear DACS Students,

Welcome to the debut version of the revised *Describing Archives: A Content Standard* (DACS) SAA course! The DACS course is broken up into two equally important parts: A video series and an in-person, hands-on session to take place on July 31. The [video series](https://goo.gl/NE0f0R) provides an introduction to the key principles, concepts, and elements of DACS.

**It is imperative that participants know and understand the content of these videos prior to attending the course in Atlanta.** In-class instruction will be focused on in-depth application of the concepts introduced in the videos.

Each video has an accompanying quiz to test your understanding of the concepts presented. Please watch [all 7 DACS Part 1 videos](https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0BzBxZVqQpuNeZ0M0ekJlTDNKdkk&usp=sharing&tid=0BzBxZVqQpuNedHM3YUhGaW4wSkU) and complete [all 7 DACS Part 1 quizzes](https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0BzBxZVqQpuNeZ0M0ekJlTDNKdkk&usp=sharing&tid=0BzBxZVqQpuNedHM3YUhGaW4wSkU) before the in-person portion on July 31. The total run time for all of the DACS Part I videos is about 55 minutes.

[DACS Part II videos](https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0BzBxZVqQpuNeaTBfdXBheGw2ME0&usp=sharing&tid=0BzBxZVqQpuNedHM3YUhGaW4wSkU) are available as well and we encourage you to watch them if you have time; however, Part II videos are not required prior to July 31 and there are currently no quizzes available for Part II videos.

Looking forward to seeing you in Atlanta!

Sincerely,

Jackie Dean & SAA Education