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## **Deborah Wythe Inducted as a Fellow of the Society of American Archivists**

CHICAGO—Deborah Wythe, head of digital collections and services at Brooklyn Museum, will be inducted as a Fellow of the Society of American Archivists (SAA) during a ceremony on August 26, 2011, at *ARCHIVES 360°*, the 75th Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archivists in Chicago. The distinction of Fellow is the highest honor bestowed on individuals by SAA and is awarded for outstanding contributions to the archives profession.

Wythe, who has a PhD in musicology from New York University, began her career teaching music, but quickly expanded to cataloging music, then arranging and describing music-focused archival collections within museums. Her numerous national and international conference presentations have examined the challenges of digitization, automation, and automated access for museum archives.

Within SAA, she has served on the Annual Meeting Task Force, the Committee on Educational and Professional Development, as chair of the Museum Archives Section, and on the Publications Board for eight years, where she has ensured the quality of SAA's publication efforts and has been among the board's leading voices on the strategic implementation of e-publishing initiatives. A prodigious writer, Wythe contributed five chapters to, and also took on the challenging task of serving as editor of, the second edition of *Museum Archives: An Introduction* (SAA, 2004). As one of her nominators stated, "If publications play an instrumental role in the vitality of SAA and the archives profession, then Deb has struck all the right chords through her versatile work on the *Museum Archives* book and on the Publications Board."

Other professional activities include Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York, where she earned the Archival Achievement Award in 2006, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference, and on the advisory boards of Nakashima Archives, Queens College Graduate School of Library and Information Science Archives Curriculum, the Exit Art Digital Archives Project, and the Metropolitan New York Library Council.

As another nominator noted, "Deb is a doer who is unstinting of her time and talent to advance the archives profession."

Wythe is one of eight new Fellows named in 2011. There are currently 170 Fellows of the Society of American Archivists.

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*Founded in 1936, the Society of American Archivists is North America's oldest and largest national archival professional association. SAA's mission is to serve the educational and informational needs of more than 6,000 individual and institutional members and to provide leadership to ensure the identification, preservation, and use of records of historical value. For more information, visit [www.archivists.org](http://www.archivists.org).*

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