



A Finding Aid To My Soul

Friday, August 17 8:00pm – 10:00pm

Marriott Wardman Park
Room: Virginia A/B
Cash Bar

The SAA Committee on Public Awareness presents “A Finding Aid To My Soul,” an open-mic storytelling session celebrating the diversity and commonality of the archivist experience. Storytellers will have five minutes to share true stories about their unique, moving, serendipitous, mysterious, special, and often humorous encounters in the archives (no props, please).

Featured Storytellers

- Terry Baxter, Multnomah County Archives
- Krista Ferrante, MITRE
- Virginia Hunt, Harvard University Archives
- Petrina Jackson, Iowa State Special Collections and University Archives
- Elizabeth Myers, Smith College Special Collections

A Chance to Tell Your Story

Five additional storytellers will be selected at the performance. Contact Chris Burns at chris.burns@uvm.edu in advance or sign up at the event for a chance to share your story.

Serve as a Judge

Three teams of judges will be selected from volunteers in the audience to determine the top storytellers. Contestants will be judged on sticking to the five-minute timeframe, making the archivist central to the story, and having a story with a beginning, middle, and end. Prizes will be awarded!

Sit Back and Enjoy the Show

Come hear the tales of your colleagues in what promises to be an engaging and entertaining event. You won't want to miss “A Finding Aid To My Soul”!