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Kaye Lanning Minchew Inducted as a Fellow of the Society of American Archivists

CHICAGO—Kaye Lanning Minchew, executive director, Troup County Historical Society and Archives, 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.

Minchew's career in archives has been extraordinary for its numerous and diverse contributions to the profession. Minchew rose to the executive director position at the county archives and developed that institution into a model local government records repository and local history program. In 2008, the SAA Council honored the Troup County Archives with its Exemplary Service Award, and by doing so also recognized Minchew's work.

Her reputation as a leader and an exemplary contributor in the archives field has grown steadily over the past 30 years. Within the state of Georgia, she was a founding member of the State Historical Records Advisory Board and served in many positions for the Society of Georgia Archivists, the Georgia Historical Society, and the Georgia Records Association.

At the national level, she was "the driving force" in the founding of SAA's Local Government Records Roundtable and assumed leadership positions in the Government Records Section. She also served on the Academy of Certified Archivists' Board of Regents and on the Government Archivists and Record Administrators' Board of Directors. She co-chaired the Council of State Archivists' national local government records project, "Closest to Home." NAGARA chose Minchew to testify before a Congressional committee in 2010 in favor of NHPRC's reauthorization.

One of her nominators wrote, "one would not describe [Kaye] as an imposing physical presence. But the package you get—recognizable immediately upon working with her in any capacity—is a tenacious and passionate advocate on behalf of the historical record."

Minchew 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.

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