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## **Laura A. Millar Receives Writing Award from Society of American Archivists**

CHICAGO—Laura A. Millar is the recipient of the Society of American Archivists' Waldo Gifford Leland Award for her book *Archives: Principles and Practices*. The award will be presented during a ceremony on August 26, 2011, at *ARCHIVES 360°*, the 75th Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archivists in Chicago.

The award is given for writing of superior excellence and usefulness in the fields of archival history, theory, or practice. *Archives: Principles and Practices*, published by Facet Publishing in 2010, is a concise introduction to archival theory and practice that will serve both the novice and the experienced professional. The volume, which addresses the contextual, strategic, operational, and practical issues associated with creating an archival program, draws on a comprehensive review of the professional literature and the author's wide-ranging career to create, in the words of one nominator, "a truly international text for a globalizing archival profession."

"Dr. Millar's writing is clear, concise, and engaging," said an Awards Committee member. "Her arguments are reinforced by well-chosen examples from actual practice and by sample policy statements. A final chapter, 'The Challenge of Digital Archives,' is a thorough, up-to-date overview, free of jargon and filled with well-informed advice."

Established in 1959, the Waldo Gifford Leland Award is named for one of North America's archival pioneers and SAA's second president. Previous recipients include Karen D. Paul, Glenn R. Gray, and L. Rebecca Johnson Melvin for *An American Political Archives Reader*; Philip C. Bantin for *Understanding Data and Information Systems for Recordkeeping*; and Deidre Simmons for *Keepers of the Record: The History of the Hudson's Bay Company Archives*.

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*Founded in 1936, the Society of American Archivists is North America's oldest and largest national archives professional association. SAA's mission is to serve the educational and informational needs of 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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