



## **SAA ORAL HISTORY PROJECT**

### **Outline of SAA Oral History Project General Topics and Questions**

(Interviewer may supplement with more specific questions pertaining to the interviewee's unique contributions)

#### **General Questions/Topics**

When did you first become an archivist - what drew you to the profession?

Without giving a rundown of your resume - what are some of the highlights of your career (your first job, other positions you've held)?

Where (regionally, geographically) have you spent most of your professional life?

When did you first become involved in SAA? Why did you join?

Reflect on your time as an SAA Leader. What stands out the most for you? What were the issues that you would say defined your term(s)?

Do you remember - what was the mission of SAA when you first took on a leadership position? Do you feel that mission has changed?

Where/in which areas do you think you've made the biggest impact?

Does SAA provide a context for the archival profession - how would you describe that? How does SAA compare with other organizations in this respect?

Tell us about some of the people with whom you've worked. What you have learned from them?

Where do you see the archival profession heading - where do you think we will be at our Centennial Anniversary?

Is there anything about doing archival work that strikes you as so different from the past, that you would offer words of advice you might not have heard yourself 20 or 30 years ago?

For what part of your work would you like most to be remembered?

What are some final thoughts that you would like to share?