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Digital Curation: A How-To-Do-It Manual Wins Preservation Publication Award

CHICAGO—*Digital Curation: A How-To-Do-It Manual* by Ross Harvey is the winner of the Preservation Publication Award given by the Society of American Archivists (SAA). The award was presented during a ceremony on August 26, 2011, at *ARCHIVES 360°*, SAA's 75th Annual Meeting in Chicago.

The award recognizes the author or editor of an outstanding published work related to archives preservation. *Digital Curation: A How-To-Do-It Manual*, published by Neal-Schuman Publishers, Inc. in 2010, provides a detailed and practical guide to the Digital Curation Centre's lifecycle model, with chapters dedicated to each step of the lifecycle. The manual pulls together in one comprehensive work a clear exposition of the concepts and activities involved in digital curation, with comprehensive lists of references and links to online tools.

"This book and its associated materials equip archivists to use the practices of digital curation to improve preservation of and access to the electronic records in their collections," said one Awards Committee member

A special commendation of the Preservation Publication Awards was presented to Matthew G. Kirschenbaum, Richard Ovenden, and Gabriela Redwine, with research assistance from Rachel Donahue for *Digital Forensics and Born-Digital Content in Cultural Heritage Collections*. The book, published by the Council on Library and Information Resources in 2010, introduces archivists to an innovative set of tools for the preservation of digital resources. The book serves as a practical introduction to techniques that allow recovery of unchanged digital materials from media, indexing content of a storage device, and the preservation of authenticity of recovered data, among other needs, that were originally developed in the disciplines of law enforcement, computer security, and national defense.

Established in 1993, past recipients of the Preservation Publication Award include *Archival and Special Collections Facilities: Guidelines for Archivists, Librarians, Architects, and Engineers*; *Data Dictionary for Preservation Metadata: Final Report of the PREMIS Working Group*; and *Heritage Preservation for Field Guide to Emergency Response*.

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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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