

**Society of American Archivists
Publications Board
Virtual Meeting | August 5, 2022**

MINUTES

In attendance: Stacie Williams (Publications Editor and Publications Board Chair), Sarah Coffman (outgoing early-career member), Sarah Demb, Sarah Keen, Dana Lamparello, Monika Lehman, Yvette Ramirez, Cyndi Shein, and JoyEllen Williams; *ex officio* members Dominique Luster (Council Liaison) and Amy Cooper Cary (*American Archivist* Editor); and SAA staff members Abigail Christian and Julia Pillard.

Unable to attend: Kristin Harpster, Colleen Hoelscher, and Chaeyeon Kim (incoming early-career member)

I. WELCOME – Stacie Williams

II. PUBLICATIONS UPDATES

A. [Project Status](#) & Highlights

- *Born-Digital Design Records*, part of the Trends in Archives Practice, is with the printer—hurray! Available in the SAA Bookstore in September.
- *Museum Archives* is not far behind. Expected to be available in November.
- *Making Our Mark* essay collection: JoyEllen Williams as shepherd reports that the agreements with contributors are being gathered and interviews edited in July. The manuscript is on course for submission in July 2023.
- *Remedy, Rectify, and Reconstruct: Case Studies of Inclusive and Archival Reparative Description Efforts*: contract with Katherine Wisser and Elena Hinkle underway; to be signed next week.
- *410 Measurable Outcomes* and *Teaching Primary Source Research Skills* both in final revision stage after peer reviews were submitted to authors. At this point, it'd be good to have authors read each others' manuscripts and provide additional feedback. Also a future Board discussion should focus on marketing ideas for how we can bundle these together.

TO DO #1 (Williams and Christian): Share *410 Measurable Outcomes* and *Teaching Primary Source Research Skills* manuscripts with authors.

B. Program Updates – Abigail Christian

A. See Council report for [Publications Program](#) & [Pubs Editor Report](#)

B. Highlights include:

- i. A wrap of Season 4 of the [Archives in Context podcast](#). The latest episode highlights the SAA Foundation. If Board members have suggestions of future books/resources/people to feature, let Christian know.
- ii. A [virtual book sale](#) in conjunction with the conference. Select titles are 20% to 60% off. There will not be an in-person bookstore this year at the annual meeting.
- iii. Williams and Christian met with the Committee on Ethics and Professional Conduct about revitalizing the Archival Ethics Case Studies Series. Look for a call for submissions in the next few weeks and spread the word!

- iv. The proposal on intergenerational conversations with Rand Jimerson and John Fleckner has been shifted to a series of conversational engagements on the *American Archivist* Reviews Portal, led by Reviews Editors Rose Buchanan and Stephanie Luke.
- v. The One Book, One Profession event on *Reference and Access for Archives and Manuscripts* by Cheryl Oestricher has been postponed. Date TBD.
- vi. [American Archivist Editor Report](#)

C. Print Sales Report for FY2021–2022

- C. [Alphabetical Order](#)
- D. [Bestselling Order](#)

III. Pubs Audit: In Progress Report – Yvette Ramirez and Sarah Coffman

Ramirez and Coffman are conducting a survey of the 189 actives pubs titles, 39 case studies, and 14 brochures, as well as *American Archivist* articles to see who has been writing for SAA and what has been written. They are drafting questions now. Ask Board members would like to know from this survey: What texts have become canonical over the years? What has sold well? How have the Trends in Archives Practice series done? The Archival Fundamentals Series?

TO DO #2 (Christian): Share a “bestselling titles of all time” report with Ramirez and Coffman.

TO DO #3 (Cooper Cary, Ramirez, and Coffman): Have a conversation specifically about the narrative of *American Archivist* and how to look at the journal within this context.

IV. REVIEW OF REVISED PROPOSALS – Stacie Williams and All

A. Discussion on *Special Collections Curatorships* by Jillian Quellar and Agnieszka Czeblakow

- i. This proposal was resubmitted with minor revisions; the Board is pleased to move forward with this publication and is very excited about this much needed topic.
- ii. Dana Lamparello to serve as shepherd for this project.

TO DO #4 (Williams, Christian, Lamparello): Share Board’s feedback with Jillian Quellar and Agnieszka Czeblakow and initiate contract process. Connect Lamparello with authors as shepherd.

B. Discussion on *Engaging with and Preserving Queer Feminist Archives* by Rebecca Kuske and Alexandra Krensky

Overall, the Board determined that the scope of the project is not broad enough for our audience. The proposal is focused more on personal experience vs. professional application and may not be appropriate for a full book. In addition, this is the author’s first professional writing project and there was concern about ability to develop and complete a book. The Board moves to reject this proposal and encourage the author to pursue and develop this topic over the course of several articles, taking steps to grow as a writer before doing a monograph.

TO DO #5 (Williams): Share Board’s feedback with Rebecca Kuske and Alexandra Krensky.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Sarah Demb volunteers to be shepherd for *Remedy, Rectify, and Reconstruct: Case Studies on Inclusive and Reparative Archival Description Efforts*.
- B. Jefferson Bailey and Internet Archive –
 - i. A proposal came through about a potential idea of a book featuring recipes developed and shared by archivists during the pandemic. This is a book that's outside of our scope generally, but if done in a digital-format may be a revenue-generating idea with low costs.
 - ii. One Board member shared that this idea had been done before ([See here](#)). And this might be an interesting idea for next year's Annual Meeting as a fundraiser for the SAA Foundation, in the way that the t-shirts were Foundation fundraisers. The Pubs Board would not be the lead on this project then. Williams to follow up with the Board about this idea.
- C. Next meeting to take place October 28. Details TBD.

TO DO #6 (Christian): Connect Demb with *Reparative Description* editors as a shepherd.