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## 14 Earn Digital Archives Specialist Certificates from Society of American Archivists

CHICAGO—Congratulations to the fourteen newly minted Digital Archives Specialists (DAS). These archivists were the first to earn a DAS Certificate from the Society of American Archivists (SAA) after completing required coursework within twenty-four months and passing comprehensive examinations in August 2013.

The innovative DAS Curriculum, developed by experts in the field of digital archives, is structured around seven core competencies: understanding the nature of records in electronic form; defining for a variety of audiences the requirements, roles, and responsibilities related to digital archives; formulating strategies and tactics for appraisal, description, management, organization, and preservation; integrating technology to provide access to digital collections; planning for the integration of new tools for successive generations of technology; curating, storing, and retrieving original masters and access copies of digital archives; and providing dependable organization and service to designated communities across networks. Participants complete nine required courses from four tiers addressing these competencies.

The new Digital Archives Specialists are: Kate L. Blalack (Woody Guthrie Center, Oklahoma State University), Jennifer Eidson (University of Maryland), Joseph Fisher (University of Massachusetts Lowell), Nancy Hadley (The American Institute of Architects), Cynthia Harbeson (Appalachian State University), Jennifer Hecker (The University of Texas at Austin), Benn Joseph (Northwestern University), Susan Miller (Cleveland Museum of Art), Pamela Nye (The Westminster Schools), Matthew Pearson (Stanford University Libraries), Robin C. Pike (University of Maryland), Cyndi Shein (J. Paul Getty Trust Institutional Archives), Alesha Shumar (University of Tennessee, Knoxville), and Christina J. Zamon (Emerson College).

"I'm happy to have earned the Certificate," said new Digital Archives Specialist Nancy Hadley of The American Institute of Architects, "As a lone arranger, DAS courses filled my knowledge gap and I'm now working toward designing a digital archives for my organization."

Currently, there are 858 participants in SAA's DAS program who are working toward earning a certificate. For more information, visit [www2.archivists.org/prof-education/das](http://www2.archivists.org/prof-education/das) or contact SAA Education Director Solveig De Sutter ([sdesutter@archivists.org](mailto:sdesutter@archivists.org)).

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*Founded in 1936, the Society of American Archivists is North America's oldest and largest national archival professional association. SAA enables more than 6,100 individual and institutional members to achieve professional excellence and foster innovation to ensure the identification, preservation, and use of records of enduring value. For more information, visit [www.archivists.org](http://www.archivists.org).*

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