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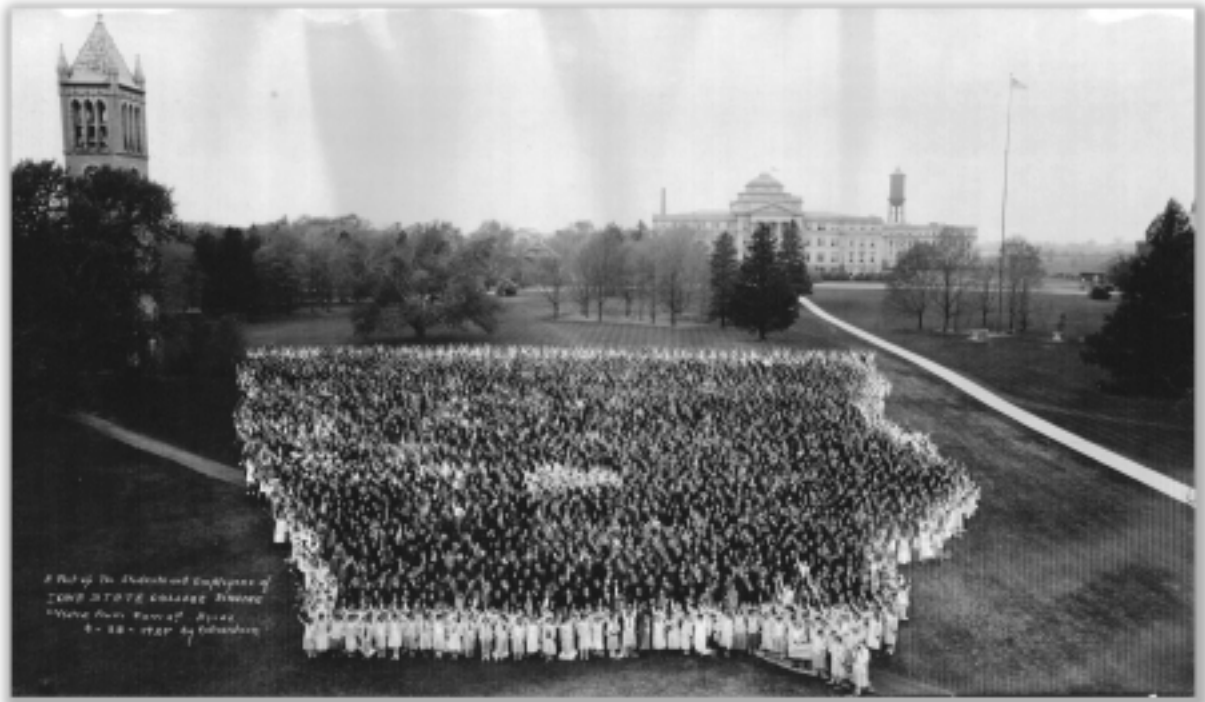
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Welcome, one and all, to the Midwest Archives Conference fall 2004 meeting in Des Moines, Iowa. The Local Arrangements Committee is pleased to welcome you to our great state. We hope you enjoy your time here. This program will guide you through all the wonderful events, sessions, and workshops in store during the Des Moines meeting. So, thanks for joining us!

Local Arrangements Committee

Kären Mason and Tanya Zanish-Belcher (cochairs), Sharon Avery, Michele Christian, Jeffrey Dawson, Melissa Gottwald, Amy Groskopf, Grace Linden, David McCartney, Delpha Musgrave, Becki Plunkett, Catherine Rod, Matt Schaefer, Lynn Smith, Rachel Vagts, Vicki Walch, Craig Wright. Special thanks to Paul Eisloeffel and Josh Ranger.

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For an electronic version of this program and additional information about the fall conference in Des Moines, visit the MAC Web site: <<http://www.midwestarchives.org/desmoines/home.html>>.



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The Meeting at a Glance

When

Thursday through Saturday, October 28–30, 2004. One preconference workshop will take place on Wednesday, October 27.

Where

Des Moines, Iowa, welcomes MAC to the Downtown Marriott, within walking distance of restaurants, shops, and a downtown skywalk system.

Local Weather

What can we say? Be prepared for anything! October can be lovely in Iowa with crisp days (temperatures in the 50s and 60s) and chilly evenings (30s and 40s). Although the average temperature is 53 degrees for the month, there is always the potential for rain (and possibly even snow). Please check weather listings before packing your bag.

Tourism Information

The Local Arrangements Committee has prepared a variety of events to give the meeting a local touch, but you are invited to explore Des Moines and the rest of the state on your own. For Iowa tourism information, see <<http://www.traveliowa.com/>>.

For our own recommendations of sites en route to Des Moines, see the meeting Web site: <<http://www.midwestarchives.org/desmoines/ontheway.htm>>.

Accommodations

Downtown Marriott
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Des Moines, IA 50309
Phone: 515-245-5500
Fax: 515-245-5567
<<http://marriott.com/property/propertyPage/DSMIA>>

Room Rates and Reservations

MAC rates for the fall meeting are \$95 for single, double, triple, and quad. Be sure to ask for the conference rate. Register on-line at <<http://www.midwestarchives.org/desmoines/hotel.htm>>.

Checkout

Hotel checkout is 12:00 P.M. For your convenience, the Downtown Marriott will provide a secure space for your luggage if you need to check out and wish to stay for more of the meeting.

Parking

Valet parking is available for \$14 per day at the Marriott entrance on Grand Avenue (between 7th and 8th Streets). **Note: The Marriott parking garage has a low clearance. Other parking options are available nearby.** Municipal parking (with street and skywalk access to the Marriott) is available west of the hotel at 9th and Grand for approximately \$11 per day.



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From the Airport: From Des Moines International Airport (5800 Fleur Drive), turn left on Fleur Drive and go 3.6 miles. Turn right onto Locust Street. Turn left onto 6th Avenue. Turn left onto Grand Avenue.

By Road: Des Moines is in the middle of a large construction project on Highway I-235, which leads directly through the heart of downtown. Before you drive, we recommend that you check the Web site detailing road closures and changes: <<http://www.i235.com/>>.

From the West: Take I-80 East. Merge onto I-235 E via left exit number 123A, heading toward West Des Moines/Des Moines. Go 8.1 miles. Take the 7th Street exit toward DMACC (Des Moines Area Community College). Turn right (south) onto 7th Street and continue to Grand Avenue and the Des Moines Marriott.

From the North: Take I-35 South. South of Ankeny, 35 S becomes I-235 S at the I-80 Interchange. Keep heading toward Des Moines. Take the 3rd Street exit and go left (south) on 3rd Street. Turn right onto Grand Avenue.

From the East: Take I-80 West. Merge onto I-235 South via left exit number 137A, toward Des Moines. Take the 3rd Street exit. Make a slight left (south) onto 3rd Street. Turn right onto Grand Avenue.

From the South: Take I-35 North. Exit onto I-235 East. You will pass several West Des Moines exits (including 8th Street) before reaching Des Moines proper. Keep heading east until you reach the 7th Street exit toward DMACC (Des Moines Area Community College). Turn right onto 7th Street and proceed to Grand Avenue.

The hotel and Marriott parking garage entrance is at 700 Grand Avenue between 7th and 8th Streets.

Roommate Matchup

A list of attendees seeking roommates for the conference will be maintained and distributed to interested parties. Please forward your contact information (name, telephone number, E-mail address), roommate preference (male/female, smoker/nonsmoker), and dates a roommate is needed to Tanya Zanish-Belcher (tzanish@iastate.edu or 515-294-6648) by October 8, if you wish to use this service.

Child Care

Need to arrange child care during the meeting? Contact Childtime Learning Centers (610 Center Street, Des Moines) at 515-243-4366.

Special Needs

MAC invites all individuals to participate in its activities. If you have a visual, aural, or other impairment that is defined as a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act, contact Craig Wright at Craig.Wright@nara.gov to discuss your needs.



The Meeting at a Glance

Special Events

The Des Moines MAC meeting will be full of events and activities to keep you occupied, starting with a special opening plenary presentation on Thursday afternoon featuring Nebraska historian and Lewis and Clark journals editor Gary Moulton. That evening, come to the opening reception at the State Historical Society of Iowa. During the day on Friday, visit our vendors and exhibitors. Join us for lunch hosted by MAC President Steve McShane, featuring the *Archival Issues* awards. On Friday evening, take part in the local restaurant tours; there will also be a complimentary New Members' Dinner for those of you new to MAC. A new event for Friday evening, MAC Mix Flix, will give you a chance to visit with other attendees and enjoy some archival film footage. The conference will wrap up with a closing plenary presentation by University of Iowa School of Library and Information Science professor Christine Pawley.

Tours

Behind-the-scenes tours of the Iowa State Capitol, the State Historical Society, and Living History Farms are scheduled for Thursday morning. A walking architectural tour of downtown Des Moines will be conducted on Friday afternoon.

Workshops

On Wednesday, the Society of American Archivists will offer its all-day workshop, "Oral History: From Planning to Preservation." MAC will offer an advanced workshop on metadata Thursday morning and a basic workshop on arrangement and description Friday afternoon. On Saturday morning, there will be a mini-workshop on accessioning. All workshops (except "The Basics of Accessioning") require advance registration.

Sessions

Thanks to the hard work of the Program Committee, the Des Moines meeting will offer a wide variety of topics, including sessions on agricultural records, social memory, the World Wide Web and its impact on the archival profession, archival advocacy, the A*CENSUS, and political collections. Sessions begin on Thursday afternoon, October 28, and continue through Saturday morning, October 30.

Vendor Fair and Exhibits

During the session and lunch breaks on Friday, be sure to visit the vendor fair, where exhibitors will demonstrate products and services of interest to archivists. There will also be exhibits featuring local repositories and organizations.

Meeting Registration

As always, MAC registration is a bargain, but don't delay. To take advantage of the advance registration price of \$45 for MAC members, your registration must be postmarked by October 8, 2004. Registrations submitted through the mail cannot be accepted after October 18: after that date, you must register on-site. Use the registration form at the back of this program or print it from the conference Web site: <<http://www.midwestarchives.org/desmoines/home.html>>.



The Meeting at a Glance

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Mary Noble Photograph Collection. Courtesy Iowa Women's Archives, University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City.



Special Events

Opening Plenary Presentation

When: Thursday, October 28, 1:30 P.M.–3:00 P.M.

What: Our opening plenary session, “Editing the Journals of Lewis and Clark,” will be delivered by Gary E. Moulton, the Thomas C. Sorensen Professor of History at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and editor of *The Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*. This plenary presentation is made possible by the generous sponsorship of Humanities Iowa.

Welcoming Reception

When: Thursday, October 28, 6:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M.

What: Join us for a welcoming reception at the State Historical Society of Iowa, 600 East Locust Street. Beverages and hors d’oeuvres with an Iowa flair will be served. Enjoy the exhibits and gift shop, which will be opened for MAC, thanks to the State Historical Society.

Buses will be waiting outside the hotel beginning at 5:45 P.M. and will circle continually between SHSI and the Marriott. If the weather is nice or you’re adventurous, you may wish to walk the 9 or 10 blocks.

The National 19th Amendment Society of Charles City, Iowa, is sponsoring our Thursday evening reception. Thank you!

New Members’ Dinner

When: Friday, October 29, 5:45 P.M.–8:00 P.M.

What: Is this your first MAC meeting? Have you joined MAC within the last year? If you answered “yes” to either of these questions, we invite you to attend a free dinner in your honor. Broaden your experience with our organization by networking with other new members, MAC officers, Council members, and the membership committee. Meet at Allie’s Restaurant in the Marriott at 5:45 P.M. and share some food and collegiality. Please mark your registration and attendance form if you wish to attend.

Lunch with the President and Presentation of Awards

When: Friday, October 29, 12:00 P.M.–1:30 P.M.

What: Join your colleagues and MAC President Steve McShane for a luncheon featuring boxed gourmet sandwiches and salads. There will be opportunities for networking and discussing MAC. The *Archival Issues* awards will also be presented, so come and support your fellow archivists. The luncheon is open to all meeting attendees for a separate fee of \$20. Sign up on the registration form (noting your lunch choice) and, to assure yourself a spot, send the form in by the advance registration deadline (October 8, 2004).



Special Events

Restaurant Tours

When: Friday, October 29, 5:45 P.M.–8:00 P.M.

What: Join Local Arrangements Committee members as they guide you through the Des Moines local restaurant scene. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the registration area.

MAC Mix Flix

When: Friday, October 29, 8:00 P.M.–?

What: Nothing can rival the MAC Mixers of yore, but the Des Moines Local Arrangements Committee invites you to help start a new Friday night tradition: mixing with the mighty officers of MAC and our guest Rand Jimerson, Society of American Archivists president, and watching fabulous film footage from regional repositories.

Thanks to the Association of Moving Image Archivists for sponsoring the screening.

Closing Plenary Presentation

When: Saturday, October 30, 10:30 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

What: We are pleased to announce that our closing plenary session, “Frontiers in Print: Histories of Readers and Reading in the Midwest,” will be given by University of Iowa professor Christine Pawley. The Local Arrangements Committee thanks the Des Moines Public Library for publicizing the two plenary sessions.



Tours

Advance registration and payment of fees are required for all tours. Sign-up is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. Use the registration form at the back of this program. All tours will depart from the hotel lobby at the start times listed.

Iowa State Capitol Tour

When: Thursday, October 28, 9:15 A.M.–11:45 A.M.

What: Constructed between 1871 and 1886, Iowa's statehouse was one of the first built during a period that became known as the "Gilded Age of State Capitols." With a decor that features 29 types of marble, frescoed walls, and a rich assortment of native woods, it displays the finest characteristics of American Renaissance architecture. Classical sculpture, murals, and mosaics crafted from Venetian glass tile are among the artwork commissioned for the building. Learn more about this structure's history and design elements on a guided tour and, if you feel especially athletic, climb to the capitol's distinctive "golden dome" for a unique panoramic view of Des Moines.

Registration: \$5 fee for transportation. Registration is limited to 15.

State Historical Society of Iowa

When: Thursday, October 28, 9:30 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

What: Opened in 1987, the State Historical Building houses Des Moines staff and collections of the State Historical Society of Iowa, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. Many visitors to the State Historical Building examine documentary collections in the reading room or visit historical museum exhibits. This tour, however, will afford participants insight into behind-the-scenes areas and activities. State Historical Society staff will host tour participants in visits to the collections storage and work areas of the state archives, library special collections, and the museum.

Registration: \$5 fee for transportation. Registration is limited to 15.



Tours

Living History Farms

When: Thursday, October 28, 8:30 A.M.–1:00 P.M.

What: Living History Farms in Urbandale, Iowa, a 600-acre open-air museum, presents five historical periods spanning 300 years with on-site interpretation. The Iowa Tourism Division named LHF the 2001 Iowa Tourism Attraction of the Year.

Join the Living History Farms Collection Committee for a behind-the-scenes tour of the museum. See how visitors are prepared for the tour in the orientation center; learn more about third-person living history interpretation at the recreated 1900 Horse-Powered Farm; then explore the new *America's Agricultural Legacy* exhibit in the Wallace Exhibit Center and discover the planning and design that went into the displays. The tour will end at the LHF textile preservation facility where the farms' nationally recognized historic quilt collection is stored. Collection Committee members will be available for questions throughout the tour.

Lunch is on your own at the Machine Shed, located at LHF. Space will be reserved for MAC tour attendees.

Registration: \$15 fee for transportation. Registration is limited to 35.

Architectural Walking Tour of Downtown Des Moines

When: Friday, October 29, 2:00 P.M.–3:30 P.M.

What: This tour, conducted by the Iowa Architectural Foundation, offers conference goers an opportunity to stretch their legs and become better acquainted with the buildings shaping the Des Moines skyline. Learn which world-renowned architects and artists have left their mark on the downtown, hear the histories of the structures, and strengthen your working knowledge of design styles and motifs. Find out why the IAF calls the city's architectural offerings "the best-kept secret in the Midwest." Walk off some calories before the evening restaurant tours. Those who register for this outing are reminded to pack a pair of comfortable shoes. (Note: In the event of inclement weather, this tour will be conducted via Des Moines' downtown skywalk system.)

Registration: \$10 fee for the IAF. Registration is limited to 15.



Workshops

Oral History: From Planning to Preservation

Presented in partnership with the Society of American Archivists.

When: Wednesday, October 27, 9:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M.

What: This workshop provides a basic overview of oral history and its integration into archives and manuscript collections. Topics include project development, recording equipment, tape storage, videotaping oral history, and an overview of newer recording formats. Upon completing this workshop, you will be able to evaluate current recording formats, including optical and digital media; discuss researching, framing, and conducting an oral history interview; choose ways to deal with narrators, transcriptions, and record keeping; explain the ethics and legal issues pertaining to oral history; enhance your promotion of the use of the oral history collection; discuss the uniqueness and value of oral history; and assess the challenges of rapidly changing technology.



Continuing Education Units (CEUs):

0.75

Instructor: Fred Calabretta, Mystic Seaport Museum, Mystic, Connecticut

Registration: Early bird (on or before September 27): SAA members \$185, nonmembers \$235; regular (after September 27): SAA members \$210, nonmembers \$260.

Enrollment is limited. Attendees must register directly with the Society of American Archivists. Register on-line at <<http://www.archivists.org/prof-education/workshop-detail.asp?id-1262>>.

For more information, contact Solveig DeSutter, SAA Professional Education Department, 312-922-0140, education@archivists.org.

Metadata for Archivists

When: Thursday, October 28, 8:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

What: Have you ever wondered why or how your archives might use metadata? This workshop will provide an overview of current metadata initiatives as they relate to archives and manuscript repositories. After describing some major protocols such as the Dublin Core, the Open Archives Initiative, and the Metadata Encoding and Transmission Standard, the instructor will focus on practical ways to make your paper and digital archives more accessible. We'll also spend some time discussing case studies suggested by participants. After attending the workshop, you will be able to apply metadata to your own Web site and to work with technical personnel who use metadata standards. No technical background is necessary to attend.

Instructor: Chris Prom, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Registration: \$35. Enrollment is limited to 35.



Workshops

Fundamentals of Arrangement and Description

When: Friday, October 29, 1:30 P.M.–5:00 P.M.

What: This workshop will provide an overview of the major issues related to arrangement and description of archival materials, including definitions, levels of arrangement, different types of media, elements of description, and examples of finding aids. Other aspects of the workshop include highlighting the need for effective physical arrangement, determining the value and importance of the materials, and how best to provide access through finding aids, including Web sites and other descriptive standards.

Instructor: Steve Fisher, University of Denver

Registration: \$35. Enrollment is limited to 20.

Mini-Workshop: The Basics of Accessioning

When: Saturday, October 30, 8:00 A.M.–10:00 A.M.

What: The workshop will focus on the fundamental role of accessioning and its function of establishing the baseline record keeping and legal status for incoming archival collections. It will outline the manner in which archival collections should be treated at the accessioning level, including appraisal; care and handling; accession logs and electronic databases; preliminary inventorying and cataloging; conservation and preservation issues; concerns; techniques; and the possibility of hazardous materials. It will also outline the essential role that accessioning must play in dealing with collections when an institution decides to deaccession a collection.

Instructor: William L. Hopkins, American Heritage Center

Registration: No fee.



OPENING PLENARY PRESENTATION

Editing the Journals of Lewis and Clark

Keynote Speaker: Gary E. Moulton, University of Nebraska–Lincoln

When: Thursday, October 28, 1:30 P.M.–3:00 P.M.

What: Gary Moulton's slide presentation looks at the history of the diaries kept by Meriwether Lewis, William Clark, and four enlisted men of the expedition as they crossed the continent from 1804 to 1806. The men of the Corps of Discovery wrote more than one million words during their nearly two-and-a-half years on the trail. These journals are filled with accounts of high drama and contain elaborate notes on scientific inquiry. They are a marvel of natural history, ethnographic investigation, and geographic revelations. The story of the diaries is almost as interesting as the history of the expedition the books chronicle. Meticulously written and carefully preserved during the arduous transcontinental crossing, the journals reside today in several archives across the country, principally at the American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, and the Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis. The reasons for the scattered distribution of the books form the main part of Moulton's presentation. Moulton also considers the individual journalists and their diaries, examines the nature and quality of journal keeping, and tries to answer questions about missing journals. Finally, Moulton critiques previous editors' work and explains the need for the new edition.

Biography: Gary E. Moulton is the Thomas C. Sorensen Professor of History at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and editor of *The Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*. Moulton began the editing project in 1979, with support from the UNL Center for Great Plains Studies, the American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, and the National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D.C. He completed the 13-volume edition in 1999. Moulton was a consultant for Ken Burns's 1997 film, "Lewis and Clark: The Journey of the Corps of Discovery," and was also an advisor for National Geographic's Lewis and Clark IMAX film. President and Mrs. George W. Bush invited Moulton to the White House in July 2002, to inaugurate the



Gary Moulton
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UNL Publications & Photography

Lewis and Clark bicentennial.

Gary Moulton's plenary presentation is made possible by the generous sponsorship of Humanities Iowa.



Reaping the Bounty of Agricultural and Rural Life Collections

When: Thursday, October 28, 3:30 P.M.–5:00 P.M.

What: Midwestern archives brim with agriculture and rural-life collections awaiting harvest by historians, genealogists, and rural-life enthusiasts. This session highlights the use of these rich resources. Todd Arrington discusses efforts to promote and make accessible NARA's collection of records related to the Homestead Act. Mary Bennett highlights the farm-life photography of "Pete" Wettach as a source of historical evidence and the challenges faced when preserving the stories associated with the images. Finally, Leo Landis discusses the use of archival collections to interpret museum objects at The Henry Ford.

Moderator: Lisa Janssen, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

Presenters: Todd Arrington, National Park Service
Mary Bennett, State Historical Society of Iowa
Leo Landis, The Henry Ford

Triggers of Social Memory

When: Thursday, October 28, 3:30 P.M.–5:00 P.M.

What: World-renowned sociologist Maurice Halbwachs wrote of memory in 1925: "I do not need to seek out where the memories are in my brain, because they are recalled to me from outside, and because the groups to which I belong continuously offer me the means to reconstruct them." The idea that societies (not just individuals) create, shape, interpret, and hold memory has taken a long time to reach archival discourse. Even so, this idea holds important implications for what we view as sources and how we value and describe them, as well as for how we see our profession's role in the world. This panel will explore the connections between social memory and its triggers within the context of archival materials and beyond.

Moderator: Denise Anthony, University of Michigan

Presenters: Jeanette Bastian, Simmons College
Paul Eisloeffel, Nebraska State Historical Society
Mark Greene, American Heritage Center



State Archives and Constituent Services in Budget Crisis

When: Thursday, October 28, 3:30 P.M.–5:00 P.M.

What: This session will explore methods used by state archives in the MAC region to provide services to constituents and constituent organizations in a time of budget constraint. Speakers will evaluate concepts for management of collections and constituent relations within statewide organizations. The session will also explore a potential initiative for expanding state archives' constituent services through a state-based, federally-funded program.

Moderator: Dan Daily, Northwestern College (Orange City, Iowa)

Presenters: Jelain Chubb, Missouri State Archives
Shaner Magalhães, State Historical Society of Iowa
Victoria Irons Walch, Council of State Historical Records Coordinators



YWCA of Greater Des Moines Records. Courtesy Iowa Women's Archives, University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City.



Balancing Act: Building and Maintaining Digital Photographic Collections

When: Friday, October 29, 8:30 A.M.–10:00 A.M.

What: On-line photographic database programs such as CONTENTdm present managerial and financial challenges for archival programs. Improved access and heightened appreciation of collections are weighed against labor-intensive cataloging and annual maintenance fees. Presenters will address the promise and the demands of building data-driven photographic collections. An IT director and a former archivist will review program options. A third presenter will describe a program aimed at supporting the financial viability of maintaining a vast digital collection.

Moderator: Michael Fox, Minnesota Historical Society

Presenters: Kathryn DeGraff, De Paul University
Paul Hedges, Wisconsin Historical Society
Jason Roy, Minnesota Historical Society

Preservation Ideals and Realities

When: Friday, October 29, 8:30 A.M.–10:00 A.M.

What: Focusing on preservation ideals and realities with emphasis on in-house treatments versus outsourcing, an archivist and a preservation librarian will debate a wide range of preservation options. Using an informal survey of archival preservation and conservation habits, an archivist will consider in-house preservation techniques and costs as well as options when seeking preservation and conservation funding. A preservation librarian will advocate for professional preservation and conservation service, stressing that neither preservation care nor budgeting should be left to untrained staff or to the availability of donor funding and grant opportunities.

Moderator: Becky Schulte, University of Kansas

Presenters: Christine Crandall, American Jewish Archives
Hilary Seo, Iowa State University



Show Me the Money: Revenue-Generating Activities in Archives

When: Friday, October 29, 8:30 A.M.–10:00 A.M.

What: Facing diminishing funding levels from traditional sources, many archives are seeking creative and new ways to generate revenue to support their core activities and new initiatives. Representatives from four types of archival repositories will discuss revenue-generating activities at their institutions, including image licensing and marketing, fee schedules, multimedia projects, and consultant services to individuals and organizations. The presenters will also discuss tools and strategies for developing revenue-generating projects, such as business plans, benchmarking research, revenue analysis, and collaboration with internal and external partners.

Presenters: John Bowen, The Henry Ford
Cynthia Ghering, Ohio Historical Society
Geoffrey Reynolds, The Joint Archives of Holland
Shawn Waldron, Condé Nast Archives

Documenting Traditions

When: Friday, October 29, 10:30 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

What: Four archivists will discuss their collections and the importance and challenges of documenting traditions. Mark Thiel will discuss the documentation of Catholicism in Native American tribes through the collections at Marquette University. Dennis Stoesz and John Thiesen will speak about how the Mennonite Church Archives has responded to the challenges of collecting material from its members as well as from historical committees and sister religious groups such as the Amish and Hutterites. Norm P. will examine how the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous relate to the concept of an AA archives.

Moderator: Joel Minor, Oglala Lakota College

Presenters: Norm P., Alcoholics Anonymous
Dennis Stoesz, Mennonite Church USA Archives
Mark Thiel, Marquette University
John Thiesen, Bethel College



The Web and Its Impact on Archival Work

When: Friday, October 29, 10:30 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

What: Archival Web sites are well established for providing information about archival holdings and services; however, their content and form are constantly evolving. This session will look at three universities' attempts to improve access and content. One is partnering with cultural and educational institutions in the region to promote local history. Another is improving access to its university history collections for on-line patrons. A third is developing procedures to improve Web-site design, navigation, and maintenance through structural, content, and cost-benefit analysis.

Moderator: Robert Garrett, State Archives of Michigan

Presenters: Joshua Ranger, University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh
Mark L. Shelstad, University of Wyoming
Wes Wilson, DePauw University

Adventures in Advocacy: The Archival Profession and Public Engagement

When: Friday, October 29, 10:30 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

What: The term “advocacy” has taken on different meanings in the archival profession over the years. Previously used in conjunction with public relations and outreach, it has more recently been associated with efforts to influence archives-related public policy. Does this reflect an expansion of the archivist's role in society or has there been a shift away from the goal of building more general public awareness? Are archivists, indeed, becoming more “activist” in dealing with the broader public or have we just begun to scratch the surface? Panelists include leaders at both the national and regional level in efforts past and present devoted to strengthening the archives-public connection.

Moderator: Cheri Thies, Minnesota Historical Society

Presenters: Tim Ericson, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee
Todd Daniels-Howell, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
Rand Jimerson, Western Washington University



Political Collections: Political Realities and Archival Practices

When: Friday, October 29, 2:00 P.M.–3:30 P.M.

What: This session will explore the value of congressional and gubernatorial political collections as sources for the study of American democracy. How can these collections provide insight into the working of democratic representative government in addition to addressing the specific accomplishments of individual governors and members of Congress? Archivists working to prepare political records for research use and the legal counsel to the governor of Iowa will discuss issues of privacy, executive privilege, and political reality.

Moderator: Sidney F. Huttner, University of Iowa

Presenters: Kate Cruikshank, Indiana University
Brian Gentry, Legal Counsel to Iowa Governor Thomas J. Vilsack
Charles Schultz, Texas A & M University

So We've Been Counted, Now What? Making Sense of A*CENSUS

When: Friday, October 29, 2:00 P.M.–3:30 P.M.

What: This past spring, the Society of American Archivists, in collaboration with several associations including MAC, conducted the most extensive survey of practicing archivists ever. This landmark project has generated data on a variety of professional issues from more than 5,000 respondents. It's an information resource that should have significant implications for planning and programming within various circles of the archival profession for years to come. What are some of the key findings of this project? How might these shape activities on local, regional, and national levels? Our panelists will lead a discussion of these important issues.

Moderator: Steve McShane, Indiana University Northwest

Presenter: Victoria Irons Walch, Principal Research Consultant for A*CENSUS

Panelists: Scott Schwartz, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Daardi Sizemore, Minnesota State University–Mankato



Restrictions, Risks, and Reality: Scenarios from the Post-HIPAA World

When: Saturday, October 30, 8:30 A.M.–10:00 A.M.

What: The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) has impacted the entire health-care industry. Unintended consequences of the act's broad language affect not only medical records, but also any institution having protected health information in its collections. Through examples of potentially closed materials and discussions of policy modifications that balance privacy concerns with legitimate historical inquiry, this session will provide dual perspectives on HIPAA from both archivists and researchers, while exploring how the research community is rethinking its approach on access and use of materials since HIPAA's implementation.

Moderator: Heidi Butler, Rush University Medical Center

Presenters: Menzi Behrnd-Klodt, Klodt and Associates
Brigid Lusk, Northern Illinois University
Susan Sacharski, Northwestern Memorial Hospital

Adventures Abroad: Working in and with International Archives

When: Saturday, October 30, 8:30 A.M.–10:00 A.M.

What: This session focuses on the recent international adventures of four Midwestern archivists. Philip Bantin discusses his research during a three-month sabbatical in Finland reviewing and analyzing the Finnish "Registry System" and the use of a business process classification scheme for designing electronic record-keeping systems. Magia Ghetu recounts her experiences in Romania surveying the former Eastern bloc country's archival landscape. Rachel Vagts discusses her visits to several Norwegian archives and her impressions of the Norwegian archival management system. Elisabeth Wittman addresses her experiences traveling to Europe in service on the International Council on Archives, Religious Archives Section Steering Committee.

Moderator: Elisabeth Wittman, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Presenters: Philip Bantin, Indiana University
Magia Ghetu, Moravian College
Rachel Vagts, Luther College



CLOSING PLENARY PRESENTATION

Frontiers in Print: Histories of Readers and Reading in the Midwest**Keynote Speaker: Christine Pawley,
University of Iowa****When:** Saturday, October 30, 10:30 A.M.–12:00 P.M.**What:** The history of readers and reading is a new but fast-growing area that overlaps with the history of the book and of print culture. Historians of reading ask questions about who individual readers of the past were, what they read, and why. They ask questions, too, about groups of readers and the social, political, and economic roles that print played—and still plays—in the lives of communities both large and small.

The phenomenon of print in both paper and electronic formats also lies at the heart of archivists' practices, so these two fields have much to contribute to each other. While archival materials provide historians of reading with essential sources of data, the history of readers and reading can enhance archivists' understanding of cultural contexts in which they participate. Pawley's talk outlines major developments in reading history scholarship and discusses avenues for encouraging "trade" with archivists, with illustrations from her research in the history of readers and reading in the American Midwest.

Biography: Christine Pawley teaches at the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Iowa. Her book, *Reading on the Middle Border: The Culture of Print in Late Nineteenth Century Osage, Iowa*, was published by the University of Massachusetts Press in 2001, and won the Benjamin F. Shambaugh Award for 2002 from the State Historical Society of Iowa. Other publications have appeared in *Libraries and Culture*, *Library Quarterly*, *Book History*, and *American Studies*. Her new book project is tentatively titled *Networks of Reading: Women and Print Culture in Twentieth Century Middle America*.

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Iowa ranks first in the nation for both corn and oats?

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Meredith Willson wrote the musical "The Music Man" based on his hometown of Mason City, Iowa?

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Iowa's fertile fields, 1922.

Courtesy Special Collections Department, Iowa State University.



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Wednesday, October 27

- 9:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M. _____ SAA Workshop: Oral History: From Planning to Preservation
1:00 P.M.–5:00 P.M. _____ MAC Council Meeting

Thursday, October 28

- 8:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. _____ MAC Council Meeting
8:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. _____ MAC Workshop: Metadata for Archivists
8:30 A.M.–1:00 P.M. _____ Tour: Living History Farms
9:15 A.M.–11:45 A.M. _____ Tour: Iowa State Capitol
9:30 A.M.–12:00 P.M. _____ Tour: State Historical Society of Iowa
1:30 P.M.–3:00 P.M. _____ Opening Plenary Presentation
3:00 P.M.–3:30 P.M. _____ Break
3:30 P.M.–5:00 P.M. _____ Session: Reaping the Bounty of Agricultural and Rural Life Collections
3:30 P.M.–5:00 P.M. _____ Session: Triggers of Social Memory
3:30 P.M.–5:00 P.M. _____ Session: State Archives and Constituent Services in Budget Crisis
6:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M. _____ MAC Reception, State Historical Society of Iowa

Friday, October 29

- 8:30 A.M.–10:00 A.M. _____ Session: Building and Maintaining Digital Photographic Collections
8:30 A.M.–10:00 A.M. _____ Session: Preservation Ideals and Realities
8:30 A.M.–10:00 A.M. _____ Session: Show Me the Money: Revenue-Generating Activities in Archives
9:30 A.M.–4:00 P.M. _____ Vendor-Exhibitor Fair
10:00 A.M.–10:30 A.M. _____ Break
10:30 A.M.–12:00 P.M. _____ Session: Documenting Traditions
10:30 A.M.–12:00 P.M. _____ Session: The Web and Its Impact on Archival Work
10:30 A.M.–12:00 P.M. _____ Session: Adventures in Advocacy: The Archival Profession and Public Engagement
12:00 P.M.–1:30 P.M. _____ Lunch with the President
1:30 P.M.–5:00 P.M. _____ Workshop: Fundamentals of Arrangement and Description
2:00 P.M.–3:30 P.M. _____ Session: Political Collections: Political Realities and Archival Practices
2:00 P.M.–3:30 P.M. _____ Session: So We've Been Counted, Now What? Making Sense of A*CENSUS
2:00 P.M.–3:30 P.M. _____ Tour: Architectural Walking Tour of Downtown Des Moines
3:30 P.M.–4:00 P.M. _____ Break
4:00 P.M.–5:00 P.M. _____ MAC Committee Meetings
5:45 P.M.–8:00 P.M. _____ New Members' Dinner
5:45 P.M.–8:00 P.M. _____ Restaurant Tours
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Saturday, October 30

- 8:00 A.M.–10:00 A.M. _____ Mini-Workshop: The Basics of Accessioning
8:30 A.M.–10:00 A.M. _____ Session: Restrictions, Risks, and Reality: Scenarios from the Post-HIPAA World
8:30 A.M.–10:00 A.M. _____ Session: Adventures Abroad: Working in and with International Archives
10:00 A.M.–10:30 A.M. _____ Break
10:30 A.M.–12:00 P.M. _____ Closing Plenary Presentation





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