

# ARIZONA ARCHIVES SUMMIT

February 2 & 3, 2023 | ASU's Hayden Library, Tempe

## The 21st Century Archivist:

Exploring the Changing Role of the Archival Profession

**The Program Committee invites proposals for the 2023 Arizona Archives Summit.** The Summit is sponsored by the Arizona Historical Records and Advisory Board, with support from the Arizona Archives Alliance. The 2023 annual meeting to be held February 2-3 at Arizona State University in Tempe. The deadline for submissions is December 30, 2022. **This year's meeting will explore the way that archivists and the archives profession are evolving in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.**

The Program Committee welcomes broad and creative interpretations of the conference theme. We especially welcome proposals from diverse communities, archivists, librarians, museum curators, educators, community historians, interns, volunteers, contractors, public historians, and all people working along archives' continuum of practice. We encourage submission of proposals for fully formed panels but will consider individual presentation ideas. If you have something to share with fellow archivists, submit!

To facilitate the selection of panels, the program committee has included a list of potential topics that we brainstormed. **If you are interested in joining one of these sessions, please email us at [azarchivesalliance@gmail.com](mailto:azarchivesalliance@gmail.com) and indicate which one you are interested in.** More details on these topics on page 2.

1. Applying to Archives Positions
2. Lifecycle of Records and Where the Archivists Fit In
3. Showcase of Collections We Love
4. New Processes in the Post-COVID Archives Workspace
5. The Intern Experience
6. Establishing/Rebuilding Connections with Non-Archival User Communities
7. Cross-Trained Archivists/The Unintentional Archivist
8. Working with the Public
9. Archives in the News
10. OTHER

We look forward to hearing your ideas!

## **Potential Panel Topics**

### **1. Applying to Archives Positions –**

A workshop/panel on tips and recommendations when applying for an archival job.

### **2. Lifecycle of Records and Where the Archivists Fit In –**

From creation to disposition to permanency, this panel looks at the various stages of records and how archivists are no longer simply gatekeepers for permanent records, but increasingly being put in charge of active and public records as well.

### **3. Showcase of Collections We Love –**

What are some of the fun, quirky or just plain weird records in your collections? This is a fun, show-and-tell roundtable with plenty of audience participation.

### **4. New Processes in the Post-COVID Archives Workspace –**

This panel looks at “The New Normal” post-pandemic and asks the questions: How has your archives changed since the pandemic? In what ways has this improved the workplace? How has it hindered your work? Is this a permanent change?

### **5. The Intern Experience –**

Current and past interns recall their experiences working for Arizona archival institutions. This panel will include a discussion of the highs and lows of being an intern, how internships differ based on repositories, what changes the participants want to see regarding internships, among other conversations relevant to the intern experience.

### **6. Establishing/Rebuilding Connections with Non-Archival User Communities –**

This panel/presentation focuses on discussing strategies for how to form relationships with institutions and user communities that may not be familiar with the archival profession and its best practices. Through real-life experiences in different institutions, panelists/speakers will provide useful information for how to develop and foster these relationships that create bridges/trust with government agencies, community groups, local historians, etc.

### **7. Cross-Trained Archivists/The Unintentional Archivist –**

Outside of traditional archives, there are many librarians, museum curators, historians, and non-information professionals that handle special collections or archival materials. This panel is for those “non-traditional archivists” to talk about their experiences and demonstrate how archivists are found in many institutions, not just the “usual” suspects.

### **8. Working with the Public –**

A roundtable discussion on the growing and changing needs and demands from the public. This roundtable will discuss strategies and advice on how to handle all matter of visitors, from the overly friendly to the hostile.

### **9. Archives in the News: How to Avoid Being a Bad Example –**

Archives and archival collections have been in the news a lot lately. Whether they are being destroyed, part of a grand conspiracy, or taken to a private home, everyone is talking about archival records. In this panel, we discuss the ways that archivists can avoid issues with archival records that might land them in hot water as well as how to be good examples of archives, even if that doesn't make the news.

### **10. OTHER –**

Have another idea? Submit a panel topic of your own. Round up two or three fellow archivists and present. Fun for everyone.