

# JOIN US FOR SUSTAINABLE ARCHIVES AUSTIN '09

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

We hope that you'll join us for *Sustainable Archives: AUSTIN 2009*, the joint Annual Meeting of the Council of State Archivists and the Society of American Archivists – and our profession's most important meeting this year!

If you've attended professional conferences before, you know the excitement that comes from hearing about innovative approaches to archives and records activities, from exploring new ideas, and from meeting colleagues and renewing friendships. In Austin in August, you'll take that experience to a new level as we combine the knowledge, wisdom, and interests of our members into one meeting.

If you've never attended an annual meeting of CoSA or SAA – or haven't joined us in recent years – you'll find a broad array of opportunities to learn, to explore, to collaborate, and to celebrate the world of archives and records.

Our dynamic Program Committee has created an education package that both emphasizes our common interests and presents topics that represent our unique concerns. As we all deal with the special challenges of "living in interesting times," what better time to reflect on the many ways in which we might collaborate, while at the same time investing in advancing our own knowledge and skills? It's all about sustainability!

In addition to 76 education sessions and five professional poster presentations from which to choose, you'll find:

- In-depth pre-conference programs that give you direct access to experts in the field.
- Special-interest group meetings that put you in touch with colleagues who understand your daily challenges.
- Open forums to continue discussion of "Protocols for Native American Archival Materials" (a document that challenges many aspects of traditional archival practice and has vast implications for archival interaction with other "under-documented" communities) and of accreditation of archives education programs.
- The Exhibit Hall, which provides an unparalleled opportunity to talk with our industry partners, express your ideas and opinions, and learn about what's new in the field.
- A host of networking opportunities, including a reception at Austin's monument to sustainability, the Long Center.
- Our annual business meetings, the Career Center, the Bookstore, and so much more....

And because we don't believe in "all work and no play," the Host Committee has lined up a wonderful itinerary of repository tours and open houses and has created a blog – Austin Is for Archivists (at [www.archives2009.org](http://www.archives2009.org)) – that will introduce you to the many delights of our host city....

Join us in August – and let's all help to "Keep Austin Weird"!



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David Haury  
President, 2008-2009  
Council of State Archivists



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