

**Society of American Archivists  
Council Meeting  
August 10, 2009  
Austin, Texas**

**Report: Editor, *American Archivist*  
(Prepared by: Mary Jo Pugh, Editor)**

**May 9 to July 20, 2009**

***Editorial Board***

Due to budget cuts, the Editorial Board cancelled its mid-year meeting in Chicago. Instead the board convened a series of three conference calls on April 15, May 27, and July 16. OCLC digitized and returned the first installment of the *American Archivist*, which comprised the volumes from the 1990s. Two SAA members, Kate Elgayeva and Philip Heslip, recent graduates of master's programs at Dominican University and Michigan, respectively, helped in the review of every single page of content in the 426 PDFs and found 17 minor problems. After OCLC corrects digital content, it will be posted to the MetaPress site, we hope in time for the Austin meeting. The board made contact with a granting source and is continuing to seek funds to support this work.

The board is working on drafts for “Guidelines for Writing Case Studies” and a readership survey for implementation after publication of the Fall/Winter issue in November. A board member sent a mini-survey to archival graduate students regarding their use of indexing and abstracting services to inform decisions about ensuring that *American Archivist* is covered. The board also briefly discussed the Council request for a special issue to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SAA. These items will form the agenda for the Austin meeting.

***Editor***

The editor sent all content for the Fall/Winter issue to Brinati, who sent it to the printer. The table of contents is attached. The committee for the 2009 Theodore Calvin Pease Award chose the paper by Kathleen Fear, “User Understanding of Metadata in Digital Image Collections” as a recipient. Kathleen is a student at the University of Michigan School of Information. The award subcommittee is composed of Mary Jo Pugh, chair and editor of the *American Archivist*; Katherine Salzmann, Texas State University, co-chair of the Committee on Education; and Lori Lindberg, San Jose State University, appointed member.

**Review Process (May 7 to July 20, 2009)**

Papers received and acknowledged: 9

Papers pending review: 11  
Papers accepted: 5  
Papers rejected: 7  
Papers read and evaluated before submission: 0

**Activities (May 9, 2009, to July 20, 2009)**

May

14–19 Represented the *American Archivist* at the annual meeting of the Association of Canadian Archivists in Calgary, AB. Posted second reminder for May 31 submission deadline for Pease papers. Review process.  
27 Editorial Board conference call.

June

Received papers nominated for the Theodore Calvin Pease Award; papers are read blind; Committee does not see nomination forms until the decision is made. Copy editor returned papers and editor worked with authors to complete final paper. Review process.

July

Sent all content for fall issue to Chicago. Reached decision for Pease Award and notified nominators and nominees.  
16 Editorial board conference call. Review process.

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Steve Bailey, **Managing the Crowd: Rethinking Records Management for the Web 2.0 World**

Reviewed by Greg Bak

Jackie Bettingen, Kim Eberhard, Rowena Loo, and Clive Smith, eds.,

**Keeping Archives**

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Carol Cohen McEldowney, **Hanoi Journal 1967**

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Cynthia Pease Miller, **Managing Congressional Collections**

Reviewed by Elizabeth A. McAllister

Louise Craven, ed., **What Are Archives? Cultural and Theoretical Perspectives: A Reader**

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Hugh H. Genoways and Mary Anne Andrei, eds., **Museum Origins: Readings in Early Museum History and Philosophy**

Reviewed by Bradley J. Wiles

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Council Meeting Minutes—February 26–28, 2009

Foundation Board of Directors Meeting Minutes— February 28, 2009

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Editorial Policy