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As all of you know, due to the global COVID 19 pandemic, the 2020 Midwest Archives Conference Annual Meeting has been canceled. This happened just as we were going to press.

Thus, we are publishing this issue of the *MAC Newsletter* as we would have if the meeting had not been canceled. It is, in effect, a historical record of what would have happened if we weren't experiencing such unusual and precarious times.

Be well and stay safe!

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MAC's 2020 Annual Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa, May 6–9, 2020 “Decision 2020”



Iowa State Capitol, photo courtesy of Drake University Archives & Special Collections

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As we write this, the political chaos of the Iowa caucuses has descended on Des Moines, as has the cold and snow. But don't worry, by the time you get to the MAC Annual Meeting on May 6–9, spring will have arrived and farmer's markets, festivals, and baseball will have replaced the candidates.

We are excited to announce our plenary session with *Des Moines Register* columnist Rekha Basu. Basu writes on a range of issues, focusing on politics, human rights, racial justice, and gender equality. Her presentation will be the perfect way to kick off our “Decision 2020” theme.

Pop-Up Session proposals were due in early February, so by the time you read this, MAC members will have cast their ballots (trust us, it's easier than caucusing) for up to three 45-minute sessions that will become part of the Des Moines program.

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MAC Des Moines: “Decision 2020”

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Also, the Local Arrangements Committee has been busy lining up tours for Thursday, May 7, 2020. These opportunities include the State Historical Building of Iowa, the State Capitol Building and Dome, Drake University Archives and Special Collections, Des Moines University Archives, and the John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park.

Be sure to check out the Annual Meeting blog at mac2020dsm.tumblr.com for information on child care, travel tips, and recommendations for restaurants and things to do while you are in the 515! E-mail mac2020desmoines@gmail.com with any questions. We look forward to seeing you in Des Moines!

Between-Meeting Council Actions

On November 1, 2019, Council unanimously approved the minutes from the fall 2019 meeting. All members voted.

On November 11, 2019, Council unanimously approved the Nominating Committee candidate slate for 2020. All members voted.

On December 3, 2019, Council unanimously approved the fee of \$100 per vendor table for electricity access at the Annual Meeting.

On January 27, 2020, Council unanimously approved to accept the amendment to the JSTOR contract that will change MAC’s delivery method from paper to digital copies.

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