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MAC Annual Meeting in Madison, Wisconsin “Moving Archives Forward” May 5–7, 2022

Although the weather today is anything but springlike, we are looking forward to warmer temps and the 2022 MAC Annual Meeting coming to Madison, Wisconsin, May 5–7!

Conference planners are doing everything possible to ensure attendees stay safe and healthy while offering plenty of opportunities to enjoy the city. Madison, in fact, has a great deal to offer in the spring, including one of the largest farmer's markets, a variety of festivals, outdoor dining, and ample activities for nature lovers and families. The city of Madison is located on ancestral Ho-Chunk land, a place their nation has called Teejop (day-JOPE) since time immemorial.

We are also pleased to announce that this year's plenary speaker will be Margaret Noodin. Dr. Noodin is a professor of English and American Indian studies at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee where she also serves as the associate dean of the humanities and director of the Electa Quinney Institute for American Indian Education.

The Local Arrangements Committee has been busy lining up tours for Thursday, May 5. These opportunities include visiting the Wisconsin Veterans Museum, the University of Wisconsin Special Collections department, the state-of-the-art Wisconsin State Archive Preservation Facility (SAPF), and a First Nations Cultural Landscape walking tour of the UW–Madison campus. The opening reception at the Wisconsin Historical Society will offer highlights from its renowned North American history collections. Transportation to the tours and reception will be finalized as we draw closer, and we will keep members posted on those plans. Additional sites to see and places to visit outside the formal tours offered by MAC will be detailed on the MAC blog (<https://madisonmac2022.wordpress.com>).

The Program Committee is hard at work curating sessions that address the conference theme “Moving Archives Forward” by exploring professional, environmental, societal, and cultural factors that affect the way we move forward, the way we see trends, and the way we identify challenges and opportunities. Pop-up proposals were due in late January, so by the time you read this, MAC membership will have voted to select three pop-up sessions. Masks will be required during all sessions. And, for the first time, MAC is offering a hybrid option for the annual conference. This will include virtual access to the plenary, members' meeting, and selected sessions.

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Be sure to check out the Annual Meeting blog at <https://madisonmac2022.wordpress.com> for information on travel tips, local COVID-19 guidelines, and child care, as well as recommendations for restaurants and things to do while you're in Madison. The blog will also include regular updates about the conference, so be sure to check it often. In the meantime, check out the Destination Madison website at <https://www.visitmadison.com> for more details about visiting Madison. We look forward to seeing you there!



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Archival Issues Update

By Brandon T. Pieczko, Archival Issues
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I hope this update finds you all well. The current issue of *Archival Issues* (vol. 41, no. 2) is in progress, and we anticipate that it will be published in early spring. Three full-length articles and seven reviews have been accepted for publication and are currently going through the editing process. As a reminder, this will be the first issue of the journal to be released electronically only as part of MAC's efforts to reduce production costs, become more environmentally sustainable, and increase access to our publications.

I am also excited to announce an upcoming project to contribute entries to Wikidata for all articles that have been published in *Archival Issues* (and its predecessor, *The Midwestern Archivist*). Eric Willey, a dedicated MAC member and special collections and formats cataloger at Illinois State University, has graciously agreed to lead this project to make our journal content even more accessible and discoverable. Stay tuned for updates as this project progresses.

As always, we welcome article submissions on a wide range of topics related to archives and special collections and are always looking for new authors. If you have an idea for an article you would like to discuss, are thinking about reworking a successful conference presentation for publication, or already have a manuscript ready to go, please consider submitting to *Archival Issues*. You can contact me directly at bpieczko@iu.edu or visit our new online submission portal (<https://www.iastatedigitalpress.com/archivalissues/submissions>).

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