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2023 Annual Meeting

“My Kind of Town (Chicago Is)” and “Chicago (That Toddlin’ Town)” are two well-known songs popularized by Frank Sinatra. MAC hopes Chicago will be your kind of town for its upcoming Annual Meeting on April 12–15, 2023.

The meeting’s theme of “Dig Deep” is a gesture to the city’s famous deep-dish pizza, not for bribery scandals involving local politicians. But, more important for MACers, it highlights 13 sessions on archival practice, management, and outreach. Make certain to check the meeting program on the MAC website to note the preconference MAC workshops, the DEI Unconference, the Business Archives meeting, a two-day SAA workshop on the Arrangement and Description of Digital Records, and the POP-UP sessions being developed.

MACers will enjoy the venue selected for the meeting. Located in the heart of the city, the Hyatt Centric Chicago Magnificent Mile is ideally situated for shopping, restaurants, and exploring the Second City. Prefer a guided tour? Well, the Local Arrangements Committee scheduled some great tours on Thursday morning. Sign up early, as they promise to fill up quickly. All MACers are welcome to attend Friday’s morning break sponsored by the Black Metropolis Research Consortium. Learn how the consortium documents and preserves Chicago’s Black culture, history, and experience.

Care for extra toppings? An opening reception will be offered to MACers in the hotel’s St. Clair and Lakeshore Ballrooms. It will feature light hors d’oeuvres, a cash bar, and music. Restaurant tours will be hosted by the LAC immediately afterward. Look for sign-up sheets near the registration table.

You’re sure to enjoy the Plenary Session in which Chicagoan Sherman “Dilla” Thomas will present “Does a Tree Make a Sound if No One’s Around? Does Your Archives Preserve History if No One Sees Them?” See the unique way in which Dilla presents Chicago history on Twitter [@6figga_dilla](https://twitter.com/6figga_dilla). He is also on Instagram and TikTok.

Be sure to consult 2023 MAC Annual Meeting website (<https://www.midwestarchives.org/2023-mac-annual-meeting>) to review the program online. It contains information on registration, sessions, hotel room booking, and the schedule of events. The Local Arrangements Committee members hope that you enjoy the meeting and the opportunity to confer with archival colleagues.