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Introduction—State Archival Programs: Issues, Strategies, Prospects

RICHARD CAMERON OF THE National Historical Publications and Records Commission recently referred to the fifty state archives as “the nation’s ‘other’ national archives.” His comment points up the central importance of the state archives and records programs in terms of the records they hold, the research they support, and the approaches they are taking in dealing with issues that affect practically all archival programs, whatever their setting. In many ways, state archival programs exemplify and reflect the archival enterprise in general.

There has been no publication devoted exclusively to state archival programs since Ernst Posner’s *American State Archives* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1964). This special issue of the *American Archivist*, however, is not a survey of programs. It is, instead, a series of insightful articles by some of the most experienced and successful leaders in the field. They write from firsthand experience, but also put their work into context and interpret it. Vicki Walch provides an overview and profile of programs based on surveys and publications she completed for the Council of State Historical Records Coordinators. Howard Lowell and Roy Tryon discuss the dynamics of growth in two notably successful and outstanding programs. Roy Turnbaugh examines how state archives are approaching electronic records—perhaps the most serious challenge we face today. David Olson discusses the influence of the NAGARA/University of Pittsburgh Institute on state archival programs and practices. Marie Allen adds another dimension in an article that explores intergovernmental initiatives. Finally, Kathryn Hammond Baker concludes the special issue with a very interesting essay on what the future holds for these programs.

Each article presents one particular author’s viewpoint. It is impossible to summarize their ideas in a few sentences, but I believe the articles reveal some patterns and themes:

- There is an underlying theme of coping and reacting to great changes that surround and have an impact on the programs—technology, societal change, and transformation of government—which is virtually certain to continue in the future.
- There is an emphasis on change, growth, transformation, and the dynamic aspects of these programs as they evolve and meet their challenges and responsibilities.
- Electronic records and information technology are having a great and, in many ways, unsettling impact on programs, while serving as a catalyst and an impetus for change.
- Planning is a central component of dynamic, successful programs.
- Programs are reaching out for partnerships within state governments and their state’s archival community as well as with each other.
- Leadership is an essential ingredient for program development and success.
- State programs have benefited from professional associations and from the annual leadership institutes sponsored by NAGARA and the University of Pittsburgh.

- The National Archives and Records Administration is playing an important role, particularly through intergovernmental records initiatives and through the provision of critical funding for key initiatives via the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

It has been a genuine pleasure to work with the seven authors who contributed to this special issue and I want to thank them all for their time, insights, and eloquence (and patience with their editor) as they worked through outlines and drafts. I also want to thank Philip Eppard, editor of the *American Archivist*, for his support and guidance as this issue came together, and the SAA Editorial Board for providing suggestions which improved our original proposal. Tamar Galed, Graduate Assistant at the College of Library and Information Services at the University of Maryland, provided invaluable assistance in the final stages of the process. Thanks to you all!

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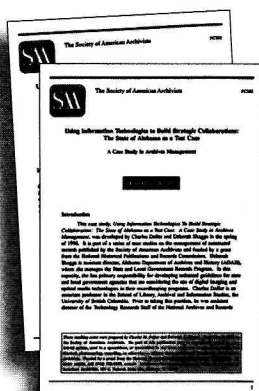
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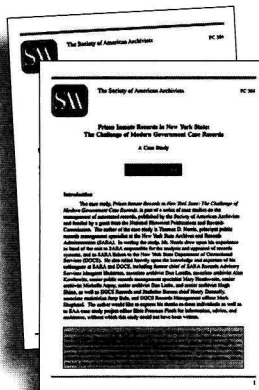
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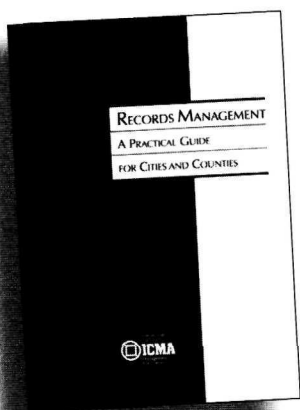
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