

NWA 2011 Annual Meeting  
Helena, Montana  
April 21-23

**Tradition & Innovation: New Ideas for Old Stuff**

Preliminary Schedule

**Thursday, April 21**

Electronic Records Workshop	8:00-5:00
Project Management workshop	8:00-12:00
NWDA Committee Annual Meeting	9:00-3:45
Financial Management workshop	1:00-5:00
NWA Board Meeting	4:00-6:00
Reception at the Montana Club	6:00-8:00

**Friday, April 22**

All-attendee breakfast	7:30-8:45
Welcome & introductions	7:45-8:00
Plenary Speaker – Rand Jimerson	8:00-8:45
Break	8:45-9:00
<b>Session 1</b>	9:00-10:30

*Rare Books in the Archives: Hidden Secrets*

Though rarely discussed by archivists, many archives hold significant rare book collections. This session will illustrate some of the unexpected rare book collections in the Northwest and explore what archivists do with these collections. When do libraries become “archives”?

<b>Session 2</b>	9:00-10:30
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*A Bunch of Archivists Sittin’ around Talkin’ about Appraisal*

Appraisal: archivists do it all the time, but how often do we talk about it openly? This is your chance to take part in a facilitated discussion about appraisal. Come prepared to talk about your experiences and thoughts, and to learn from your colleagues.

Break	10:30-10:45
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**Friday, April 22 (continued)**

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**Session 3**

10:45-12:15

*NWA and SAA*

In his 2010 SAA presidential address, “Unifying the Archives Profession: A Proposal,” Peter Gottlieb claimed that “the crowded field of [over 80] separate archives associations stretches the resources for widely shared goals too thin.” To unify the profession, Gottlieb proposed the establishment of a new organization—a federation of archives organizations—that would create connections and relationships between existing associations to advance a national agenda.

In the context of this discussion, and in preparation for a panel at SAA’s 2011 meeting on SAA and the regionals at which NWA will be represented, this session will provide commentary on and provide an opportunity for discussion about the relationship between NWA and SAA. Panelists, including NWA President Tony Kurtz and Past Presidents Tiah Edmunson-Morton and Larry Landis, will share their insights about what a federation and more formal relationship with SAA might mean for NWA, how such changes might impact professional development and identify, and regional issues and experiences with collaboration.

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**All-attendee lunch**

12:15-1:30

Guest speaker William Marcus, host of *Backroads of Montana* (<http://www.montanapbs.org/BackroadsofMontana/episode103/>) — providing unique insights into the people and places that make Montana *The Last Best Place*.

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**Session 4**

1:45-3:15

*The Call to Service: What You Can Bring to the Profession*

What does it mean to hold a leadership position within a professional organization? If you’ve thought of becoming involved in NWA, SAA or other professional organizations, but have been unsure about what the commitment means, how to fit it into your schedule, or if you have enough experience to offer, come hear what others who’ve taken the plunge have to say. There will be plenty of time to ask questions.

**Friday, April 22 (continued)**

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<b>Session 5</b>	1:45-3:15
<i>Innovative Collaboration: A New Grant for Old Stuff</i>	
<p>This presentation will combine the online medium of Skype with a traditional in-person presentation to discuss an innovative grant project currently being carried out at Whitworth University. Janet Hauck, the University Archivist, will first provide an overview of the project, which is being funded by Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion. Then she and the audience will Skype with four Whitworth theology professors who are taking part in this grant-funded project.</p>	
<b>Break</b>	3:15-3:30
<b>Ask an Archivist</b>	3:15-5:30
<p>Whether you're a student, new to the profession, mid-point in your career, or one of the seasoned archivists who have unanswered questions, here's your chance to ask archivists questions about theory, practice or professional development. A group of volunteer archivists will be available to field your questions, play devil's advocate, or just shoot the breeze. This is a great opportunity to chat one-on-one and work on your networking skills.</p>	
<b>Session 6</b>	3:30-5:00
<i>Celebrating Archives Month: Reaching Outside the Box</i>	
<p>Combining presentations and audience discussion, this session will look at local and national events celebrating Archives Month and seek to generate ideas that participants can take back with them to their own institutions. The discussion will be informal and will create space for imaginative and unconventional approaches to institutional outreach.</p>	
All-attendee BBQ dinner at the Klefner Ranch	6:30-9:00

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**Saturday, April 23**

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All-attendee breakfast & NWA Business Meeting	8:00 – 10:00
Break	10:00-10:15

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**Saturday, April 23 (continued)**

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**Session 7** 10:15-11:45

*Sharing Ideas and Innovations: An Archival Pecha Kucha*

In a Pecha Kucha each speaker shows 20 powerpoint images for 20 seconds each – resulting in a short but focused presentation. This session will consist of 6-8 speakers sharing ideas, innovations, collaborations, and information about projects and activities being led by and/or impacting archivists around our region.

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**Session 8** 10:15-11:45

*The Seminar in the Archives or Wrestling with Primary Sources and Omeka to Interpret the Columbia Plateau*

Undergraduate and graduate students will present their research from a year-long hybrid seminar that explored the cultures and the environments of the Greater Columbia Plateau from multiple disciplinary points of view. In addition to course readings and presentations by guest speakers, the students delved into primary sources held in Manuscripts, Archives, and Special Collections (and other regional repositories) to create online exhibits in Omeka. The presentations will include research on Hanford, the Washington Power Grid, Washington State University's own nuclear reactor, worker's lives during the construction of the Grand Coulee dam, debates over mining, and collectors.

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**Session 9** 10:15-11:15

*Protocols and Process: A Discussion of NWA's Evaluation of the Native American Protocols*

The Protocols for Native American Archival Materials has been around since 2006. NWA made a commitment in 2007 to provide education about what the Protocols entail and provide an avenue to discuss the ramifications. Four years have passed and it's time to review 1) the success of NWA's approach, and 2) what we've learned from several years' discussion. Audience discussions will help form the basis for suggesting to the NWA Board how to formally proceed in relation to the Protocols.

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**All-attendee Lunch** 11:45-1:00

Guest speaker Randy Silverman, Preservation Librarian from University of Utah, who will talk about the Western States and Territories Preservation Assistance Service (WESTPAS).