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Doing The Work: From Colonial Pasts to Inclusive Futures

The Archives Association of Ontario is pleased to announce its Call for Papers for the 2021 Annual Conference to be held May 12-14, 2021 in Sault Ste. Marie.

Join us - physically or virtually - in Sault Ste. Marie to discuss decolonizing work, reconciliation efforts, and archival futures. The Conference Program Committee invites proposals broadly connected to the conference theme.

We especially welcome and encourage papers by and from archivists who identify as part of minority communities. We also welcome proposals from students, new graduates, and emerging archivists, or those archivists associated with under-represented institutions or collections. All individuals who work with archival records are invited to submit a proposal.

Potential subjects for consideration include but are not limited to:

- Archival silences and barriers to access
- Redescription projects, addressing colonial legacies in archivy
- Community archival disruptions, adaptations, and innovations
- Individual and institutional responses to the A Reconciliation Framework for Canadian Archives, TRC Final Report, UNDRIP, OCAP, the Protocols for Native American Archival Materials, and other recommendations
- Approaches to community consultation, collaboration, and outreach
- Imagining and re-imagining archival futures
- Re-imagining archival education
- Thinking critically about “the profession”
- Anti-racism and archives
- Critical race theory from a Canadian archival lens

We welcome proposals for remote sessions in a range of formats, such as:

- Zoom roundtables, structured conversations, or open discussions
- Pre-recorded videos, virtual tours of online projects, exhibits or presentations
- Virtual poster presentations using video or social media

The programme committee also encourages proposals that engage with the conference theme in creative, collaborative, and innovating formats including, but not limited to:



- Traditional circle-style conversations lead by Indigenous archivists or Elders
- Spaces to engage in discussion over traditional craft such as beadwork or embroidery
- Lightning sessions
- Poster, artwork, or zine presentations
- Article reading and discussion groups
- Dedicated forums and spaces for minority identities within the profession

Submissions of proposals for complete sessions or individual papers are invited. Sessions may take the form of:

- Traditional session (two or three presentations of approximately 20 minutes per speaker, with questions to follow)
- Discussion panel (brief presentations of approximately 10 to 15 minutes per speaker with discussion to follow)
- Roundtables or structured conversations (presentations of 5 to 7 minutes with open discussion between speakers)
- Creative and innovative approaches to presentations (1 hour, 15 min)

An [information session](#) for first-time proposal writers and anyone else who would like to learn more about the conference proposal process will be held on **Tuesday October 27th from 12:00-1:00pm**. We have also created a [connections spreadsheet](#) for anyone interested in seeking collaborators to work with on their CFP.

Proposals for a session or an individual paper should include an abstract of up to 250 words and a biographical note of no more than 100 words for each speaker.

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Proposals must identify if they are for in-person and/or remote delivery.

Proposals should be submitted to: AAO Office at aao@aao-archivists.ca

Individual papers should use the subject line format: AAO2021_Paper_Lastname-Firstname

Proposals for a session should select a “point person” and use the subject line format: AAO2021_Session_Lastname-Firstname



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The due date of applications/submissions is **November 30, 2020**.

On behalf of the AAO 2021 Conference Program Committee
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