# BASIC ARCHIVES WORKSHOP BY DR. PATRICIA FRANKS SJSU PROFESSOR & MARA COORDINATOR

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# SO...YOU WANT TO BE AN ARCHIVIST?











## WHAT IS AN ARCHIVIST ANYWAY?

An archivist is an individual who keeps records of enduring value so that they may function as reliable evidence of past actions. To "keep" records requires the archivist perform the routine archival tasks of acquisition, appraisal, arrangement and description, and preservation.

~Reto Tschan Archivist Entry Encyclopedia of Archival Science

## NOT ALL DEFINITIONS ARE THE SAME

#### North America

- Archivists typically have responsibility for inactive, or "historic," records, while active records remain the responsibility of records managers.
- In the United States, there is a distinct tradition of referring to archivists with responsibility for private or personal archives as manuscript curators.

### European Tradition

 Archivists may also have responsibility for active and semiactive records. Depending on the institutional arrangements, therefore, the term records manager may be analogous to that of archivist.

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## WHAT IS ARCHIVAL SCIENCE?

Archival science is both a pure and an applied science.



MNEMOSYNE was <u>Titan</u> <u>goddess</u> of memory and remembrance and the inventress of language and words.

Archival science as a scholarly discipline deals with records and archives as traces of memory, information objects, documentary evidence, sources of history, symbols of past events and cultural heritage objects.

> ~Theo Thomassen Archival Science Entry Encyclopedia of Archival Science



Does anyone recognize this Mnemosyne?

Archival science as an applied discipline provides a scientific basis for records management and archival administration. It provides the theoretical and methodological framework for designing, managing and using sustainable information processes and formal and informal recordkeeping systems, (including preservation systems).

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Muhtar Kent, chairman and chief executive of The Coca-Cola Company.

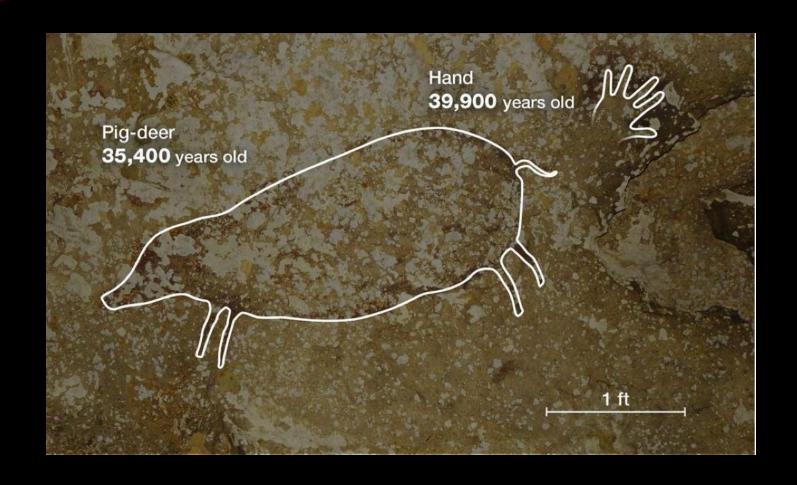
## THE ESSENTIAL PRINCIPLES SUPPORTING THE ARCHIVAL PERSPECTIVE

- the sanctity of evidence;
- respect des fonds, provenance, and original order;
- the life cycle of records;
- the organic nature of records; and
- hierarchy in records and their descriptions.

~Theo Thomassen Archival Science Entry Encyclopedia of Archival Science In the academic discourse of the last decades, the classic concepts, theories and methods of archival science have been called into question.

- The discipline appears to be going through a paradigm shift from a custodial to a post custodial paradigm.
- Postmodern thinkers are moving away from paradigms of *archival* toward acknowledgement of the context of *recordkeeping* practices and principles.

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#### Using the archives

#### About Riksarkivet

#### Welcome to the Swedish National Archives

The Swedish National Archives are one of Sweden's oldest public authorities, nearly 400 years old. We collect and preserve records from government, public bodies, organisations and individuals from the Middle Ages onwards. One of our missions is to make this cultural heritage available. We have archives in several locations in Sweden.

#### Search the collections

Explore our digitised archives, catalogues and databases. Search the collections

https://riksarkivet.se/startpage



#### Contact us

Contact information and opening hours.

Contact us



#### Historical maps

The archives hold millions of maps and drawings, for example beatiful hand-drawn maps. Maps and drawings



#### Genealogy

Discover your family history and look for individuals in historical records.

Genealogy

#### släktforskare

#### Archives in Marieberg, temporarily closed.

National Archives in Marieberg, Stockholm, is closed for remodeling until 1 october 2016. During this period you are welcome to order material from Marieberg to the Military Archives.

Marieberg in Stockholm

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## Government Offices archives and Records Centre

Anyone who wishes to have access to official documents from the Government Offices is welcome to visit the Records Centre.

If you are interested in gaining access to an official document at the Government Offices, you can also take direct contact with the senior registry clerk at the relevant ministry or visit the Government Offices research room.

#### > More about access to official documents

At the Government Offices research room knowledgeable and qualified personnel are on hand to answer questions and help visitors look for and access official documents. In the reading rooms, visitors can study documents stored at the Centre and search in the ministry register which contains information relating to ministerial business and EU documents and can be called up at presentation terminals.

If you are unable to visit the research room, you can also receive answers to questions by letter, telephone, fax and email. The more details you are able to give about the contents and date of the document, the more easily and quickly the document can be produced.

The Government Offices charges a fee for releasing copies and printouts of official documents, as allowed by the Fees Ordinance (1992:191). The first 9 copies are free and the 10th copy costs SEK 50, with each additional copy costing an extra SEK 2.

#### Address and opening hours

Telephone hours Archive Support: Monday and Friday, 09.00-12.00. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 13.00-16.00.

Opening hours research room: Monday and Friday, 09.00-12.00. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 13.00-16.00.

From 7 July to 8 August the opening hours are:

Telephone hours: Monday and Friday, 10.00-12.00. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 13.00-15.00.

Opening hours research room: Monday and Friday, 10.00-12.00. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 13.00-15.00.

Visitors' address: Fredsgatan 8 Postal address: 103 33 Stockholm Telephone: +46 8 405 24 88, switchboard +46 8 405 10 00 Fax: +46 8 790 09 86

The principle of public access to

#### http://www.government.se/thegovernment-offices/governmentoffices-archives-and-records-centre/

## Other archives that are kept at the Government Offices

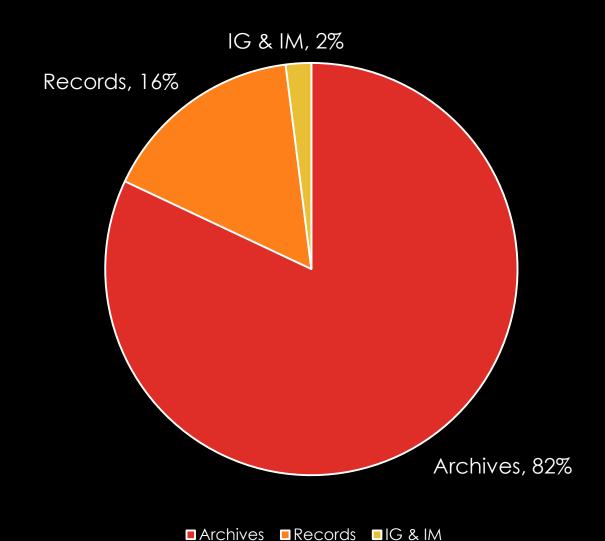
In addition to the above archives, the Government Offices keeps archives belonging to agencies for which the Government Offices provides administrative support. These include the Advisory Council on Foreign Affairs, the Selection Board of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Swedish Inheritance Fund Commission.

Committees are responsible for their own archives, which they deliver directly to the National Archives after completing their work.

## WHAT KINDS OF JOBS ARE AVAILABLE?

## RESULTS OF FALL 2015 MARA SURVEY

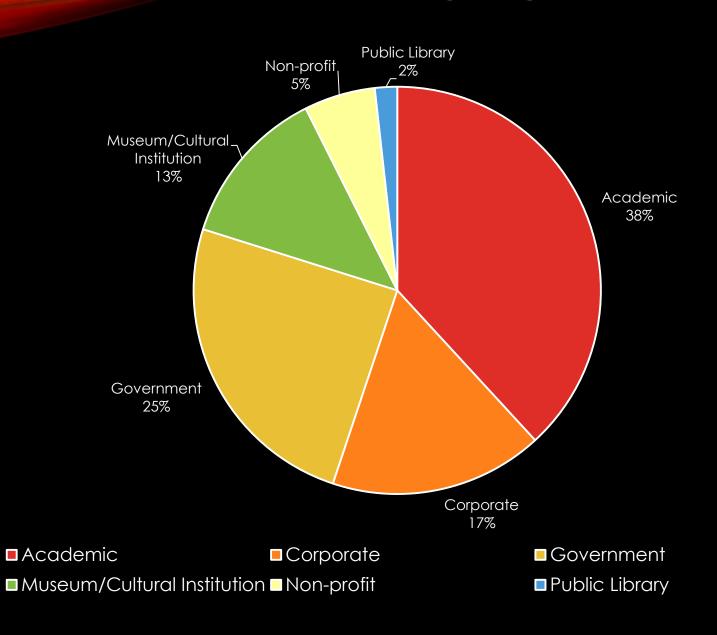
Total of 287 unique job postings



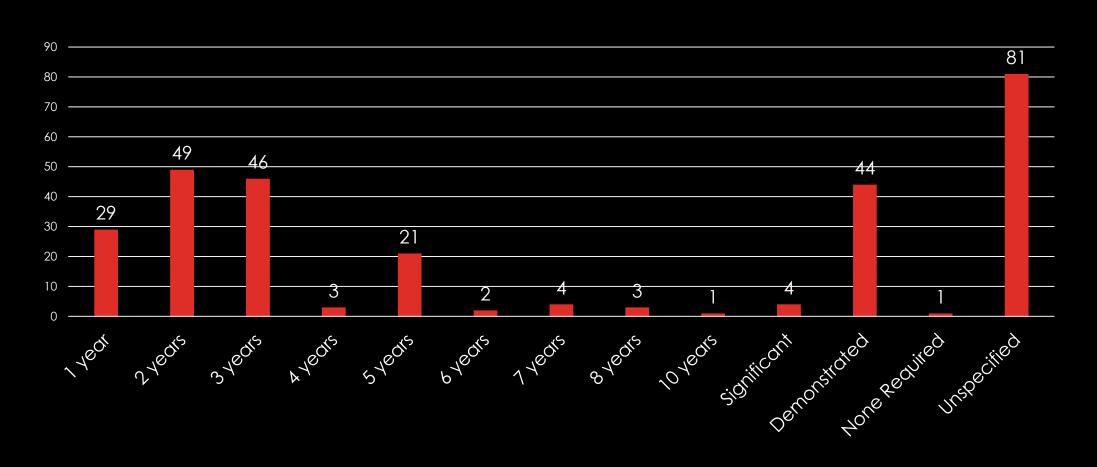
## JOB TITLES

- Archiving: 118 unique job titles
  - Common titles: Archivist, archives technician, assistant archivist, digital asset coordinator, project archivist
- Records Management: 27 unique job titles
  - Common titles: Records manager, records analyst, records and information specialist
- Information Management/Governance: 6 unique job titles
  - Common terms: Governance, information, manager

## ORGANIZATION TYPES



## EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS



## SOFTWARE

- MS Office: 27
- Adobe Suite: 13
- Content/collection management software: 13
- Database programs: 12
- Archivist's Toolkit: 9
- CONTENT dm: 6
- Digital Asset Management: 6

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Dublin Core/EAD/EACS/MARC/RAD: 31
- Metadata standards: 13
- A/V editing: 7
- Scripting language: 6
- Producing website content: 5

## SKILLS

- Oral and written communication skills
- Interpersonal skills
- Effective time management
- Organizational skills
- Leadership skills

## SOME EXAMPLES

## CAP ARCHIVIST (COLLEGE OF AMERICAN PATHOLOGISTS) CA CERTIFICATION PREFERRED 3 YEARS EXPERIENCE & MLIS OR RELATED DEGREE

#### Responsibilities:

- developing and managing archives;
- administering records management program;
- create and implement policies and procedures to to support life-cycle of physical and electronic records; and
- maintain and update retention/disposition schedule

Must know: Dublin Core, MARC, metadata standards General Skills and Characteristics: strong and effective communication skills; have the ability to proactively make decisions; prioritize fluctuating workflows

## UNIVERSITY ARCHIVIST (USC SANTA CRUZ) 2 YEARS EXPERIENCE & MLIS OR RELATED DEGREE

#### Responsibilities:

- Develop, implement, evaluate priorities;
- Manage administration of university records;
- Provide leadership, consultation, outreach;
- Promote use and understanding; identify preservation issues

Must have experience managing projects and developing processing plans; record of contributions to diversity, equity and inclusion in higher education; experience with preservation of born-digital materials

## STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI NO EXPERIENCE & MLIS OR RELATED DEGREE

#### Responsibilities:

- create and maintain websites, applications, and databases;
- develop and manage digital products;
- accession and manage electronic records;
- provide assistance to researchers;
- research, plan, and execute outreach;
- continue education

Must have visual, writing, public speaking skills, experience managing digitization projects

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS ARCHIVIST CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES 2 YEARS EXPERIENCE & MLIS OR RELATED DEGREE

#### Responsibilities:

- leadership, establishes priorities,
- ensures preservation and access, coordinates access,
- determines needs, develops policies, provides training, research assistance,
- evaluates donations, identifies digitization needs, establishes instructional programs,
- development, project management

Must have the ability to apply creative ideas, analytical, problem solving, independently, collaboratively, leadership, aptitude for service, multitask, interest, communication, presentation

# DIGITAL ARCHIVIST WALT DISNEY PICTURES 3 YEARS EXPERIENCE & MLIS OR RELATED DEGREE

#### Responsibilities:

- creates and sets workflow standards for cataloging and ingestion of assets;
- responsible for metadata accuracy and policy guideline adherence;
- design and configure future metadata models;
- responsible of acquiring and maintaining knowledge of state of the art information collection and retrieval technologies for digital assets;
- create reports and queries;
- follow in-house procedures for handling original artwork;
- guide users to understand search and retrieval

Must know: Dublin Core, METS, EAD, PREMIS, OAIS, TRAC, SQL, Python, HTML

Must have: working knowledge of trends in arrangement, description & management of digitally born materials; exceptional communication and interpersonal skills; appreciation of, interest in animation history; knowledge of digital formats used in animation; highly organized

## HOW DO I PREPARE?

### MARA Degree

- 11 MARA courses
- 3 related MLIS electives

### MLIS Degree

- INFO 203 & 5 required INFO courses
- Select remaining electives from one of the following career pathways:
  - Archives & Preservation
  - Digital Curation

#### Recommended:

One of the MARA courses should be an internship or organizational consulting project. One of the INFO courses should be an internship course. MLIS students can also take up to 9 credits from the MARA course offerings.



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## QUESTIONS?

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- FEB 9 @ 5PM PST: In-person tour of Museum of Vertebrate Zoology Archives on the UC Berkeley campus. To RSVP email: sjsusaasc@gmail.com
- FEB 11 @ 6PM PST: iSchool student association panel showcase
- FEB 18 @ 6:30PM PST: Benefits of SAA Membership & Insight on the ACA Exam
- SURVEY! <a href="https://goo.gl/l51P4e">https://goo.gl/l51P4e</a>

# A **HUGE** THANK YOU TO DR. PATRICIA FRANKS!

And THANK YOU for joining us! Stay tuned for future events!