

The Association for Documentary Editing

e-newsletter

October 2008

President's Letter

By Michael E. Stevens

The ADE e-Newsletter is another initiative to emerge from the Association's recent planning efforts. This summer, the Council and planning committee agreed that improving communications was a top priority for the ADE. Thirty years ago, the old *ADE Newsletter* (later *Documentary Editing*) was the speediest method of getting word out to members. With the advent of the internet, *Documentary Editing* has been less a vehicle for news and has evolved into a journal. The Association's website and SEDIT-L are still ways to get word to members in the electronic era; however, SEDIT-L requires the initiative of an individual participant to put news out, and the website requires the reader to make the effort to visit it. That left the need for a regularly published news vehicle that would go to members, but still be low cost and fast. Thus, the ADE e-Newsletter was born.

Following this summer's planning retreat, a committee consisting of Martha King (chair), Cathy Moran Hajo, Jennifer Stertz, Sue Perdue, and John Fierst began work on developing a process for e-newsletter publication and recruiting an editor. Jennifer Steenshorne of the John Jay Papers at Columbia University has generously stepped forward to do the job.

The development of the e-Newsletter is a work-in-progress and will evolve based on your needs, with features being added over time. Its success depends on you and your contributions and I urge you to respond to Jenn's call for assistance and contributions of content.

Thank you committee members for developing the outline for this initiative and thank you Jennifer for stepping forward. I'm looking forward to a readable new tool arriving in my electronic inbox.

Letter from the Editor

by Jennifer E. Steenshorne

I would like to introduce myself. I'm Jenn Steenshorne, the new editor of the ADE e-Newsletter. I'm very excited to be involved in this project.

I do need your help. This e-newsletter can be a dynamic source of information and interaction for ADE members, and a way to reach out to the larger editing and historical communities. You need to let me know what you need from your newsletter and what issues you want covered.

I also need help in gathering information and creating content. Your submissions are welcome and needed. Charlene Bickford has volunteered to contribute her considerable expertise on funding and federal policy issues. Robin Condon, of the Frederick Douglass Papers, will be writing on issues related to electronic editions (funding, implementation, etc.). Ideally, in addition to content being submitted to me directly, an individual or individuals would serve as a designated contact person

for each the following items:

- ADE news
- Member news
- Editing and related news in general
- Items of interest: new editions, exhibitions, web pages, etc.
- Technology
- Project vacancies
- Upcoming publications
- Upcoming conferences
- Reviews

Please let me know if you are interested in acting in this, or any capacity.

In the future, we'd like to include articles on subjects such as (but not limited to) examples of editorial problems and how they were solved; featured documents; featured editions (contemporary or historical), editors, web pages, blogs, archives, and exhibits. Please let me know your ideas.

I will also be attending the Annual Meeting in October.

Thank you.

Jenn Steenshorne
Associate Editor
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ADE News

Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting of the Association of Documentary Editing at Westward Look Resort, Tucson, Arizona, 23-25 October.

In order to ensure your inclusion in the counts for reception attendance, meals, and tours, your registration form and payment, at the \$90 rate, must be postmarked before Friday, October 3rd. You may still register on-site if you wish to attend, but attendance at the other events is not guaranteed.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa A. Francavilla, lfrancavilla@monticello.org, Association for Documentary Editing, Secretary

ADE Archives

The ADE records are now at the Special Collections Research Center, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. The inventory for the records may be viewed at:

<http://archives.lib.siu.edu/controlcard.php?id=496>

Please go through all your old and current files for documents that fill in gaps in the records and to update the records. The archives welcomes materials such as minutes, newsletters, photographs, ADE publications, committee reports, annual meeting ephemera, etc. The online inventory will be revised periodically to reflect the addition of materials.

Please send donations and address queries to the following address:

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Welcome New Members, 2008

Ms. A. J. Aiseirithe (Papers of Abraham Lincoln), William L. Anderson, Jana Argersinger (Sophia Peabody's Cuba Journal), Martha Shipman Andrews (WWII-Era Letters from New Mexico State University), Michael T. Bennett (Foreign Relations of the United States), Suzanne Carroll (Caroline Healey Dall Journals & Adams/Winthrop Retro Conversion), Clark Christensen (Joseph Smith Papers), Michael David Coen (Elizabeth Cady Stanton & Susan B. Anthony Letters), Robin Leslie Condon (Frederick Douglass Papers), Ross E. Davies (In Chambers Opinions of the Supreme Court), Carol S. Ebel (Papers of George Washington), Cheryl Fish (Sophia Peabody Cuba Journals), David Gerleman (Papers of Abraham Lincoln), Judith Graham (Louisa Catherine Adams Writings), Andrew Jewell (The Willa Cather Archive), Susie Lan Cassel (Ah Quin Diary), Nancy Loe (Papers of Julia Morgan and William Randolph Hearst), Thomas Luckett (Simeón-Prosper Hardy Diary), John McKerley (Freedom History Project), Neal Millikan (Digital Documentary Edition of Writings of Eliza Lucas Pinckney and Harriott Pinckney Horry), Osik Moses (Albert Einstein Papers), Karen Mylan (Center for Dewey Studies), Catherine Nisbett (Papers of Thomas Edison), Elizabeth Regosin (African-American Pension Files), Kathleen M. Ryan (Arizona State University), Robin Sager (Jefferson Davis Papers), Jesse T. Schreier (Freedom History Project), Donald R. Shaffer (African-American Pension Files), Reiner Smolinski (Cotton Mather's "Biblia Americana" (1693-1728), and Sydney M. Stevens (Papers of Willard R. Espy (1910-1999).

Publications

3rd Edition of A Guide to Documentary Editing

The University of Virginia Press, in association with the ADE, is proud to announce the publication of the third edition of *A Guide to Documentary Editing*, and a Special Offer for ADE members (details below).

As you are likely aware, for more than 20 years the *Guide* has proven an invaluable tool for scholarly editors, editors-in-training, readers of documentary editions, and other students of American history and literature. This new, extensively revised edition of the *Guide* arrives in the midst of great change in the field. In addition to exploring fully the increasingly central role electronic technology plays in the editing process, this edition provides the most current treatment of the craft's fundamental issues. These include locating and collecting sources, transcribing source texts, conventions of textual treatment, dealing with nontextual elements, and preparing editions for publishers. The documentary-editing environment is more vibrant than ever, and the authors draw on this wealth of activity to include numerous examples of the *Guide's* principles in practice.

The most innovative aspect of this latest edition of the *Guide* is a new digital component. Users may access the entire contents online through a dedicated Web site available exclusively to purchasers of the print edition. In addition to offering the convenience of easy online access, this Web edition will include hyperlinks to relevant literature and will act as an archive for material from earlier editions. Most important, it will be periodically revised and updated, to ensure a *Guide* that is always current with best practice.

Mary-Jo Kline, author of the two previous editions of the *Guide*, has teamed up with Sue Perdue, Senior Associate Editor at The Papers of Thomas Jefferson: Retirement Series, to create a

dynamic new edition of this invaluable resource.

For ADE members, UVa Press is pleased to offer a 20% discount off the retail price for both cloth and paper editions of the new *Guide*:

Cloth 978-0-8139-2726-9 * \$70.00 Special Offer: \$56.00

Paper 978-0-8139-2727-5 * \$35.00 Special Offer: \$28.00

(Please add \$5 shipping and handling for first book, \$1.00 for each additional book. Virginia residents must add 5% sales tax. Offer good through 12/31/08)

Both editions include Free Access to the Online Version.

Please call toll free 1-800-831-3406 or fax toll-free to 1-877-288-6400 and mention that you are a member of ADE.

Mark Saunders

NHPRC Update

There has been a recent flurry of Congressional activity impacting the NHPRC:

FY 2009 Appropriation: The Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill has not passed. The Congress has passed a continuing resolution that expires March 31, 2009 that allows FY2009 spending at the FY2008 level.

S.3477 ([for a copy of the bill, click here](#)): While Congress was in town working to address the nation's financial problems, they found time to pass this bill, which adds two new grants initiatives to the NHPRC's programs: (1) Grants for "Presidential Centers of Historical Excellence" and (2) Grants for "Establishment of State and Local Databases for Records of Servitude, Emancipation, and Post-Civil War Reconstruction." In addition, this bill allows the Archivist of the United States to enter into a cooperative agreement to provide online access to the papers of George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, James Madison, and "other prominent historical figures as determined appropriate by the Archivist of the United States." And, the Archivist is given the power to appoint an advisory committee to oversee the progress of the ongoing founding fathers projects. The terms of members of the NHPRC are also limited.

This bill, most of which resulted from the work of paid lobbyists contains no authorization for additional funding for grants or NHPRC staffing for the two new programs and the cooperative agreement.

NHPRC reauthorization: A \$20 million reauthorization stalled because of the objection of one Senator.

Charlene Bickford

Upcoming Conferences and Workshops of Interest

October 9, 2008

CINDEX tutorial – Tucson, AZ, 10 a.m.- noon.

Demonstration of the recently released CINDEX v.2.0 for Windows and introducing CINDEX v.2.0 for Macintosh (currently in beta testing). Contact us (info@indexres.com) for specific location details. There is no charge for this session.

October 11, 2008

Southern Historical Association 74th Annual Meeting

Headquarters: Sheraton New Orleans
New Orleans, Louisiana

Saturday, October 11: 12:30-2:15 P.M.

36. WORKSHOP I—Teaching And Writing In A New Media World

Sponsored by the Southern Association for Women Historians

Presiding: Melissa Walker, Converse College

Southern Spaces: Region on the Web

Charles Reagan Wilson, University of Mississippi

Will the Internet Kill the Letterpress Edition? Documentary Editing in the Twenty-First Century

L. Diane Barnes, Youngstown State University

Historical Thinking Online

Kelly Schrum, George Mason University

26-29 March 2009

American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies annual meeting, Richmond VA.

Workshop: "Editing (and re-editing) Historical Texts: Challenges, Problems, Methods"

Kevin Joel Berland, of Penn State, chair

The workshop will bring together people involved in preparing new editions of historical texts, to discuss problems and challenges (access to manuscripts, response to editorial positions of earlier revisions, re-establishing cultural contexts) and methodology (print, electronic, online editions; use of text-bases; publishing). A website with documents and discussions is being developed.

Editor's note: I will be participating in this workshop, and will make a full report in the April issue of the newsletter.