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By Angela Manella, 2010 recipient of the Emeritus Scholarship for First-Time MAC Meeting Attendees

As a lone arranger, developing and drawing upon a strong professional network is crucial to my success. I recently was hired as the first institutional archivist for the Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C). I am working for a records manager and assisting with records management duties in addition to building an archives program from the ground up. In my previous position, I had the benefit of working with archivists, librarians, and history curators. Although I relish the challenge, my new situation requires me to look beyond my coworkers for archival assistance on a far more regular basis. While I look forward to developing my participation in local records management activities, I was very excited to be able to attend my first MAC conference, thanks to the assistance of the MAC Emeritus Scholarship, for a more formal, archives-focused professional development opportunity.

I began working in my college's archives as an undergrad and developed an awareness of the role archives play

in framing an institutional narrative. I also have a background as an ESL teacher with Literacy*AmeriCorps due to my interest in service and experiential learning, and I look forward to providing these kinds of opportunities for Tri-C students.

I very much appreciated the opportunity to attend the 2010 Annual Meeting in Chicago. I attended a variety of sessions, including digitization and oral history. I also had the opportunity to draw on MAC conference sessions and materials from regional practitioners, and in small ways, share my perspective as a community college archivist. Tri-C's will be one of very few community college archives in the country. Despite the fact that community colleges serve a majority of higher education students and employ the majority of academics, we are rather underrepresented and undervalued in public discourse.



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