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Dear MAC Members,

Summer is flying by! It hardly seems possible that it was the end of April when we met in Kansas City, and it’s now early August as I write. Archivists from MAC are looking forward to seeing colleagues at the SAA meeting in the coming week; for many of us, our crew of fall students will return in just about three weeks. Today, however, our reading room is full of researchers who have traveled from far-flung places as they can only do in the summer, and we’re still enjoying warm, sunny days.

By the time you read this newsletter it will be October, and usually you’d hear me say that MAC will be attending its Fall Symposium in a few weeks. The timing for our Symposium is a bit earlier than normal this year—we are meeting in September! I’m anticipating a terrific program. “Oral History, Archives, and Innovation” will feature discussions with Dr. Doug Boyd from the Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History at the University of Kentucky Libraries. There’s a lot of buzz in MAC about this Symposium, and I expect members to be very pleased with the results.

Members have certainly been pleased with the workshops of the MAC Speakers Bureau, which debuted this summer. The Education Committee deserves kudos and thanks for successfully hosting the first two Speakers Bureau workshops: “Moving Images” held in Jefferson City, Missouri, in May, and “Strategic Planning for Small Archival Programs,” held in Muncie, Indiana, in July. Cochairs Tanya Zanish-Belcher and Ellen Swain and the Education Committee have done a wonderful job in setting the stage for a dynamic program that makes professional development topics such as these accessible to archivists in more targeted individual sessions at smaller venues. See the article about the Speakers Bureau in this issue of the newsletter and keep an eye out for communication from the Education Committee about the next opportunities for these valuable sessions.

This fall seems like it will be a productive one for MAC. As Council meets in our traditional fall business meeting, we’ll continue to put ourselves to the task of working on issues important to you, such as meetings, publications, and the ongoing work of our working groups and committees. In closing, let me once again invite you to contact me directly if you have concerns that you’d like to bring before MAC leadership. You can find me at amy.cary@marquette.edu.

My best wishes to you all,

Amy Cooper Cary
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