

Did You Renew Your MAC Membership for 2018?

Time is running out to renew your MAC membership for 2018! Renewing by January 31 ensures that you will lock in your dues at \$45 and avoid a potential dues increase that will be voted upon by MAC members at the 2018 Annual Meeting in Chicago. You'll also be eligible to participate in the upcoming elections for new MAC leadership.

To renew, go to the MAC website (www.midwestarchives.org), and select the Membership Renewal Form located within the Membership dropdown menu. Log in with your username and password, and follow the directions when filling out the form. From there, you can choose to pay online or with a check in the mail.

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MAC's 2018 Annual Meeting: "Blurring Boundaries, Crossing Lines" Chicago, Illinois, March 21–24, 2018



"Magnificent Mile in Chicago," Ivylaw, Wikimedia Commons

Plans are well underway for MAC's 2018 Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois at the Sheraton Grand Chicago. The Education, Program, and Local Arrangements Committees have put together a full lineup of tours, sessions, special events, speakers, and hands-on workshops for your education and entertainment. Join your colleagues March 21–24 for this exciting event!

Workshops

Arrive early to take advantage of the full-day workshops before the conference. In "Getting What You Need to Do What You Want," a National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) program director will cover the grant application and review process. SAA's DAS workshop, "Appraisal of Digital Records," will look at the unique issues involved in appraising digital records. On Thursday morning, choose from one of three half-day workshops: "Strategic Planning for

Small Archival Programs," "Going Rogue: Practical Hacks (and Pitfalls) for Electronic Records Processing," or "Don't Be Scared of All those Films and Videotapes You've Been Avoiding," which will provide you the basics for identifying and handling archival media formats.

Tours

The Local Arrangements Committee has organized several tours to take place on Thursday morning. Three different tour packages will enable you to visit multiple institutions in one area of the city and beyond. Just north of Chicago, the Evanston Tour will visit the archives at Rotary International, the Frances Willard House Museum and Archive, and the Shorefront Legacy Center. Travel to Chicago's South Side to visit the Harsh Collection at the Woodson Regional Library and Chicago State University

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"Chicago from North Avenue Beach," King of Hearts, Wikimedia Commons

Archives. Or venture to the North Side of the city to see the Gerber Hart Library and Archives and the Leather Archives and Museum.

In addition to the tour packages, three individual tours are available as well. Choose from tours to the Newberry Library, the Chicago History Museum, or the Pritzker Military Museum and Library, all of which are a short distance from the conference hotel.

Plenary Session

Natalie Moore, South Side reporter for WBEZ Public Radio in Chicago and author of *The South Side: A Portrait of Chicago and American Segregation*, winner of the 2016 Chicago Review of Books award for nonfiction and a BuzzFeed best nonfiction book of 2016, will deliver an address about the history of segregation in Chicago and its impact on housing.

Concurrent Sessions and Friday Forums

In keeping with the conference theme of "Blurring Boundaries, Crossing Lines," the Program Committee has selected a slate of 18 sessions that look at the concepts of change and collaboration, transition and transformation from a variety of perspectives.

On Friday, join your colleagues for open forum discussions on ACA and DAS exam preparation, diversity and inclusion, and tips for successful conference session proposals.

Opening Reception

The opening reception will take place at the Museum of Contemporary Art. Enjoy the main floor exhibition

galleries while mingling with your colleagues over drinks and snacks. *We Are Here*, a series of exhibitions celebrating the MCA's 50th anniversary, will be on view during the reception. Located near the conference hotel, the MCA is perfectly situated to launch a night on the town after the reception.

For more information about the conference, be sure to check out the 2018 meeting page on the Midwest Archives Conference website and visit the Local Arrangement Committee's blog at mac2018.wordpress.com.



"Chicago Water Tower by Night," Afries52 at English Wikipedia, Wikimedia Commons