Congratulations on being a speaker at ARCHIVES 2013, the CoSA and SAA Joint Annual Meeting, August 11-17, in New Orleans, where you’ll make a presentation to a room full of eager listeners in one of 70 sessions.

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I will be at the New Orleans meeting, as will members of the journal’s Editorial Board, and we hope to speak individually with you. Join us at the “Write Away” breakfast forum on August 16 (Friday) from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. for an informal discussion about publishing with SAA. A continental breakfast will be available.

Feel free to contact me as you prepare your paper or after the meeting. Learn more about the editorial policy at http://www2.archivists.org/american-archivist/editorialpolicy.

I look forward to hearing your presentation in New Orleans and to receiving your paper!

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