



\*\* All times listed are EASTERN STANDARD TIME (EST) \*\*

\*\* all live sessions will be recorded, and made available on the ACWR website to conference registrants for future viewing\*\*

Friday, September 3, 2021 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
Thursday, September 9, 2021 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Thursday, September 16, 2021 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
Thursday, September 23, 2021 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
Thursday, September 30, 2021 12:30 pm - 4:45 pm

### Friday, September 3, 2021

#### **12:30-2:00 pm Opening Plenary Session**

Welcome: ACWR Past-President Kathleen Hertel-Baker

Introduction: ACWR President-Elect Lisa Schell

Keynote Speaker: Margaret Susan Thompson, PhD

Dr. Margaret S. Thompson is an associate professor of history and political science in the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, as well as a senior research associate. A scholar of feminist history in the U.S., her most recent research emphasizes the agency and social significance of sisters to American religious and secular history and will appear in the forthcoming book, *The Yoke of Grace: American Nuns and Social Change, 1809-1917* (Oxford University Press).

#### **2:30-3:30 pm Social Hour**

Visit with familiar faces and make new connections. Participants can participate in several small-group 20-minute random "tables" over the course of the hour, just as if attending an in-person gathering. Bring your own snacks!

Thursday, September 9, 2021

**12:30-1:00 pm          Weekly Welcome and Introductory Program**

Welcome: ACWR President Casey Bowser

Honoring Our Colleagues: S. M. Claude Lane Award Recipients

SAA's Sister M. Claude Lane, O.P., Memorial Award was created in 1974 and recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to the field of religious archives. Enjoy this short Powerpoint presentation honoring the many recipients drawn from our own ACWR membership.

**1:00-3:00 pm          Panel Session**

*Collaborative Archives Initiatives: Four Opportunities*

Presenters:    Jennifer Head & Ginger Downey, OLVM  
*Heritage and Research Center (HARC) at St Mary's College (Notre Dame, IN)*

Nadia Nasr  
*Archives & Special Collections, Santa Clara University (Santa Clara, CA)*

Michael Burns  
*Boston College*

Sue Dirkin, OSU  
*Cleveland Organization of Religious Leaders (CORL), Archives Subcommittee*

Panelists present opportunities for collaborations developing in various parts of the country.

**3:30-5:00 pm          Mentoring and Charism Caucuses**

See sign-up announcement to schedule a room and time to meet with your respective community group &/or to connect with our mentoring program.

Thursday, September 16, 2021

12:30-1:00 pm      **Weekly Welcome and Introductory Program**

Welcome: ACWR Executive Secretary Veronica Buchanan

Remembering Our Colleagues: In-Memoriam Tribute

1:00-2:00 pm      **Session**

*Interweaving the Story: Collaborations with Archivists and Communicators*

Presenters: Kathleen Hertel-Baker

*Director of Archives, Sisters of Charity of Nazareth*

Diane Curtis

*Director of Communications, Sisters of Charity of Nazareth*

Lisa Gibbon

*Director of Archives, Congregation of St. Joseph (Cleveland, Ohio)*

Gina Sullivan

*Director of Communications, Congregation of St. Joseph (Cleveland, Ohio)*

Archivists and Communicators share information and advice on how these two important departments can work together to save and promote the history of our Communities. Panelists will discuss how they work together on large projects, such as books and major publications; use of Archival materials in normal congregational communications; and deal with sensitive topics both within and outside our Communities

2:30-3:30 pm      **Session**

*Grant Writing & Project Planning for Women Religious Archives*

Presenters: Casey Bowser

*Archivist, Sisters of Charity Federation Archives*

Kathleen Washy

*Archivist, Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden*

This session addresses funding opportunities for women religious archives and strategies for writing effective archives grants. The presenters will share their perspectives both as grant seekers, as well as grant reviewers.

Thursday, September 23, 2021

12:00-12:15 pm                      **Weekly Welcome and Introductory Program**

Welcome: ACWR Secretary Sr Mary Navarre, OP

12:15-1:15 pm                      **Technology Panel Presentations (Parts 1 & 2)**

*Session I: Engaging Membership through Technology*

Presenters: Sarah Cantor

*Director of Archives, Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, U.S.-Ontario Province*

Scott Keefer

*Provincial Archivist, Daughters of Charity, Province of St. Louise, Emmitsburg, MD*

Catherine Lucy

*Director of the Carondelet Consolidated Archive, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Louis, MO*

This presentation will discuss some of the benefits of your membership in ACWR by members of the Technology Committee and Mentoring Program, even in a largely remote world. Presenters will discuss some of the ways that they have effectively used the Facebook page, ACWR listserv, Zoom offerings, and features on the website. Although these are geared towards the members of ACWR, there are aspects of this outreach that you can take back to your own communities and promote your own collections.

1:30-2:30 pm                      *Session II: Managing Digital Donations*

Presenters: Mary Grace Kosta

*Congregational Archivist, Sisters of St. Joseph, Canada*

Mary Grace's presentation will focus on donations of born digital materials, from selection and accessioning, to managing, preserving, and sharing. She will share her congregational digital preservation workflow, as well as her organization's digital preservation and electronic records policies.

2:45-3:45 pm                      **Session III: Technology Panel Presentations and Discussion (Part 3)**

*Part III: The Email Question*

Presenter: Scott Keefer

*Provincial Archivist, Daughters of Charity, Province of St. Louise, Emmitsburg, MD*

Scott will provide a brief how-to for email archiving, covering the most basic strategies and technical requirements, plus a sample plan and guide to utilize these tools. He will also discuss implementation successes and failures, and communicating its significance to leadership. Time permitting, the session will open up for discussion.

Thursday, September 30, 2021

12:30-1:00 pm            **Weekly Welcome and Introductory Program**

Welcome: Carole Nugent, ACWR Treasurer

ACWR Business Meeting

1:00-2:30 pm            **Session**

*Embracing Archival Standards: Putting Old Wine into New Wineskins*

Presenters: Malachy McCarthy

*Claretian Missionary Archives, Chicago, IL*

Holly Fiedler

*Sisters of St. Francis Archives, Denver, CO*

Two speakers will address the significance of adopting archival standards, and its resulting benefits to the religious archives, including improved access.

3:00-4:00 pm            **Session**

*Charism and Creativity: Catalogues, Management, and Innovation in the Felician Sisters North American Province Heritage Center*

Presenter: Sr. Grace Marie Del Priore, CSSF

*Archivist, Felician Sisters of North America, Enfield, CT*

Sr Grace Marie presents an overview of the planned Felician Sisters Heritage Center for the North American Province, demonstrating how pooled resources and application of best archival practices will ensure preservation and access to the cultural heritage of the Felician Sisters.

4:15-4:45 pm            **Wrap-Up & Words of Thanks**

ACWR President Casey Bowser

## **RECORDED VIDEO BREAKOUT SESSIONS AVAILABLE TO CONFERENCE REGISTRANTS**

NOTE: The videos listed below will be available to conference registrants only through a special portal on the ACWR website. This selection is akin to the breakout sessions we normally have at our triennial conferences. The presentations will be recorded, but we will designate time in our live plenary Zoom schedule to discuss any questions or comments with the presenter(s).

- The Email Question with Scott Keefer
- Grant Writing & Project Planning for Women Religious Archives with Casey Bowser and Kathy Washy
- Charity Speaks: Development of a Collaborative Online Exhibit for the Sisters of Charity Federation Archives with Casey Bowser \*
- Charism and Creativity: Catalogues, Management, and Innovation in the Felician Sisters North American Province Heritage Center with Grace Marie Del Priore, CSSF
- Addressing the Legacy of Slavery with Eleanor Craig, SL and Kathleen Hertel-Baker, Sisters of Charity of Nazareth \*
- Find-a-Grave Project Discussion with Veronica Buchanan \*
- Community Member Database discussion with Sarah Lubelski and Veronica Buchanan \*

\* = Previously recorded ACWR Zoom Session