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Women Religious

ACWR Archival Consultants Directory

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ACWR is committed to assisting congregations and their archivists to ensure the charism and legacy of women religious are not lost for future generations. The consultants listed in this directory are a valuable resource for any community seeking to establish, manage, or transition their archives effectively.

While those listed in this directory are experienced with women religious archives and special collections, ACWR advises congregations to evaluate potential consultants to determine the scope of their work and service rate. Please contact consultants directly using the information provided. To be included in the directory, contact the ACWR National Office at archivistsacwr@gmail.com with your contact information, location, position, expertise, and a headshot (optional). Other directory questions may be directed to the ACWR National Office as well.

Amanda Gesiorski

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Expertise: Basic Archival Processing & Assessment; Collections and Records Management Policies; Transitioning to a Lay Archivist; Programming; Collaboration between Entities (ex: congregation and sponsored ministries); Development of physical archives

Location: Missouri; Willing to travel and to consult virtually

Current Position: Archivist for the St. Louis Monastery of the Visitation and St. Louis Visitation Academy

Andrea Hetley

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Expertise: Basic Archival Processing & Assessment; Collections and Records Management Policies; Digitization Projects; Grant-Writing; Transferring & Merging Collections; Transitioning to a Lay Archivist; Implementing ArchivesSpace; Assistance with PastPerfect

Location: California; Willing to travel and to consult virtually

Current Position: Archivist for the Sisters of the Presentation, San Francisco

Casey Bowser

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Expertise: Basic Archival Processing & Assessment; Collections and Records Management Policies; Digitization Projects; Grant-Writing; Transferring & Merging Collections; Oral History Projects

Location: Pennsylvania; Willing to travel and to consult virtually

Current Position: Archivist for the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill and University Archivist for Seton Hill University

Catherine Lucy, CA

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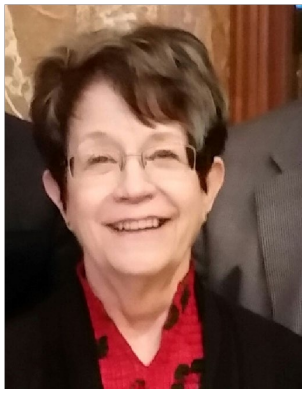
Expertise: Basic Archival Processing & Assessment; Collections and Records Management Policies; Digitization Projects; Transferring & Merging Collections

Location: Missouri; Willing to travel and to consult virtually

Current Position: Director of Archives for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet



Denise Gallo

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Expertise: Basic Archival Processing; Assessing Collections for Transfer; Merging Collections; Investigating A New Repository; Permissions from the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life; Legalities Between Gift Agreements and Loan Agreements

Location: Rhode Island; Willing to travel within New England and to consult virtually

Current Position Provincial Archivist for the Religious of Jesus and Mary - U.S. Province

Ellen Pierce, MLIS, CA

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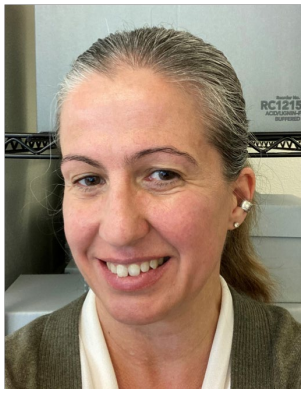
Expertise: Basic Archival Processing & Assessment; Collections and Records Management Policies; Digitization Projects; Grant-Writing; Transferring & Merging Collections; Transitioning to a Lay Archivist; Appraisal; Development of Operational Plans

Location: New York; Willing to travel and to consult virtually

Current Position: Religious Archives Consultant; Former Director of Maryknoll Mission Archives



Holly Fiedler

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Expertise: Basic Archival Processing & Assessment; Appraisal; Collections and Records Management Policies; Digitization Projects; Grant-Writing; Transferring & Merging Collections; Transitioning to a Lay Archivist; Oral History Projects; Preservation Evaluation; Packing & Moving Collections

Location: Colorado; Willing to travel regionally and consult virtually

Current Position: Archivist for the Sisters of St. Francis, Sacred Heart Community; Facilitator for Franciscan Central Archive (FCA); Board Member of Chicago Collaborative Archive Center

Jennifer Head

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Expertise: Basic Archival Processing & Assessment; Appraisal; Collections and Records Management Policies; Digitization Projects; Grant-Writing; Transferring & Merging Collections; Transitioning to a Lay Archivist; Moving archival collections; Deaccessioning collections

Location: Iowa; Willing to travel and to consult virtually

Current Position: Archivist for the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Kathleen Washy

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Expertise: Basic Archival Processing & Assessment; Collections and Records Management Policies; Grant-Writing; Transitioning to a Lay Archivist

Location: Pennsylvania; Willing to travel regionally and to consult virtually

Current Position: Archivist for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden

Laurel Wilson

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Expertise: Basic Archival Processing & Assessment; Collections and Records Management Policies; Digitization Projects; Transitioning to a Lay Archivist

Location: Kentucky; Willing to travel regionally and to consult virtually

Current Position: Archivist for the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville

Lisa Gibbon

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Expertise: Basic Archival Processing & Assessment, Collections and Records Management Policies; Transferring & Merging Collections; Transitioning to a Lay Archivist

Location: Ohio; Willing to travel and to consult virtually

Current Position: Director of the Congregation of St. Joseph Archives

Lisa M. Schell, MA, MLIS

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Expertise: Basic Archival Processing & Assessment; Collections and Records Management Policies; Digitization Projects; Grant-Writing; Transferring & Merging Collections; Transitioning to a Lay Archivist

Location: Michigan; Willing to travel and to consult virtually

Current Position: Congregation Archivist for the Adrian Dominican Sisters

Michele Levandoski

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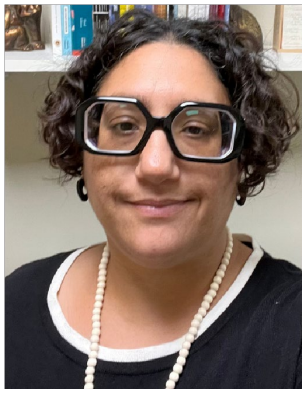
Expertise: Basic Archival Processing & Assessment; Collections and Records Management Policies; Transitioning to a Lay Archivist; Moving & Packing collections

Location: Wisconsin; Willing to travel regionally and to consult virtually

Current Position: Director of the School Sisters of Notre Dame North American Archives



Michelle Ganz, MLIS, CA

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Expertise: Basic Archival Processing & Assessment; Collections and Records Management Policies; Digitization Projects; Transferring & Merging Collections; Transitioning to a Lay Archivist

Location: Ohio; Willing to travel and to consult virtually

Current Position: Director of the Dominican Sisters of Peace Archive

Nadia Nasr

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Expertise: Basic Archival Processing & Assessment; Collections and Records Management Policies; Digitization Projects; Transferring & Merging Collections

Location: California; Willing to travel regionally and to consult virtually

Current Position: Head of Archives and Special Collections, Santa Clara University

Patricia Carroll, MA, MLIS

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Expertise: Basic Archival Processing & Assessment; Transferring & Merging Collections

Location: Illinois & Michigan; Willing to travel regionally and to consult virtually

Current Position: Project Archivist with the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago; Archival Consultant

Samuel McAdoo

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Expertise: Basic Archival Processing & Assessment; Collections and Records Management Policies; Digitization Projects; Transferring & Merging Collections; Transitioning to a Lay Archivist

Location: Rhode Island; Willing to travel and to consult virtually

Current Position: Archivist for the Holy Union Sisters, U.S. Province

Sr. Ginger Downey, OLVM

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Expertise: Transferring & Merging Collections; Transitioning to a Lay Archivist; Discerning the Future Disposition of Archival Collections and working with the congregations to come to decisions that all members can embrace and accept.

Location: Indiana; Willing to travel and to consult virtually

Current Position: Member of the National Archives Project for Women Religious

Veronica Buchanan

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Expertise: Basic Archival Processing & Assessment; Collections and Records Management Policies; Digitization Projects; Grant-Writing

Location: Ohio; Willing to travel and to consult virtually

Current Position: Archivist for the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati; Archival Consultant for the Franciscan Central Archive; Executive Secretary of Archivists for Congregations of Women Religious (ACWR)