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## Call for Student Papers and Posters

The Archives Association of Ontario (AAO) is pleased to announce its **Call for Student Papers and Posters** for the 2018 AAO Conference to be held 9-11 May 2018 in Waterloo, Ontario.

### Celebrations: The good, the bad, and the ugly

Celebrations come in many forms, and they can be judged successful or less so. The past five years have seen two major government-driven national celebrations—the War of 1812 bicentennial and the Canadian Confederation sesquicentennial celebrations—as well as many more regional and local, and more grassroots celebrations. The conference theme for 2018 will focus on celebrating: what we collect, what we do, who we are as a profession. However, this conference will not examine just celebrations themselves in their many forms, whether successful or not, but also the concept of celebration.

Topics can include:

- How does one evaluate the success of an archival outreach program or initiative?
- How have changes in Ontario archives and the archival profession affected how we work?
- Should we celebrate something that didn't go as planned? A failed project?
- What does a celebration of the future look like?
- Does the celebration of single/discrete past events strengthen public awareness of archives, or does it distract from the many other ways in which our records are valuable and necessary?
- Should we actually be celebrating or should we be taking a step back and critically analyzing our work and practices?
- Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations: boom or bust?

### Submissions of proposals for papers and posters are invited

Proposals should be sent with a brief abstract of no more than 250 words and a bio to:

AAO Office at [aao@aao-archivists.ca](mailto:aao@aao-archivists.ca)

Use the subject line format: AAO 2018 Conference Student Proposal\_[last name, first name]

**The deadline to submit Student Paper and Poster Proposals is 31 January 2018.**

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*On behalf of the AAO 2018 Conference Program Committee*