



## Call for Papers

The Archives Association of Ontario is pleased to announce its Call for Papers for the 2022 Annual Conference to be held on May 25 to 27 at Brock University in St. Catharines.

### **Theme: These Are Unprecedented Times: How Archives and Archivists Changed, Struggled and Thrived Through Challenging Periods**

How often have we heard the phrase, “these are unprecedented times” over the past couple of years? Regardless of the era, archives and archivists need to adapt and respond professionally and resourcefully in times of disruption and change.

The Conference Program Committee invites proposals for examinations on this general topic in past, present and future contexts.

Potential subjects for consideration include:

- Changes to archival work through and post the COVID-19 pandemic or other major upheavals – practical and theoretical;
- Addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the profession and in our collections;
- Responding to key movements such as Black Lives Matter, Truth and Reconciliation, etc.;
- Developing better connections and engagement with known and new research communities;
- Straddling the demands of rapid digital advances and the spectre of technological obsolescence;
- Other subjects will be considered.

Submissions of proposals for complete sessions or individual papers are welcomed. Proposals should consist of a brief abstract of approximately 250 words, a mini bio, your institutional affiliation, and if you prefer to present in-person or virtually and be sent to:

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

The due date of applications/submissions is January 7, 2022.

Sessions may take the form of a:

- Traditional session - 2 to 3 presentations of 20 minutes per speaker with questions to follow
- Discussion panel - brief presentations of approximately 10-15 minutes per speaker with discussion to follow
- Roundtable or structured conversation - presentations of 5 to 7 minutes with open discussion between speakers
- Creative and innovative approach to presentations - 1 hour, 15 min

Come join us in the Niagara Peninsula – the setting of much connective history, entertaining tourism attractions, unique natural beauty, and the heart of the Canadian wine industry. Forget Paris. You will love Niagara in the springtime.

While we are preparing to see everyone in person in May, there may be a need for a shift to a virtual based environment depending on ongoing pandemic measures.

*On behalf of the 2022 Conference Program Committee*

