The Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council (GHRAC), in conjunction with the University of Georgia and the Georgia Archives, has one stipend available to cover attendance to the 2021 Georgia Archives Institute (GAI).

The 2021 Institute will be completely online June 7-11 with a wrap-up day on June 14, and, regrettably, will not involve internships as previously featured.

The stipend is available to an employee or volunteer at a local government repository. However, preference will be given to an applicant from an underserved community. GHRAC will be in direct contact with the recipient after GAI.

Designed for beginning archivists, manuscript curators, and librarians or those whose positions have expanded to include the management and care of their organization’s archives or manuscript/history collection, GAI provides general instruction in core concepts and practices of archival administration and the management of traditional and modern documentary materials.

Instructional topics include appraisal, accessioning, arrangement and description, reference and outreach, security, copyright, born-digital records, and preservation and care of archival materials.

Primary instructor Pam Hackbart-Dean is the Head of Special Collections & University Archives at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She has worked at the Special Collections Research Center at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Special Collections & Archives at Georgia State University and for the Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Study at the University of Georgia.

Pam has been active in many professional archival organizations, including the Society of American Archivists, the Academy of Certified Archivists, the Midwest Archives Conference, and the Society of Georgia Archivists. She is a Fellow of both the Society of American Archivists and the Society of Georgia Archivists. She has conducted a number of workshops on arrangement and description, as well as published articles and books on the subject. Pam received her MA from the University of Connecticut.

Tina Mason Seetoo, Preservation Manager at Delta Flight Museum, will teach Preservation of Archival Materials. With the Archives Manager, she is responsible for the preservation of and access to the archives and museum collections. Since 2010, she has been a part-time Instructor of the Preservation of Archives course in the Masters of Archival Studies program at Clayton State University.

Prior positions include Conservator of the Georgia Archives and Manager of Preservation Services at the Southeastern Library Network (now LYRASIS), where she was responsible for preservation education and outreach throughout the Southeast. She lectures and consults on a wide range of preservation topics, including collections care and repair, environmental management, disaster preparedness and recovery, and preservation management. Tina received an MLIS and a Certificate of Advanced Study in Conservation from the University of Texas at Austin, which included a year-long internship in the Book Conservation Lab of the Smithsonian Institution Libraries.

Katherine Fisher will teach Born-Digital and Digital Preservation. She is the Digital Preservation Archivist in Special Collections and Archives at the Georgia State University Library. In this role, she is responsible for establishing local policies and procedures for born-digital materials and works closely with the GSU Library’s digitization team and Digital Curation Committee on long-term preservation of all digital assets. Prior to joining
Georgia State University in 2017, Katherine worked as a digital projects coordinator for the University of Hawai‘i Press. She holds an MLIS from the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa and a PhD in English from the University of Michigan.

Look for the grant application on the Georgia Archives website under “Announcements.” To apply, submit a completed application form to christopher.davidson@usg.edu by April 1, 2021

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