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“Demystifying Conservation: Ethics and Methods Used in Caring for Georgia’s Official Records”
Fourth Friday From the Archives Series

The Georgia Archives is offering a new series called Fourth Friday From the Archives, which will feature employees of the Archives presenting on topics in their areas of expertise.

The program will be available to the public through Microsoft Teams the fourth Friday of every other month from noon to 1:00 p.m. To view the brochure with this year’s Fourth Friday From the Archives programs and other events go to the Georgia Archives website, georgiaarchives.org, and click the link to “Virtual Fourth Friday Program & 2021 Program Schedule” under “[Announcements](#).”

Our May presentation will be “Demystifying Conservation: Ethics and Methods Used in Caring for Georgia’s Official Records,” presented by Georgia Archives’ Assistant Conservator Tracey Johnson.

The link to the live event is: <https://tinyurl.com/49r7adm6>

Preservation and, more specifically, conservation are seen as “behind-the-scenes” activities, yet they are arguably the most important within any collecting institution; for how can access be provided to records if they aren’t properly maintained in the first place? Join Assistant Conservator Tracey Johnson as she gives a brief overview of the preservation field and how the Georgia Archives has evolved along with changing methodologies to best maintain the state’s records.

Tracey has worked at the Georgia Archives since 2014. She has over 18 years of experience in cultural heritage institutions performing many different roles, and believes that her love of crafting, engineering, preservation, and history converged into her dream job here at the Archives. She holds a BA in English Literature with a Minor in History from Middle Tennessee State University and a Master’s in Library and Information Science from Kent State University. While focusing on knowledge organization systems and access to information during her studies, she discovered a passion for preserving archival documents, which eventually introduced her to the magical discipline of conservation.

Throughout the year, Fourth Friday From the Archives will include programs from the Reference, Preservation, Education, and Collections departments, and from State Archivist Christopher Davidson.

Specific information on Fourth Friday From the Archives presentations can be found on our website closer to the date of each program.

The link for the live event will also be posted on the [Georgia Archives' Facebook](#) page on Friday morning, May 28. Microsoft Teams currently supports these browsers: Internet Explorer II, Microsoft Edge, RS2 or later, the latest version of Chrome, and the latest version of Firefox.

If you plan on using an iPhone or tablet, you may need to download the Teams app.

The virtual Fourth Friday From the Archives presentation will be uploaded to our YouTube channel "[Georgia Archives](#)." To be notified when videos are uploaded to our YouTube channel, go to our channel and press subscribe. It is free.

The Georgia Archives is a unit of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. The Georgia Archives identifies, collects, manages, preserves, provides access to, and publicizes records and information of Georgia and its people, and assists state and local government agencies with their records management.

If you have any questions, please email Penny Cliff before May 26 at penelope.cliff@usg.edu.