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New England Archivists Announces Joint Venture with Yale University Library

New England Archivists (NEA) is proud to announce a significant development – a collaboration with Yale University Library to establish the Journal of Contemporary Archival Studies (JCAS). Led by Michael Lotstein, Managing Editor, JCAS's mission is to further awareness of issues and developments in the work of professional archivists, curators, and historians, as well as to serve as a locus for graduate students and professionals in library science, archival science, and public history to contribute works of research and inquiry for peer review and publication. Yale University Library, which includes the Manuscripts and Archives department at Sterling Memorial Library and the Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, is making the JCAS freely accessible through an open-source platform, Yale's institutional repository, EliScholar <<http://www.elischolar.library.yale.edu/>>. Articles will be published as content is submitted, reviewed, and edited. JCAS will be a resource for students, those new to the archives profession, and established professionals alike.

The first Editors-At-Large, appointed by Yale and NEA, include three NEA members: William Ross (Professor and Head of Milne Special Collections & Archives, University of New Hampshire), James Roth (Deputy Director of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum), and Sarah Shoemaker (Director of University Archives & Special Collections, Brandeis University).

Every day, dynamic and thought-provoking advances are being made in the information sciences, with active participation from NEA members. This is an exciting opportunity to share new and innovative research with a broad audience in a peer-reviewed journal. The first call for articles was announced on March 25, 2014. NEA Immediate Past President Alyssa Pacy notes that "partnering with Yale University Library on JCAS is exactly the kind of innovative programming that NEA seeks to offer to its members. We are thrilled to be involved with such an important project."

For more information about the Journal, please visit the website <<http://elischolar.library.yale.edu/jcas/>>.

About New England Archivists

Founded in 1973, New England Archivists is the premier professional organization in the field of archives and special collections in the New England region. Archivists are professionals who collect, arrange, describe, and provide access to historical documents. With approximately 600 members, the organization connects the archival community through meetings, workshops, and online resources. NEA facilitates professional development by offering a number of workshops and meetings per year. For more information about NEA, please visit the NEA website at www.newenglandarchivists.org.

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