

ICA Global Research Network

A letter to colleagues and report on the Archive journey of the past five years: 2018 - 2023



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Dear Colleagues,

The Archives Team is in transition as we consider the ongoing care of our history in both the Archive hard files and the website. We hope you will help us consider new forms to have the Archives be both an active resource for “those who care” and also utilized fully by “folks who weren't there”.

The ICA Global Archives Team has been reminiscing on its work these past five years. During this time our primary question has been “What documentation from our past history would be beneficial for other people in the world to know?” The best example of this occurred in 2019 when Meida McNeal went through the 5th City files in the Archives, resulting in a play called “Fifth City Revisited”. It is anticipated that the film of this play will be available before the end of this year.

Changes to the [Global Archives](#) website are ongoing. The [Publications](#) of books and memoirs by colleagues have grown, with many of them clickable and can be read online or are available for purchase. Lives of pioneering colleagues who have completed their journey are available in the [Memorials](#) section. The historical files from Africa, India and Latin America are located in the Human Development Collection under [Global Programs](#). The [talks of Joseph Mathews](#) and others are available. What other topics would you like to have included in the Global Archives?

This year you could be helpful to the Global Archives Team, either by working virtually from your home or by coming to Chicago. For example,

How you can help from home:	How you can help in Chicago:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use writing and editing skills to review the current website and refine the context for each of the collections ● Assist Wendell Refior in editing documents for the website. ● Sending names of others who might be interested in working with the Archives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Archive Sojourn weeks are scheduled for June 23-30 and/or July 21-28, 2024. Join us for one or both weeks! ● We will nail down the work for each week at the beginning of the week depending on the gifts and interests of who shows up. Part of each week will be processing/scanning files and working on the website. ● Each sojourn will include conversation about the transition of the Global Archives.

With appreciation,

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