

MAC/SOA 2026 Session Proposal

The Program Committee invites session proposals from all areas of archival practice and research and from allied fields. The theme for MAC/SOA 2026 is "Find it Here!" Visit the conference home page for more information - <https://www.midwestarchives.org/2026-annual-meeting>.

The Program Committee particularly encourages submissions from newer professionals. Note that membership in MAC and/or SOA is not required to present.

If you have any questions about the proposal process, please contact the 2026 Program Committee co-chairs, Hayley Jackson (jackha01@luther.edu) and Adam Wanter (awanter@midpointelibrary.org).

* Indicates required question

1. **Session Chair** - First and Last Name, Institution *

2. **Session Chair** - Email Address *

3. **Session Chair - Institution Type ***

Mark only one oval.

- University/Higher Education
- Museum/Historical Society
- Public Library
- Government
- Business/Corporate
- Religious
- Prefer not to answer
- Other: _____

4. **Presenter 1 - First and Last Name, Institution ***

5. **Presenter 1 - Email Address ***

6. **Presenter 1 - Institution Type ***

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- Government
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7. **Presenter 2 - First and Last Name, Institution ***

8. **Presenter 2 - Email Address ***

9. **Presenter 2 - Institution Type ***

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- Museum/Historical Society
- Public Library
- Government
- Business/Corporate
- Religious
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- Other: _____

10. **Presenter 3 - First and Last Name, Institution**

11. **Presenter 3 - Email Address**

12. Presenter 3 - Institution Type

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13. Additional Presenters (Name, institution, email address)

**14. Does the session include any first-time or infrequent presenters? (Infrequent = *
two MAC presentations or fewer in the last five years)**

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- Yes
- No

15. Session Type *

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- Standard Presentation: Two to four speakers present on a common theme. May include a moderator to guide discussion and/or introduce speakers and theme.
- Open Forum: Topical discussion with moderator leading discussion with everyone present. May include additional moderator(s) to direct breakout conversations.
- Roundtable Discussion: Three or four participants make very brief remarks, then discuss a topic together. Includes a moderator to steer the discussion.
- PechaKucha: Each presentation consists of 20 slides or images displayed for 20 seconds each, with comment. Each presentation lasts 6 minutes and 40 seconds.
- Lightning Talks: Like PechaKucha, but without a set format. May or may not include slides or images. Presentations may be from 3 to 10 minutes long, with the time allotted depending on the number of presenters.
- Debate: Moderator announces the topic, and two individuals debate. May include more than one topic and additional debaters.

16. Preferred Session Length *

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- 60 minutes
- 90 minutes

17. Session Title *

18. Session Abstract (1750 character limit) *

19. Please indicate how your proposed session contributes to providing a broad range of professional/institutional experiences in the roster of **presenters**. *

Check all that apply.

- The panel includes presenters representing multiple types of institutions (e.g., academic, corporate, government, religious, etc).
- The panel includes presenters representing multiple states within MAC.
- The panel includes presenters representing multiple career points (e.g., mid-career, student, retired, paraprofessional, temporary, etc).
- The panel includes presenters representing multiple types of expertise within the archival profession (e.g. digital collections, instruction, processing, reference).
- The panel includes presenters representing lower-staffed and/or lower resourced institutions.
- Prefer not to answer.

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