

# Christie S. Peterson

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Professional Archivist

Available to start Dec. 2010 or sooner, with reasonable notice

## Experience

- Bates College**, Lewiston, Maine Dec. 2007-Present  
Processing Archivist, Edmund S. Muskie Archives & Special Collections  
Planning and executing a three-year project to increase access to and usability of the Edmund S. Muskie papers through targeted deaccessioning and processing activities, including:
- Devising and implementing standardized access restrictions
  - Describing and re-housing photographs, artifacts and documents as needed
  - Establishing a media migration schedule
  - Hiring and supervising undergraduate student assistants
  - Providing specialized reference services to professors, students and external researchers
  - Conducting education and outreach to undergraduates and community members
- Bates College**, Lewiston, Maine Sep. 2006-Dec. 2007  
Project Archivist, Edmund S. Muskie Archives & Special Collections  
Successfully planned, executed and oversaw processing of accruals to the Edmund S. Muskie papers under an NHPRC-funded grant, including:
- Digital reformatting of audio-visual materials
  - Creating and updating collection descriptions
  - Hiring and supervising undergraduate student assistants
  - Curating temporary and long-term exhibits
- Bentley Historical Library**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Sep. 2005-Aug. 2006  
Graduate Student Processor
- Processed collections of University records and historical manuscripts
  - Led a team of graduate students processing a large and complex manuscript collection
- Prof. Elizabeth Yakel**, School of Information, Ann Arbor Apr. 2005-Jan. 2006  
Graduate Research Assistant
- Conducted usability testing of MARC records and EAD finding aids
  - Collaborated on creating a next-generation finding aid for the Polar Bear Collections
- Bentley Historical Library**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Sep. 2004-Sep. 2005  
Graduate Reference Assistant
- Researched and answered email reference questions
  - Performed reference desk duties
- Burton Barr Central Library**, Phoenix, Arizona Approx. Jan.-Aug. 2004  
Volunteer, Center for Children's Literature
- Devised an organization strategy for several thousand books and objects
  - Updated MARC records and wrote collection descriptions

**Arizona Historical Society**, Tempe, Arizona

Approx. Apr. 2002-Oct. 2003

Volunteer, Library and Archives

- Processed manuscript collections and wrote finding aids
- Learned basic conservation techniques

**U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission**, Phoenix, Arizona

Aug. 1999-Aug. 2004

Investigator (GS-12)

- Devised and enacted investigative strategies featuring interviews and records reviews
- Performed complex legal analyses and made findings recommendations

## **Education**

**Image Permanence Institute and George Eastman House**, Rochester, New York

*Preserving Photographs in a Digital World* (week-long intensive seminar), Aug. 2008

**University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Master of Science in Information (Archives & Records Management), May 2006

**Selected Coursework:** Management of Electronic Records • Preserving Information

- User Interface Design • Information Architecture • Appraisal of Archives
- Access Systems (including DACS, EAD, MARC, LCSH, AACR2, AAT)
- Database Application Design • Getting the Documents to Speak (history seminar)

**University of Arizona**, Tucson, Arizona

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and Creative Writing, Dec. 1998

Summa Cum Laude

**North High School**, Phoenix, Arizona

International Baccalaureate Diploma, 1994

## **Languages**

English, Spanish

## **Television Appearances**

“Maine Watch with Jennifer Rooks” discussing the new exhibit of Muskie photographs

Aired May 23, 2008 on MPBN-TV (Maine Public Broadcasting Network)

“Bill Green’s Maine” discussing the 40th anniversary of Muskie’s run for the Vice Presidency

Aired May 24, 2008 on WCSH-TV (Ch. 6-NBC), Portland, ME

## **Professional Activities**

Session Chair, “The Real Reference Revolution”, Society of American Archivists 2010 meeting

Session Chair & Presenter, “Archivists as Web 2.0 Consumers”, New England Archivists Spring 2010

Member, Nominations Committee, New England Archivists, 2009

Presenter, “Digitizing Audio: When, Why and How to DIY or Outsource”, NEA Fall 2008 meeting