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Margaret Cross Norton Award

The winner of the Margaret Cross Norton Award, given to the author of the best article published by any author in volumes 29 and 30, was Joel Wurl, for his article, "Ethnicity as Provenance: In Search of Values and Principles for Documenting the Immigrant Experience," in volume 29:1. In making the award, the committee noted that the article will become a classic in the field because he used his personal experience to write an essay challenging archivists to rethink provenance for ethnic archives in which stewardship replaces custodianship.

New Author Award

For the New Author Award, which recognizes superior writing by previously unpublished archivists, the committee chose Colleen McFarland, for her article, “Documenting Teaching and Learning: Practices, Attitudes, and Opportunities in College and University Archives,” in volume 29:1. The committee found the article was both interesting and provocative about an area that is relatively unknown to archivists, the scholarship of teaching and learning. It reminds archivists to look beyond the walls of scholarship to enhance understanding of areas we are trying to document and by proposing a new strategy for documenting teaching and learning.

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