

Call for Papers

Innovative Solutions for Archives and Financial Crises

Bringing archivists and financial historians together.

Conference co-hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
&
eabh (The European Association for Banking and Financial History)

St. Louis, Missouri
May 11-12, 2017

The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and *eabh* will host a two-day conference for archivists and financial historians to present their current work in bank archives, including central bank archives, and banking and financial history. Archivists will present innovations in archival work and undiscovered gems in their collections. Financial historians will present their research based on materials from commercial bank, government, and central bank archives. The conference will provide both groups the opportunity to learn about the unique materials held in central bank archives, the current state of archival work, and insights into how scholars use these collections. Confirmed speakers include Harold James, Princeton University, who will give the keynote address, and Gary Richardson, University of California-Irvine and Federal Reserve System Historian.

Day 1: 11 May 2017

Innovation in archives

This workshop aims to bring together archivists in central banks, commercial banks, and other financial institutions to discuss innovations in the field. The workshop will focus on two areas of innovation in archival practice.

1. What new tools are archivists using to acquire and appraise materials and make their collections available?
2. What new forms of materials are archivists collecting, and what are the unique challenges of those materials? In particular, did the most recent financial crisis present new challenges or opportunities?

The workshop will also feature an “archives showcase” in which archivists will present underused or undiscovered materials in their collections, particularly those highlighting the work of central banks or banking institutions during financial crises, and potential sources for new research. We seek submissions by archivists of financial and public institutions on these questions and topics.

Day 2: 12 May 2017

Innovative Responses to Financial Crises: Archives Based Research

Policymakers, bankers, and monetary authorities are often required to develop innovative or unconventional solutions when faced with new problems, particularly during financial crises. For example, the Federal Reserve responded to the financial crisis of 2007-2009 with a number of new programs to address aspects of the crisis. We seek presentations of original research that make use of bank or central

bank archives in the study of crises, particularly the innovative or unconventional responses of banks and policymakers to crises, but submissions on other aspects of crises or banking are also welcome.

Please send your submissions (a short CV and an abstract of around 500 words) no later than 1 November 2016 to c.hofmann@bankinghistory.org

The conference committee is formed by

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Notice of acceptance will be given until 1 December 2016.