

# ANDREW ELDER

Interim University Archivist and Curator of Special Collections  
JOSEPH P. HEALEY LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON

#### UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, JOSEPH P. HEALEY LIBRARY | BOSTON, MASS.

INTERIM UNIVERSITY ARCHIVIST AND CURATOR OF SPECIAL COLLECTIONS (LIBRARIAN IV) 2017 – PRESENT

DIGITAL ARCHIVES AND OUTREACH LIBRARIAN (LIBRARIAN IV) 2012 – PRESENT

SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH COORDINATOR 2010 – 2012

- Oversee staffing and operations of University Archives & Special Collections in Healey Library
- Oversee strategic growth of collections and programs, including Mass. Memories Road Show
- Assess and apply workflows for digitizing, cataloging, and providing broad access to assets in [ScholarWorks](#) and [Open Archives](#) (CONTENTdm)
- Advise Healey Library leadership and administration on strategic planning and Library/Archives operations
- Prepare and oversee departmental budgeting, goal-setting, and benchmarking
- Develop programs, collection, preservation, and digital preservation activities that engage UMass Boston students and faculty, as well as communities outside the University

#### HONORS COLLEGE AT UMASS BOSTON | BOSTON, MASS.

INSTRUCTOR, HONORS 380 2017 – 2018

- Co-Instructor of a summer semester course for 2 summer sessions (course name: [Dorchester Diaries: Archival Research and Discovery](#)).

### THE HISTORY PROJECT: DOCUMENTING LGBTQ BOSTON

#### BOSTON, MASS.

CHAIR, BOARD OF DIRECTORS (CO-CHAIR, 2016-2019) 2020 – PRESENT

BOARD MEMBER 2013 – PRESENT

ARCHIVIST 2006 – PRESENT

- Oversee management of Archives and strategic organizational priorities
- Lead organization's Archives + Research Committee
- Help coordinate ongoing research, archival, and exhibition projects
- Manage development of organization's [digital collections portal](#) (Omeka) and [website](#)
- Provide strategic communications support
- Serve on Organization & Development Committee, Events & Outreach Committee, and Finance Committee to advance fundraising activities and events

### OTHER PAST POSITIONS

- Boston Children's Hospital (Assistant Archivist, 2009-2010)
- Wheelock College (Archivist Assistant, 2008-2010)
- Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, Division of Archives (Archives Assistant, 2006-2007)

## PROFESSIONAL AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES

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### BLC LEADS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (2018)

- Completed the Boston Library Consortium's 6-month, multi-faceted program to prepare library professionals who demonstrate leadership potential to take on increasingly demanding roles in BLC libraries and beyond.

### BOSTON LIBRARY CONSORTIUM

- Special Collections Community of Interest (2015 – Present)
  - School Desegregation and "Busing" Digital Library initiative (2015 – 2016)
- Scholarly Communication Priority Committee (2011 – 2012)

### NEW ENGLAND ARCHIVISTS

- Mentor and Liaison, NEA Mentoring Program (Jun. 2018 – Present)
- Steering Committee for Community Archives Advocates Roundtable (2017 – 2019)
- Task Force on Diversity (2011 – 2014)
- Local Arrangements Committee for Fall 2008 Meeting (2008)

### DIGITAL COMMONWEALTH

- Conference Planning Committee (2017 – 2019)
- Board Member, Executive Board (2016 – 2018)

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

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- The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Support for Community-Based Archives, "Out of the Closet and Into the Streets: Support for Boston's LGBTQ Community Archives." Award: \$80,000. Project Lead with Joan Ilacqua, The History Project: Documenting LGBTQ Boston, 2020-2021.
- Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) National Leadership Grants for Libraries, "Destination Preservation: A Roadmap for Libraries Leading Participatory Archiving Projects." Award: \$248,516. Co-PI with Carolyn Goldstein, UMass Boston, 2018-2020.
- Mass Humanities, "Preserving and Digitizing the John Quinn Memorial Books Collection." Award: \$2,000. Project Director, The History Project, 2017-2018.
- Inclusion and Diversity Session Sponsorship and Travel Award, New England Archivists. Session Title: "Boston Public Schools Desegregation: From Digital Library to Classroom." 2016.

## CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS, PAPERS, AND INTERVIEWS

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- "LGBTQ+ Collections in Context: The Politics of Representation" (panel with Laura Peimer and K.J. Rawson). 2020 Digital Commonwealth Conference: Contextual Conversations: Representation and Digital Practice. College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass. (*scheduled, April 7, 2020*).
- "Mass. Memories Road Show: A Case Study in Participatory Archiving" (presentation with Carolyn Goldstein). 2017 Best Practices Exchange Conference, hosted by the Edward M.

Kennedy Institute, the JFK Presidential Library, the State Library of Massachusetts, and the Massachusetts Archives. Columbia Point, Boston, Mass. (Nov. 8, 2017).

- “Archivists Working with Activists: Considerations for Success” (discussion co-facilitator with Maggie McNeely). New England Archivists Fall 2017 Meeting: Infinite Conversations. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass. (Sept. 23, 2017).
- “ScholarWorks at UMass Boston” (presentation). Open Educational Resources (OER) Forum at the University of Massachusetts Boston, Boston, Massachusetts (Mar. 30, 2017).
- “Mass. Memories Road Show at DigiCamp” (presentation with Carolyn Goldstein), ACRL NEC Information Technology Interest Group: DigiCamp 2017 at the University of Massachusetts Boston, Boston, Massachusetts (Mar. 17, 2017).
- “‘Very Quiet Day, Vague Tension’: Digitizing and Sharing the Stories of School Desegregation and Busing in Boston” (paper as part of panel with Patricia Reeve, Marilyn Morgan, Josue Sakata, and Julia Collins Howington). New England Archivists Spring 2016 Meeting. Portland, Maine. (Apr. 2, 2016). [https://works.bepress.com/andrew\\_elder/16/](https://works.bepress.com/andrew_elder/16/)
- “‘Save Our History!’ Collaborating to Preserve the Past at UMass Boston” (poster presentation with Meghan Bailey, Patricia Bruttomesso, Andrew Elder, Carolyn Goldstein, Jessica R. Holden, and Joanne Riley), ACRL New England Annual Conference. College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass. (May 8, 2015). [works.bepress.com/andrew\\_elder/15](https://works.bepress.com/andrew_elder/15)
- “‘The Truth Shall Make You Free’: The Archives of Teacher Education and the Boston Normal School” (presentation with Jessica R. Holden), The Arc of Teacher Education: From Normal Schools to Now. Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, Mass. (Mar. 26, 2015).
- “Resources for Open Education – UMass Boston Libraries and OER: What Can You and Your Students Access for Free?” (presentation with Mary Moser, Xuan Pang, and Joanne Riley), OpenEd Forum 2015. University of Massachusetts Boston, Boston, Mass. (Mar. 13, 2015). [works.bepress.com/andrew\\_elder/14](https://works.bepress.com/andrew_elder/14)
- “University Archives and Community Organizations: Ensuring Access through Collaboration” (poster presentation with Jessica R. Holden and Joanne Riley), Joint Annual Meeting of the Council of State Archivists, the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators, and the Society of American Archivists: *ARCHIVES \* RECORDS: Ensuring Access*. Washington, D.C. (Aug. 14-15, 2014). [works.bepress.com/andrew\\_elder/12](https://works.bepress.com/andrew_elder/12)
- “In the Beginning: Boston’s Role in the Birth and Development of LGBT Media” (panel with Amy Hoffman, Sue O’Connell, Susan Ryan-Vollmar, and Richard Schneider), National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association National Convention. Boston, Mass. (Aug. 22, 2013).
- “Building Bridges in the Clouds: Connecting Researchers and Hidden Works” (poster presentation with Joanne Riley, Daniel Ortiz-Zapata, Ann Blum, and Reyes Coll-Tellechea), ACRL New England Annual Conference. College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass. (May 10, 2013): [works.bepress.com/andrew\\_elder/3](https://works.bepress.com/andrew_elder/3)
- “NEA, Diversity, and 21st Century collABORation in Action” (discussion co-facilitator with New England Archivists’ Task Force on Diversity), New England Archivists Spring Conference. College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass. (Mar. 23, 2013).
- “GLBT History, Public History, Community Partnerships, and The History Project” (presentation with Amit Dixit), Annual Public History Symposium (sponsored by the Program in Public History at the University of Massachusetts Boston). University of Massachusetts Boston, Boston, Mass. (May 16, 2011).

- “Looking Back on LGBTQ Youth Activism in Boston” (panel discussion with Mycroft Holmes, Tina Lafleur, and Grace Sterling Stowell), GLSEN MA Teaching Respect: Making It Better Conference. MIT Stratton Student Center, Cambridge, Mass. (Mar. 26, 2011).
- “LGBTQ Youth Activism in Boston: 1969-2010” (panel with Mycroft Holmes, Tina Lafleur, and Grace Sterling Stowell), LGBT Rights: Making an Impact Conference, sponsored by Join the Impact MA, Equality Across America, GLSEN Mass, and Cambridge Welcoming Ministries, Somerville, Mass. (Mar. 27, 2010).
- “Historical Connections between Froebel and Wheelock: Archival Materials” (presentation with Suzanne Pasch), Learning to Play – Playing to Learn: International Froebel Society Third Biennial Conference. Wheelock College, Boston, Mass. (Jul. 9, 2008).
- “Queer Material Culture: Online Exhibitions on GLBT History and HIV/AIDS” (presentation with Pat Gozemba), GLBT ALMS (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Archives, Libraries, Museums, and Special Collections) Conference. Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies (CLAGS), The Graduate Center, The City University of New York, New York City, N.Y. (May 9, 2008).

## PUBLICATIONS

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- *Boston’s Orange Line* (with Jeremy C. Fox), Charleston, S.C.: Arcadia Publishing, Oct. 21, 2013. [http://works.bepress.com/andrew\\_elder/10](http://works.bepress.com/andrew_elder/10)
  - Books talks and interviews
- “University Archives & Community Organizations: Ensuring Access through Collaboration” (with Jessica R. Holden and Joanne Riley), *Archival Outlook* (Society of American Archivists), Sept./Oct. 2014. [works.bepress.com/andrew\\_elder/13](http://works.bepress.com/andrew_elder/13)
- “A Gay Date with History: A History of the Boston LGBT Film Festival,” 2010 Boston LGBT Film Festival Program Book, 2010. [works.bepress.com/andrew\\_elder/1](http://works.bepress.com/andrew_elder/1)

## EDUCATION

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### **SIMMONS UNIVERSITY | BOSTON, MASS.**

*Master of Science, Library and Information Science*  
*Concentration: Archives Management*

*JAN. 2009*

### **UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS, AMHERST | AMHERST, MASS.**

*Bachelor of Arts, English & Women’s Studies*

*JAN. 2003*