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## Debi Wayne Retires



Debi holds plaque at her retirement party at NARA headquarters in College Park, MD

After 36 years, our records management colleague Debi Wayne is retiring! During her distinguished career Debi worked in many aspects of NARA operations. She received two Archivist's Achievement Award; in 2004, for her role in developing the new records management training curriculum; and in 2005, for the Interagency Wildland Fire Records Project. Here is a slightly modified version of her farewell message.

**It all started way back in August** of 1979, when I walked into the NARA Laguna Niguel office and inquired if they were hiring. The archives director came out of his office and asked me to meet with him. Fifteen minutes later I was a NARA employee.

I began my career in the genealogy room pulling and refiling microfilm for interlibrary loan. While in the

Archives Branch, I worked on the preservation of the Nixon artifacts that were stored at the facility prior to the opening of the Nixon Presidential Library. I assisted individuals with their research in original records, did preservation on our most valuable documents, and wrote series descriptions for permanent records.

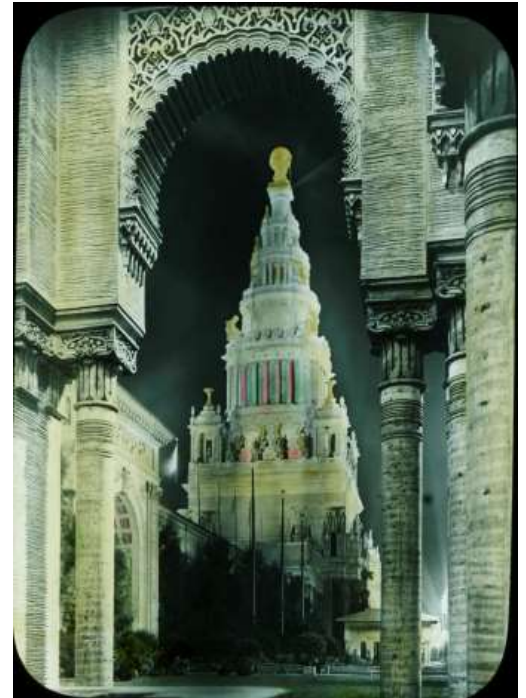
A few years later, due to budget issues in the Archives Branch, I moved to the Federal Records Center where I pulled and refiled files for agencies. In 1984, I was asked if I wanted to go full time, and within a few months there I was working 9-5 in the Accessioning and Disposition (A&D) Branch.

During this time, I assisted agencies with their records management programs and the military with base closures – cleaning out bunkers, condemned warehouses, attic and basements. I only refused one request -- to enter a trailer

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Photograph of the Tower of Jewels at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, 1915. Local ID: 16-SFX-60.

## NARA Digitizes Images of San Francisco's 1915 World's Fair

The National Archives has photographic records from many world's fairs. Few, however, are quite as striking as the colored lantern slides from the 1915 Panama Pacific International Exhibition in San Francisco.

The fair marked two monumental achievements: completion of the Panama Canal, which shortened the

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# **Records Management Training, Fiscal Year 2016**

## **By Course Name (for training by location, see next page)**

To register go to [archives.gov/records-mgmt/training/](http://archives.gov/records-mgmt/training/) or email our training registrar at [laguna.workshops@nara.gov](mailto:laguna.workshops@nara.gov)

For more information on our workshops, [go to our training page by clicking here.](#)

### **Basic Records Operations ([BRO](#))**

January 25, 2016, San Francisco (San Bruno); April 18, 2016, Riverside; and August 8, 2016, San Diego.

**Online:** this class is also presented as an Online Webinar in four weekly sessions of 90 minutes each on:

**February 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2016 (at 11:00 a.m. PST); March 2, 9, 16, and 23 (at 7:00 a.m. PST); May 5, 12, 19, and 26 (at 7:00 a.m. PST); June 7, 14, 21, and 28 (at 7:00 a.m. PDT); July 7, 14, 21, and 28 (at 7:00 a.m. PDT); August 3, 10, 17, and 24 (at 7:00 a.m. PDT); and September 7, 14, 21, and 28 (at 7:00 a.m. PDT).**

### **Knowledge Area Classes:**

#### **Records Management Overview**

[\(Knowledge Area 1\)](#)

January 25, 2016, Las Vegas; June 6, Flagstaff;  
July 11, Denver

#### **Records Scheduling**

[\(Knowledge Area 3\)](#)

January 28-29, 2016, San Francisco (San Bruno);  
January 28-29, Las Vegas; April 21-22, Riverside;  
June 9-10, Flagstaff; July 14-15, Denver; August  
11-12, San Diego

#### **Asset and Risk Management**

[\(Knowledge Area 5\)](#)

February 3-4, 2016, Las Vegas; March 9-10, San  
Francisco (San Bruno); May 18-19, Riverside;  
July 13-14, Flagstaff; July 20-21, Denver;  
September 14-15, San Diego

#### **Other training:**

#### **Electronic Records Management**

March 22-23, 2016, San Francisco (San Bruno)

#### **Creating and Maintaining Agency Business Information**

[\(Knowledge Area 2\)](#)

January 26-27, 2016, San Francisco (San Bruno);  
January 26-27, Las Vegas; April 19-20, Riverside; June  
7-8, Flagstaff; July 12-13, Denver; August 9-10, San  
Diego

#### **Records Schedule Implementation**

[\(Knowledge Area 4\)](#)

February 1-2, 2016, Las Vegas; March 7-8, San  
Francisco (San Bruno); May 16-17, Riverside; July 11-  
12, Flagstaff; July 18-19, Denver; September 12-13,  
San Diego

#### **Records Management Program**

#### **Development ([Knowledge Area 6](#))**

February 5, 2016, Las Vegas; March 11, San Francisco  
(San Bruno); May 20, Riverside; July 15, Flagstaff; July  
22, Denver; September 16, San Diego

#### **Vital Business Information ([VBI](#))**

March 24, 2016, San Francisco (San Bruno)

**Online:** This class is also presented as an online webinar in four weekly sessions of 90 minutes each on: **April 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2016; July 6, 13, 29, and 27; September 8, 15, 22, and 28.**

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## San Francisco (San Bruno), California

**Basic Records Operations (BRO)**, January 25, 2016; **Creating and Maintaining Agency Business Information (KA2)**, January 26-27; **Records Scheduling (KA3)**, January 28-29; **Records Schedule Implementation (KA4)**, March 7-8; **Asset and Risk Management (KA5)**, March 8-9; **Records Management Program Development (KA6)**, March 11; **Electronic Records Management (ERM)**, March 22-23; **Vital Business Information (VBI)**, March 24.

## Denver (Broomfield), Colorado

**Records Management Overview (KA1)**, July 11, 2016; **Creating and Maintaining Agency Business Information (KA2)**; July 12-13; **Records Scheduling (KA3)**, July 14, 2016-July 15; **Records Schedule Implementation (KA4)**, July 18, 2016-July 19; **Asset and Risk Management (KA5)**, July 20, 2016-July 21; **Records Management Program Development (KA6)**, July 22.

## Flagstaff, Arizona

**Records Management Overview (KA1)**, June 6, 2016; **Creating and Maintaining Agency Business Information (KA2)**, June 7-8; **Records Scheduling (KA3)**, June 9-10; **Records Schedule Implementation (KA4)**, July 11-12; **Asset and Risk Management (KA5)**, July 13-14; **Records Management Program Development (KA6)**, July 15.

## Las Vegas, Nevada

**Records Management Overview (KA1)**, January 25, 2016; **Creating and Maintaining Agency Business Information (KA2)**; January 26-27; **Records Scheduling (KA3)**, January 28-29; **Records Schedule Implementation (KA4)**, February 1-2; **Asset and Risk Management (KA5)** February 3-4; **Records Management Program Development (KA6)**, February 5.

## Riverside, California

**Basic Records Operations (BRO)**, April 18, 2016; **Creating and Maintaining Agency Business Information (KA2)**; April 19-20; **Records Scheduling (KA3)**, April 21-22; **Records Schedule Implementation (KA4)**, May 16-17; **Asset and Risk Management (KA5)** May 18-May 19; **Records Management Program Development (KA6)**, May 20.

## San Diego, California

**Basic Records Operations (BRO)**, August 8, 2016; **Creating and Maintaining Agency Business Information (KA2)**; August 9-10, 2016; **Records Scheduling (KA3)**, August 11-12; **Records Schedule Implementation (KA4)**, September 12-13; **Asset and Risk Management (KA5)** September 14-15; **Records Management Program Development (KA6)**, September 16.

## Online Webinars

**Basic Records Operations (BRO)**, February 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2016 (at 11:00 a.m. PST); **March 2, 9, 16, and 23** (at 7:00 a.m. PST); **May 5, 12, 19, and 26** (at 7:00 a.m. PST); **June 7, 14, 21, and 28** (at 7:00 a.m. PDT); **July 7, 14, 21, and 28** (at 7:00 a.m. PDT); **August 3, 10, 17, and 24** (at 7:00 a.m. PDT); and **September 7, 14, 21, and 28** (at 7:00 a.m. PDT).

**Vital Business Information (VBI)**, April 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2016; **July 6, 13, 29, and 27**; and **September 8, 15, 22, and 28**.

# San Francisco World's Fair Lantern Slides Digitized

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shipping route from New York to San Francisco by 7,700 miles; and the city's reconstruction after the great 1906 Earthquake and Fire. Out of the ashes, San Francisco hosted one of the largest gatherings of all time. Over the course of its 10-month span, nearly 19 million people attended the World's Fair. At the time, California's population was roughly 3.5 million.

Lantern slides were a popular form of photography at the time.

Photographers would often develop images onto light-sensitive lantern glass, cover the image with an additional layer of protective glass, and bind the two layers together with paper tape. In some instances, such as the examples in the blog post, slides were hand-colored using oil paints, dyes, or pigments. The lantern slides could then be projected to a viewing audience, and were ideal for educational or professional settings.

A sample of the slides is on the Unwritten Record Blog referenced below. They are all part of the record series, *Panama-Pacific International Exposition*. The photos were taken by Joseph Abel under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture. Abel was a scientist with the Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Animal Industry, and Chief of Exhibits for the Bureau's exhibit at the fair.

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International Exposition from the Hills of San Francisco, 1915. Local ID: 16-SFX-35.



International Exposition at night. 1915. Local ID: 16-SFX-79



International Exposition at night, 1915. Local ID: 16-SFX-85

## Debi Wayne Retires

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where records were stored. As we stood before the trailer door, my agency contact said: “Just wanted to let you know before we enter that there is a hole in the floor and there are snakes and scorpions in the trailer.” Nope, not happening – I drew the line in the sand!

While working in A&D, I helped develop and present training for the agencies with which we worked. I continued to work my way up in NARA (earning the rights to the desk next to the only window in the facility) and when I was asked to be part of the core training team to develop a unified training program for all of NARA, I gladly jumped at the opportunity.

The team worked long and hard to develop the Certificate of Federal Records Management Training material. We rolled out the program, and I never looked back. I have loved my time providing training and guidance to so many Federal employees.

What a wonderful journey I have had. I traveled to 22 states and 2 countries, worked under five Archivists, received two Archivist’s Special Achievement Awards, attended the opening of two Presidential Libraries, and celebrated NARA independence from GSA.

Best of all, I have met and worked with so many wonderful people and formed lasting friendships that I will cherish long after leaving NARA. I will not miss

getting up at 5 a.m. to be at work by 6 or racing to catch an early flight somewhere, teleconference after teleconference, and cramming to meet deadlines. Wait...what am I saying, of course I will miss it all.

Farewell NARA and all my friends in the federal family, on to my next journey...

## Lantern Slides

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All images from this series have recently been digitized and will soon be made available online.

This article is based on a posting by Richard Green in the Unwritten Record Blog. Exploring History with the National Archives Special Media Division at <http://unwritten-record.blogs.archives.gov/2015/12/03/a-fair-to-remember-colored-lantern-slides-at-the-1915-panama-pacific-international-exposition>



*Palace of Fine Arts Building at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, 1915. Local ID: 16-SFX-46.*

## Update on GRS 1.1 and the FAR

In August last year, NARA announced the fact that the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) had not yet caught up with changes in the General Records Schedule for contracts (GRS 1.1, published September 2014 in GRS Transmittal 23).

Previously, major contracts were retained for 6 years and three months and minor contracts for two years. Under GRS 1.1, all contracts are to be maintained for a uniform 6 years. The lag in FAR adoption of the GRS change resulted in the FAR and the GRS stating different retention periods for records.

NARA is pleased to announce that these necessary alterations to the FAR were published as a final rule in the Federal Register on December 4, 2015. The new rule is effective January 4, 2016.

We appreciate the work of the FAR Implementation Team comprised of GSA, DOD, and NASA representatives bringing this to fruition. The unfortunate disconnect between the GRS and the FAR is now history. Both authorities once again state the same retention periods for records.

*And we would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a great 2016!*