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Gregory S. Hunter Named a Fellow of the Society of American Archivists

CHICAGO—Gregory S. Hunter, Professor in the Palmer School of Library and Information Science of Long Island University, was named a Fellow of the Society of American Archivists on Aug. 6, 2004, during SAA's 68th Annual Meeting in Boston. Established in 1957 and conferred annually, the distinction of Fellow is the highest honor bestowed on individuals by SAA and is awarded for outstanding contributions to the archival profession. Hunter joins 148 current members so honored out of a membership of 3,900.

In summarizing his distinguished 27-year career, nominators wrote that, "He embodies all the qualities that SAA seeks to honor with selection as a Fellow. He is a committed archivist, records manager, teacher, writer, presenter, and consultant." Hunter bridges a variety of communities and is known to be "broad and versatile" and "a high-energy, tireless contributor to, supporter of, and champion of the archival field."

A long-time New Yorker, Hunter received his undergraduate degree from St. John's and his master's and doctoral degrees from New York University. He began his professional career as a business archivist with Chase Manhattan Bank and was later Manager of Corporate Records for ITT. He also spent six years as Director of Archival Programs for the United Negro College Fund. From this background, he learned archival and records management practice from the ground up.

With the completion of his doctoral studies, Hunter took his teaching from workshops and adjunct assignments to being a full-time educator. In addition to his current post at the Palmer School of Library and Information Science, he has taught at Columbia, St. John's, the University of Puerto Rico, and the Georgia Archives Institute, and has made more than 200 presentations at professional meetings, workshops, and seminars. One of his supporters noted that, "His approach has been a rare combination of the theoretical and practical. He investigates archival questions with rigorous methodology, but passes on his knowledge in a practical, down-to-earth manner."

This clearly comes through in his publications as well. His more than 25 articles and seven books cover a variety of topics, but his two best-known works, the award-winning *Preserving Digital Information* and *Developing and Maintaining Practical Archives*, now in its second edition, are standouts. Many archival educators use the latter title as a textbook in their own archives courses, as well as referring to it in day-to-day work.

Hunter's dedication to his profession has been evident at all levels as he has provided leadership and service to the Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York, the Long Island Archivists Conference, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference, and the Academy of Certified Archivists, for which he was a

charter member and the group's first president. Within SAA, he has chaired the Committee on Education and Professional Development and the Publications Board, served on Annual Meeting program committees, and been an officer of the Business Archives Section, editing the online version of the *Directory of Business Archives in the United States and Canada*.

Founded in 1936, the Society of American Archivists is North America's oldest and largest national archival professional association. SAA's mission is to serve the educational and informational needs of more than 3,900 individual and institutional members and to provide leadership to ensure the identification, preservation, and use of records of historical value. For more information, contact SAA at the address listed below or visit www.archivists.org. For a list of Distinguished Fellows, visit www.archivists.org/recognition/fellows_list.asp.