The Council Internal Working Group on Diversity and Inclusion was reconstituted in May 2016 with the following objective:

SAA is expanding our commitment to increasing diversity and encouraging inclusion through the establishment of initiatives that build on our past and present efforts to increase diversity and emphasize inclusion within our organization, in the broader profession, and as reflected in our cumulative collections. The Council’s Working Group on Diversity and Inclusion will recommend and coordinate efforts on SAA’s behalf to:
SAA Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives

The Society of American Archivists is committed to ensuring the diversity of its membership and leaders, the profession, and the archival record.

SAA has made this core organizational value an integral part of its various cornerstone documents:

SAA promotes the value and diversity of archives and archivists. We are the preeminent source of professional resources and the principal communication hub for American archivists. — SAA Mission Statement, Strategic Plan 2014-2018
Technical Inclusion (avoiding technical exclusion)

Try 5 technical (however you define technical) things this year that you haven’t tried –

- try a new tool, figure out how a machine works, install some kind of software
- everyone can try something new – even if you already have technical skills

And share your experience –

- locally – brown bags, presentations, show someone how it works ...
- online – twitter (#Try5SAA– also: #TechInclusion), facebook, listservs, blogs ...
- within SAA – and wherever you go ...
Technical Inclusion (avoiding technical exclusion)

Find people to help you (expand your comfort zone) - and look for ways to help others

Watch for the launch with details and ideas in September!