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Society of American Archivists
Recognizes Three Georgians with Distinguished Awards

ATLANTA, Ga. (September 11, 2009) — The Society of American Archivists (SAA) recently recognized three Georgians for their contributions in the field of archives and to the archives profession. Ross King, Deputy Director of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) received the J. Franklin Jameson Archival Advocacy Award. David Carmichael, Director of the Georgia Archives, and Sheryl Vogt, Director of the Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies at the University of Georgia, were named as Fellows of the Society of American Archivists. These individuals were recognized at *ARCHIVES 2009*, the Joint Annual Meeting of SAA and the Council of State Archivists at the Hilton Hotel in Austin, Texas.

The Jameson award honors an individual, institution, or organization that promotes greater public awareness, appreciation, or support of archives. King was recognized for as an advocate for the importance of records management, especially in state and local government. He has been a member of the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board since 2001 and became its chair in 2007. Among accomplishments that were recognized was his role in assessing records management practices in Georgia counties and endorsing a “Best Practices Guide” for local government created by ACCG Research Director Michele NeSmith. He is also an advocate for the *Preserving the American Historical Records* (PAHR) bill, which would authorize \$50 million to protect and provide access to historical records throughout the U.S.

Carmichael and Vogt both received the highest honor that the Society of American Archivists bestows on its members, recognition as a Fellow. Established in 1957 and conferred annually, the distinction of Fellow has now been awarded to 186 individuals. In order to be recognized as a Fellow, individuals must have a minimum of seven years of experience in the archives profession, promote the SAA’s objectives through superior writing, and have made outstanding contributions to their profession.

Carmichael was appointed director of the Georgia Archives in 2000. He served as president of the Council of State Archivists in 2005–2006. As such, he reported on the impact of Hurricane Katrina on the Mississippi coast as a member of a disaster assessment team. He is the author of *Rescuing Family Records: A Disaster Planning Guide*, published by the Council of State Archivists (CoSA) in 2007. He has served on the Advisory Committee on Electronic Records for the National Archives and Records Administration. Earlier in his career, he worked as an archivist for the State University of New York in Stony Brook and in Westchester County.

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Vogt began her career at the University of Georgia as a library specialist for the Russell Memorial Library (1974-1979). Vogt joined SAA in 1976 and also has been a member of the Society of Georgia Archivists for 25 years, serving as its president in 1983. Among her other accomplishments, Vogt was recognized for developing a survey that led to the *Guide to Research Collections of Former Members of the U.S. House of Representatives* and her participation on the Congressional Documentation Task Force. Vogt currently serves on the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress and the Association of Centers for the Study of Congress.

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 5,500 individual and institutional members and to provide leadership to ensure the identification, preservation, and use of records of historical value. For more information, visit www.archivists.org.

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