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The Giza Archives at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston Honored by Society of American Archivists

CHICAGO—The Giza Archives at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, is the 2010 recipient of the Society of American Archivists' Philip M. Hamer and Elizabeth Hamer Kegan Award, presented on August 13, at *ARCHIVES*RECORDS/DC 2010: The Joint Annual Meeting of the Council of State Archivists (CoSA), National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators (NAGARA), and SAA.*

The award recognizes individuals or institutions that have increased public awareness of archives documents. The Giza Archives was honored for its outstanding efforts in promoting its vast holdings of early-20th-century archaeological expedition records. The Giza Archives and its accompanying website provided unprecedented access to the records of the Harvard University—Boston Museum of Fine Arts archaeological expedition to the Giza Pyramids during the early 1900s. The digitization of thousands of glass plate negatives, expedition diary pages, object records, maps, and manuscripts allow people from all over the world to virtually explore Giza and learn more about the history of archeology.

"The website's creative display, visual search, and high-resolution zoom features effectively use today's technology to provide insight into the ancient Egyptian civilization during the Pyramid Age," said one Awards Committee member. Scholars and enthusiasts alike now have immediate access to important primary research materials that previously had been difficult, and in some cases impossible, to examine.

The Hamer Kegan Award was established in 1973 and is named for two SAA Fellows and former presidents. Previous recipients include: The Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections at the University of Toledo; Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and the CBC Digital Archives; and the Florida Folklife Digitization and Education Project.

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Founded in 1936, the Society of American Archivists is North America's oldest and largest national archives professional association. SAA's mission is to serve the educational and informational needs of more than 5,700 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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