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**SYMPOSIUM: ARCHIVES AND POLITICS**

Co-Sponsored by The Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York, Inc. (A.R.T.) and The Center for Jewish History (CJH)

Thursday, October 20, 2016

8:30-9:10 - Registration and coffee

9:10-9:20 - Welcoming Remarks

9:20-10:30 - Panel 1: ***Facilitators or Watchdogs? International Organizations and Media in Politics***

Moderator: Claire Kenny, Center for Jewish History

***The United Nations' Electoral Assistance in South Africa*** Amanda Leinberger and Stephen Haufek***,*** United Nations Archives

***Sooo Many Mayors – WNYC and the City of New York*** Ana Marie Cox, WNYC/New York Public Radio Archives

***Archiving Unofficial Memory and State Involvement: The Case of Community TV Station Señal 3 La Victoria, Santiago de Chile*** Pamela Vizner Oyarce, Universidad de Chile

10:30-10:40 – Break

10:40-11:50 - Panel 2: ***Not so Strange Bedfellows: Politics/Politicization and Repositories***

Moderator: Leanora Lange, Center for Jewish History

***Political Archives in the AJHS Collections and their 21st Century Relevance*** Susan Malbin, Tanya Elder, Susan Woodland, Lawrence Giffin, and Elizabeth Hyman, AJHS Archives

***The Politics of Restitution: Fugitive Collections of the JDC Archives***Linda Levi, Director of JDC Global Archives

***Open, Closed, Public, Restricted, Confidential, and Sealed: Reason and Restraint Regarding Access to Public Records*** Geof Huth, Chief Records Officer and Chief Law Librarian, New York State Unified Court System

11:50-12:00 - Break

12:00-1:00 - Panel 3: ***Women Belong in the Booth and on the Ballot***

Moderator: Mēgan Oliver, Digital Collections Center, SUNY Purchase College Library

***Sister Suffragette: African American Women and the Right to Vote*** Ardra Whitney, Social Media Coordinator, Archivists and Archives of Color Roundtable

***Votes for Women, New York City and the Ghost in the Archives*** Louise Bernikow, NYU Institute for the Humanities/Gotham Center

***An Embedded Librarian at the Intersections of Archival Studies, Digital Humanities and Rhetorical Studies*** Iris Finkel, Wendy Hayden, Hunter College

1:00-2:00 - Lunch on your own

2:00-3:20 - Panel 4: ***Political Narratives in the Archives***

Moderator: Lisa Mix, Medical Center Archives, New York-Presbyterian Hospital Weill-Cornell Medical College

***Who’s Deciding What History We Preserve?*** Alexandra Lederman, Drips Gallery

***Interference Archive: We Are What We Archive*** Amy Roberts, Robert Smith, Interference Archive

***“The Messiness of the Past”: Collection Development and Social History*** Thai Jones, Herbert H. Lehman Curator for American History, Columbia University Rare Book & Manuscript Library

***The Daniel Dromm Collection and LGBT Rights in Queens: Expanding the Borders of a Social Justice Movement*** Stephen Petrus, Historian, La Guardia and Wagner Archives, La Guardia Community College, CUNY

3:20-3:30 - Break

3:30-4:45 - Panel 5: ***Preservation and Access to Government Investigative Records***

Moderator: Sylvia Kollar, NYC Municipal Archives

David Ment, Archivist, Board of Education Collection Curator, NYC Municipal Archives;

Rossy Mendez, Reference Archivist, NYC Municipal Archives;

Jim Folts, Head of Research Services at the New York State Archives;

Johanna Fernandez, Faculty in the Department of Black and Latino Studies at Baruch College

4:45-5:00 - Closing remarks

5:00-6:00 – Reception

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