

# Call for Papers

## Innovative Solutions for Archives and Financial Crises *Bringing archivists and financial historians together.*

Conference co-hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis  
&  
*eabh* (The European Association for Banking and Financial History)

St. Louis, Missouri  
May 11-12, 2017

The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and *eabh* will host a two-day conference for archivists and financial historians to present their current work in bank archives, including central bank archives, and banking and financial history. Archivists will present innovations in archival work and undiscovered gems in their collections. Financial historians will present their research based on materials from commercial bank, government, and central bank archives. The conference will provide both archivists and historians the opportunity to learn about the unique materials held in central bank archives, the current state of archival work, and insights into how scholars use these collections. Confirmed speakers include Harold James, Princeton University, who will give the keynote address, and Gary Richardson, University of California-Irvine and Federal Reserve System Historian.

*Day 1: Thursday, 11 May 2017*

### Innovations in Archives

This workshop aims to bring together archivists in central banks, commercial banks, and other financial institutions to discuss innovations in the field. The workshop will focus on two areas of innovation in archival practice.

1. What new tools are archivists using to acquire and appraise materials and make their collections available?
2. What new forms of materials are archivists collecting, and what unique challenges do such materials pose? In particular, did the most recent financial crisis present new challenges or opportunities for archivists?

The workshop will also feature an “archives showcase” in which archivists will present underused or undiscovered materials in their collections. In particular, the workshop will focus on materials highlighting the work of central banks or banking institutions during financial crises and potential sources for new research. The conference organizers look forward to receiving submissions by archivists at financial and public institutions on these questions.

*Day 2: Friday, 12 May 2017*

### Innovative Responses to Financial Crises: Archive-Based Research

Policymakers, bankers, and monetary authorities are often required to develop innovative or unconventional solutions when faced with new problems, particularly during financial crises. For example, the Federal Reserve responded to the financial crisis of 2007-09 with several new programs to address

various aspects of the crisis. The conference organizers are seeking presentations of original research using bank or central bank archives in the study of crises—particularly, the innovative or unconventional responses of banks and policymakers to crises. However, submissions on other aspects of crises or banking are also welcome.

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Please send submissions for presentation (a short CV and an abstract of around 500 words) or archives showcase (a brief abstract of around 100 words) no later than 1 November 2016 to [c.hofmann@bankinghistory.org](mailto:c.hofmann@bankinghistory.org).

The conference committee is formed by the following individuals:

- Katrina Stierholz (Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis)
- David Wheelock (Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis)
- Melanie Aspey (The Rothschild Archive)
- Carmen Hofmann (*eabh*)

Notice of acceptance will be given by 1 December 2016.