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Candidate for ArchivesSpace Governance Board - Small Member Representative

I am currently the Head of Collections Management at the Pennsylvania State Archives. I have been employed at the State Archives since 2013 and previously completed two grant projects for the State Archives. With just over twenty years in the archival profession, I have worked for multiple organizations handling both small and large archival collections. I have specialized in start-up archival projects and records management support for small and large private and public institutions.

I have worked with finding aids across multiple platforms from simple, off the shelf software, to more complex proprietary systems. At the Pennsylvania State Archives, I have worked over the past two years with the team of archivists moving finding aids away from an in-house static system and into Archon. The archives has successfully tested its migration from Archon into ArchivesSpace and is working through the nuances of how the data will move from one platform to another. The transition to Archon and then ArchivesSpace is occurring as the collections are being prepared to be moved to a new building. So far, the initial experience with Archives Space has been very good and the latest upgrades to the software address many of the needs the archives finding aids required. As an organization in the thick of adopting Archives Space, my colleagues and I are working to balance not only the transition of our current data but also the wide variety of additional resources Archives Space brings to the table without becoming overwhelmed.