

Historical Records and Archives Committee
Annual Report for 2020.

The committee focused the first part of the year on hiring a consulting outreach archivist. The committee received 10 applications for this position. We then interviewed three strong candidates. We were pleased to find Elise Riley, a recent graduate of Simmons and resident of Beacon Hill Friends House, for this work. We look forward to working with her to meet the needs of monthly and quarterly meetings and to ensure that all know how to submit records to the Archives at the Special Collections and University Archives at UMass, Amherst. This work has begun more slowly than expected given the restrictions introduced by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The committee prepared a draft section for the revised Faith and Practice on meeting records. The committee has recently been engaged with working with Sara Hubner on some changes to the new web design to make the content centered on ease of access for those coming to the site for information about the current location and content of the Archives as well as what should be submitted to the Archives and how a meeting makes those gifts to the Archive.

We are also saddened to learn of the death of Robert Cox, Director of Special Collections and University Archives, on May 11th. We look forward to establishing a strong working relationship with the new steward of the New England Yearly Meeting Collection at SCUA.

Carol Forsythe, clerk