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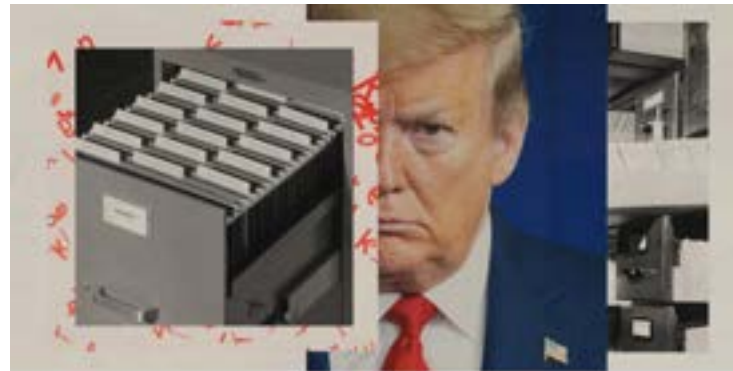


Lost, discarded or destroyed records in National Archives; from Rutte to Trump to Biden...

## Premier Rutte wiste jarenlang iedere dag zijn sms'jes

Mark Rutte heeft jarenlang iedere dag sms'jes van zijn telefoon gewist. De tekstberichten die de premier zelf relevant achtte voor archivering stuurde hij door naar ambtenaren, de rest verwijderde hij op eigen houtje. Dat zou hij hebben gedaan omdat zijn telefoon te weinig opslagruimte had.

Frank Hendricks en Erik Verweel | 16 november 2022, 20:00



A federal grand jury has reportedly been empowered to investigate the handling of 11 boxes of classified White House documents that were squirreled away at Mar-a-Lago, Donald Trump's Florida home. (AP Photo/Chris Wedel)

de Volkskrant

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## Biden: gevonden geheime documenten zijn 'verdwaalde papieren' uit jaren 70

De geheime documenten die de afgelopen tijd zijn gevonden in een oud kantoor en een woning van de Amerikaanse president Joe Biden zijn 'verdwaalde papieren' uit de jaren zeventig. Dit zei Biden woensdagavond in een interview met de Amerikaanse publieke omroep PBS.

Redactie | 9 februari 2023, 04:24




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Ketelaarlesing 2022 met David Ferriero

Archivering van stukken door bewindspersonen onder de archiefwet en de WOO/WOB  
14 juni 2022  
Vaste commissie voor Binnenlandse Zaken | Rondtafelgesprek



Spreker  
De heer Jeurgens

Sprekers in dit debat

- 17:03 Mevrouw Rutjens
- 17:04 De heer Bosma
- 18:06 De heer Voermans
- 18:09 De heer Jeurgens
- 18:11 De heer Bosma

Transcript

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30:06 was waiting to see Mr Trump walked not towards the  
30:11 helicopter and behind them a staffer was carrying a records box  
30:18 what the hell is in that box only one box no 24  
30:26 so um after some time of back and forth  
30:31 about where where the records you know there are boxes missing and what boxes what are you talking about you know all  
30:37 of this drama um they delivered 15 boxes  
30:44 and in the 15 boxes we discovered classified content and at that point

English (auto-generated)

# Archival and Information Studies: lost, discarded or destroyed records in National Archives

Digital preservation



Archival law and legislation

**DON'T DELETE THAT TWEET:  
FEDERAL AND PRESIDENTIAL RECORDS  
IN THE AGE OF SOCIAL MEDIA**

GABRIEL M. A. ELORREAGA

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Memory



Authenticity

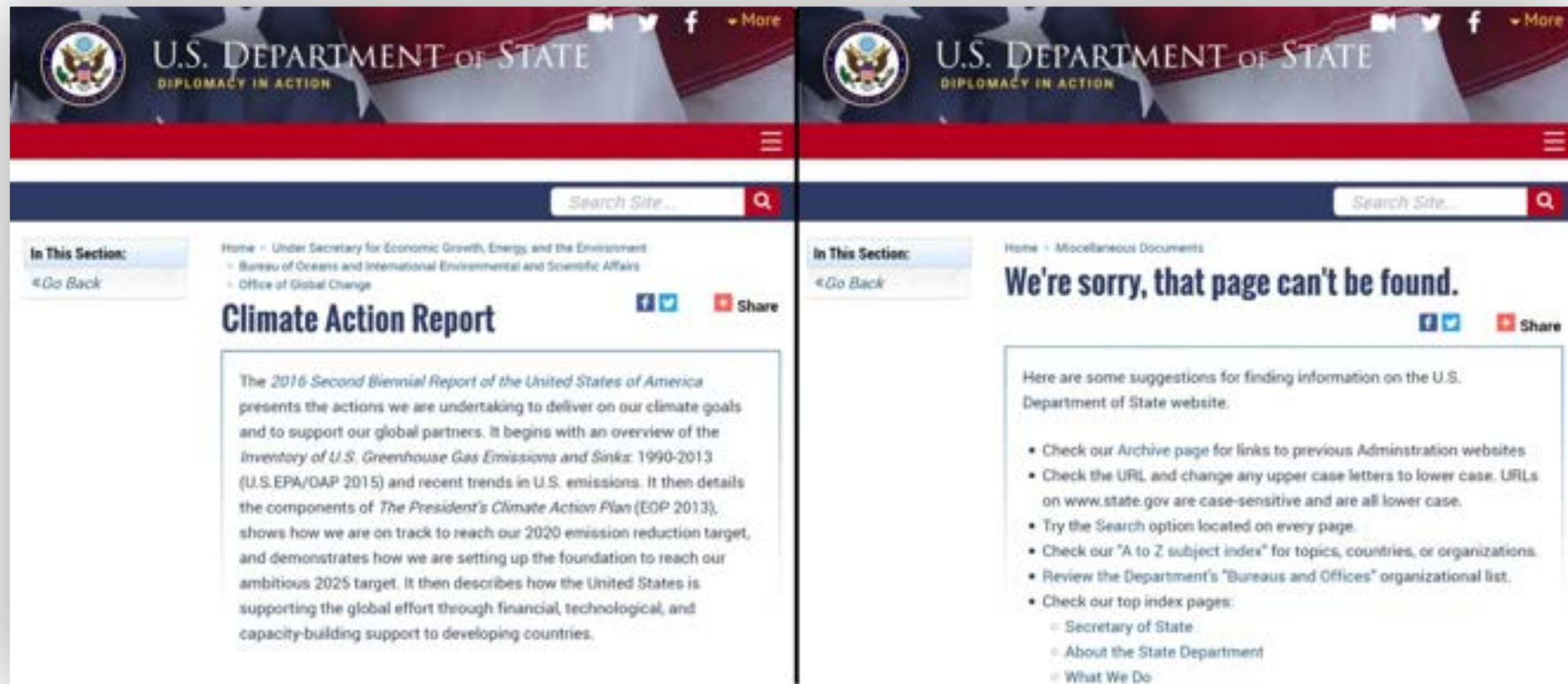
## "Believe Me": Authenticity, Federal Social Media Use, and the Problematized Record in the American Digital Public Sphere

Kathleen Margaret Brennan

### ABSTRACT

This article addresses current issues in authenticating and managing digital-born social media records, with reference to the Twitter output of the sitting President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, and members of his Administration. Focusing on Trump's considerable corpus of tweets created after his inauguration on January 20, 2017, it employs scholarship from archival studies, legal studies, and communication and media studies to explore conjunctive questions of authenticity and its components of identity and integrity in social media records, as well as these records' roles as archivable objects, legal evidence, and expressions of American information culture within the digital public sphere. Due to the perpetually changing nature of the subject, this article highlights complexities of and raises questions about governmental creation and management of problematized social media records in the United States more than answers them, with the hope that it can act as a springboard for further research. Ultimately, it aims to lead toward a praxis of information management in the United States that eventually rebuilds public trust in governmental institutions and practices, and most importantly, strengthens the transparency and accountability of political leadership on the federal, state, and local levels.

## Archival and Information Studies: information in context



The image displays two side-by-side screenshots of the U.S. Department of State website, illustrating information in context.

**Left Screenshot: Climate Action Report**

The header features the U.S. Department of State logo and the tagline "DIPLOMACY IN ACTION". The page title is "Climate Action Report". The breadcrumb trail is: Home > Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment > Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs > Office of Global Change. The main text reads: "The 2016 Second Biennial Report of the United States of America presents the actions we are undertaking to deliver on our climate goals and to support our global partners. It begins with an overview of the *Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2013* (U.S. EPA/DAP 2015) and recent trends in U.S. emissions. It then details the components of *The President's Climate Action Plan* (EOP 2013), shows how we are on track to reach our 2020 emission reduction target, and demonstrates how we are setting up the foundation to reach our ambitious 2025 target. It then describes how the United States is supporting the global effort through financial, technological, and capacity-building support to developing countries."

**Right Screenshot: 404 Not Found**

The header is identical to the left screenshot. The breadcrumb trail is: Home > Miscellaneous Documents. The main heading is "We're sorry, that page can't be found." Below this, a box contains suggestions for finding information on the U.S. Department of State website:

- Check our [Archive](#) page for links to previous Administration websites
- Check the URL and change any upper case letters to lower case. URLs on [www.state.gov](#) are case-sensitive and are all lower case.
- Try the Search option located on every page.
- Check our "A to Z subject index" for topics, countries, or organizations.
- Review the Department's "Bureaus and Offices" organizational list.
- Check our top index pages:
  - Secretary of State
  - About the State Department
  - What We Do

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## Archival and Information Studies: Professional (dual) Master

To study Archives means:

- Investigating and critically questioning formal and informal recordkeeping and memory concepts and systems (broadly ranging from ancient libraries to social media) in their social, cultural and political contexts;
- Understanding the meaning and urgency of evidence, accountability, knowledge, memory, culture in a data-driven world;
- Understanding how information is created, disseminated, mobilised and (mis)used;
- Designing strategies and solutions for recordkeeping problems: preservation, access, accountability, (re)use.

# Archival and Information Studies *and* Preservation & Presentation of the Moving Image





## Curriculum: full time, year 1

Semester 1: Advanced Introduction (Theory + Practice)			Semester 2: Specialization I (Theory)		
Block A	Block B	Block C	Block A	Block B	Block C
Archives & Archiving (6 EC) Tuesday	Preservation & Access (6 EC) Tuesday	Case Study Project (6 EC)	Thesis (18 EC)		
Digital Curation (6 EC) Thursday	Recordkeeping Informatics (6 EC) Thursday				

## Curriculum: full time, year 2

(September – January)

Semester 1: Specialization II (Practice)		
Block A	Block B	Block C
Internship AIS (30 EC)		
UvA seminar <b>Monday</b>		

## Curriculum: part-time, year 1

Semester 1: Advanced Introduction (Theory + Practice)			Semester 2: Specialization (Theory)		
Block A	Block B	Block C	Block A	Block B	Block C
Archives & Archiving (6 EC) Tuesday	Preservation & Access (6 EC) Tuesday	Case Study Project (6 EC)	<b>electives (12 EC):</b> (A) Foundations of Cultural and Social Data Analysis (6EC) (B) Applications of Cultural and Social Data Analysis (6EC) (B) Archives and Legal Activism (6EC)		

## Curriculum: part-time, year 2

Semester 1: Specialization (Theory)			Semester 2: Specialization (Theory)		
Block A	Block B	Block C	Block A	Block B	Block C
Digital Curation (6 EC) Thursday	Recordkeeping Informatics (6 EC) Thursday		Thesis (18 EC)		

## Curriculum: part-time, year 3

(September – January/March)

Semester 1: Specialization II (Practice)		
Block A	Block B	Block C
Internship AIS (30 EC)		
UvA seminar <b>Monday</b>		

## **Internship: some examples**

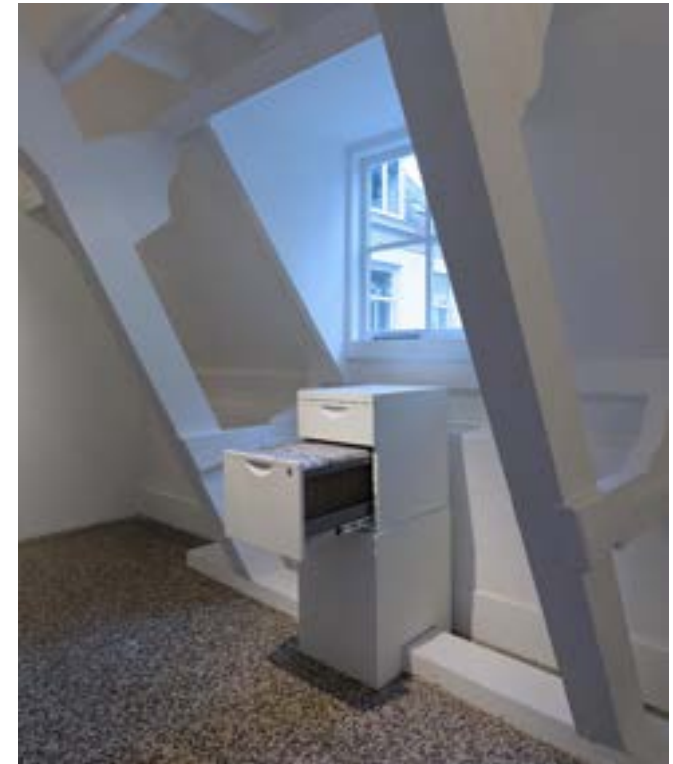
- National Archives in Netherlands, United Kingdom, Surinam or Indonesia
- Ministries, Municipalities, Government Archives and Agencies
- (Inter)national Heritage Institutions and Museums
- Dutch National Opera & Ballet
- NIOD, Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies
- IISG, International Institute of Social History
- Netherlands Institute for Sound and Vision, Hilversum
- Commercial companies

## Master Thesis:

Digitisation, ethics, and caring. An investigation into the potential of using AI for conducting sensitivity review in digital colonial archives



Mimi Onuoha, *The Library of Missing Datasets*, 2016



## **Master Thesis:**

Sustainability Fever: On Digital Preservation and the Notion of New Ecological Mindsets



## **Master Thesis:**

Archiving in a networked society: agencies of criminal justice and their recordkeeping systems





## Academic culture: Graduate Study

MA emphasis:

- Identify pertinent questions
  - Distinguish and articulate Information, Theory, Methodology
  - Position within an Academic Debate
  - Develop skills to make critical analyses and informed arguments
  - Synthesize views and insights
  - Develop own vision
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- Students work independently and in groups
  - Staff provide guidance and supervision
  - Initiative, participation, discussion
  - Process large amounts of information
  - Study pace is high!

## Archivistics A certificate / Archivistiek A certificaat

Archival and Information Studies students can receive the certificate once :

- completed the MA Archival and Information Studies
- obtained a supplementary 30 EC in the field of history, law, or public administration

Archiefwet 1995  
Geldend van 01-01-2020 t/m heden

### Artikel 25

1. Er is onder de bevelen van Onze minister een rijksarchiefdienst, aan het hoofd waarvan staat de algemene rijksarchivaris, die in het bezit dient te zijn van een diploma archivistiek.

## **Career Prospects**

more than 95% of graduates find jobs within 6 months

- Archivist & Curator: Municipalities, Provinces, State
- Data manager and Record keeping consultants: Municipalities, Governmental Institutions, Courts, Parliament
- Advisor for policy, creative industries and institutions
- Metadata specialist in archival and cultural institutions, business and agencies
- Researcher and Consultant

## Students' background

2019 / 20

Hogeschool Archivistiek  
BA Cultural Anthropology  
BA Latin-America Studies  
BA NL Taal en Letterkunde  
BA Scandinavian Studies  
MA Political science  
MA Art and Cultural Studies  
MA History  
MA Celtic Languages and Comparative Literature  
MA Musicology  
MA Philosophy  
MA Ancient Near Eastern Studies  
MA Cultural Science  
PhD Social Geography

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BA History  
BA History of the Arts  
BA Arts & Humanities  
BA European Law  
BA Media & Information Studies  
BA Cultural Anthropology  
BA Heritage & Museum Studies  
BA Social Science  
MA Social History  
MA Arts  
MA Communication Science  
MA History  
rMA Literary Studies  
PhD History

## **Entry requirements and admission: selective master (max. 18 students)**

The Professional Master's programme in Archival and Information Studies is open for students with a BA degree from the UvA, or an equivalent recognised degree from another university, in:

- Humanities  
or
  - Social Sciences
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- Quality of essay / paper / chapter from BA-thesis
  - Letter of motivation
  - Short (online) interview

Questions about formal qualification, registration and admission:  
[AdmissionsMA-fgw@uva.nl](mailto:AdmissionsMA-fgw@uva.nl)

## Deadlines

### 1 March 2023

- All applicants to selective Master's programs
- All applicants with a non-EU/EEA nationality

### 15 May 2023

- Applicants with a Dutch or other EU/EEA\* nationality applying to (non-)selective Master's programs

\* If you are an applicant with an EU/EEA nationality and wish to apply for housing, you must submit your application by 1 March 2023.

## Student's perspective

Renate Smit

- BA History
- RMA History
- My experience with the program
- Theory and practice
- Working together

If you have questions, feel free to reach out!

User: "It would be so much easier if archives would just digitize everything and make it available online."

Archivist:



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