

## Symposium on Scientific Archives

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# ”Data or Evidence? Advocating for the Protection of Scientific Archives.”

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Data, records, and archives are defined differently, but they share a common quality: they can all be sources of evidence. For millennia, archivists have been responsible for capturing, preserving and making available authentic and reliable sources of evidence, from clay tablets to paper records and now to digital data. Organizations that manage scientific archives are at the sharp end of this transition, as research data, administrative records, and scholarly products of scientific research take digital form now. How can archivists responsible for preserving scientific evidence explain to their organizations the crucial linkages between data, records, and evidence? How can archivists advocate for support for their changing role?

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