Annual Report 2015
Artists Files SIG

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• Leadership Update
Anne will continue her role as co-coordinator. Samantha will be stepping down and we will seek a new co-coordinator at the SIG meeting in March.

• Brief Narrative re. activities, membership, plans, etc.
This year was spent synthesizing, summarizing and presenting our activities to the art information community through publications in Art Documentation and Art Libraries Journal. Samantha and former co-coordinator Sally McKay contributed an article, “The future of artists files: here today gone tomorrow” to Art Documentation, which will be published in the Spring 2016 issue of Art Doc. Anne Simmons’s article “Viewpoint: FOMO case studies: loss, discovery and inspiration among relics” will appear in ALJ’s Spring 2016 issue.

The SIG established a wordpress site and migrated most of the content from Artists Files Revealed to the new platform. The Artists Files Directory, however, has yet to be migrated.

• ARLIS/NA Strategic Plan

Goal I: Articulate new directions and identity for the profession.
Action Item: Offer forward thinking perspectives on the impact of technology, especially born digital ephemera on the duties of artists files librarians.
COMPLETED

Goal IV: Emphasize our collections and stewardship role.
Action Item: migrate data from the Artists Files Directory to a new web accessible platform
PENDING

Action Item: identify new projects that will increase access and discovery of artist files collections such as guidelines for cataloging artists files in OCLC, or working with the Digital Humanities SIG to optimize the data from the Artists Files Revealed Directory
PENDING

Goal V: Strengthen the society’s communication and operational infrastructure.
Action Item: set up word press site (http://artistfiles.arlisna.org/) and migrate content from Artists Files Revealed Wiki.
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Action Item: edit and update content on the word press site
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Action Item: use the wordpress site and other tools (email, list-servs) to activate the Artists Files SIG membership, facilitating communication among our members.
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