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Cathrine Giles was detailed into the State Records Branch Manager position on May 16, 2018. The Branch oversees the development of records retention schedules, archives and records management programs for Kentucky's state government agencies, and the State Records Center. In addition, Cathrine is responsible for helping over sixty state agencies implement and maintain their respective records management programs. She has trained individuals and state agencies on records management policies and procedures. Cathrine has been with KDLA since August 2016. She also serves as KDLA's Public Information Officer and Co-Chair of KDLA’s web and social media team.

Cathrine has a B.A. in English Writing from Western Kentucky University. She currently resides in Georgetown.

Nicole Bryan became the new manager of KDLA’s Local Records Branch on June 1, 2018. Nicole has been with KDLA since March 2008, serving as KDLA’s Grants and Contracts Administrator and LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) Coordinator.

The Branch provides records management assistance to more than 2,900 local government agencies within the Commonwealth. Nicole also manages the Local Records Grant Program, which provides grants to support the preservation of and public access to local records.

Nicole has a B.A. in Organizational Management from Midway University and an M.B.A. in Global Management from the University of Phoenix. She is a lifelong Central Kentucky native and currently resides in Franklin County.

Rebecca (Becca) Halbmaier is the new West Kentucky Regional Administrator for the Local Records Branch. She serves as a records and archives management consultant to local government officials in 29 western counties, providing technical assistance and monitoring compliance relating to rules, regulations, and policies governing records management.

Becca came to KDLA from the McCracken County Public Library in Paducah. She spent many years as a Senior Archaeologist, responsible for completing archaeological and environmental projects and consulting with local, state, and federal officials to achieve compliance with all regulations and laws. She holds a Professional II Certification through KDLA and has been a Registered Professional Archaeologist.

Rebecca has a B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Iowa and an MSc in the Palaeoecology of Human Societies from University College London; she is currently enrolled as a graduate student in the library and information science program at the University of Kentucky. Originally from Iowa, she now resides in Paducah.
The 29th annual Public Archives Symposium is scheduled for Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the Ensor Learning Resource Center, Georgetown College.

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Featured speaker for the Symposium will be Doug Boyd, Director of the Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History at the University of Kentucky. He will be discussing the open source Oral History Metadata Synchronizer (OHMS) system.

The Symposium is free and open to the public, and no registration is required. For further information, contact David Schroeder, President, Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., at 859-578-3600 or visit KDLA’s website: https://kdla.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx.

Local Records Grants Awarded

Fifteen grants have been awarded throughout the state for a total of $385,406 from the first round of funding from fiscal year 2019 Local Records Grant Program funds. These grants help preserve, protect, and make available records of continuing archival value and assist local agencies with records management.

Congratulations to the Allen County Clerk, Joint City-County Planning Commission of Nelson County (JCCPC), Barren County Clerk, Boyd County Clerk, Garrard County Clerk, Grant County Clerk, Graves County Clerk, Lawrence County Clerk, Letcher County Clerk, McCracken County Clerk, Montgomery County Clerk, Nicholas County Clerk, Robertson County Clerk, Warren County Clerk, and the Williamsburg City Clerk. For more information, you can see press releases for each grant awarded on KDLA’s website: https://kdla.ky.gov/PressReleases/Pages/default.aspx.
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