



**Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York, Inc. (ART)
2012 Special Election Bio and Statement for Board Position**

**Karen Murphy
Candidate for Director of the Education Committee**



Bio: Karen Murphy has worked at the NYC Department of Environmental Protection, the agency responsible for managing the New York City water supply, since 2007. As part of the Office of Records and Archives Management she manages, preserves and increases access to records which help DEP operate and build upon New York City's vast water infrastructure. Karen earned her MA in History with a certificate in Archival Management from NYU in 2007. During that time she worked at the NYU Archives as a Graduate Assistant and also interned with the Archives of Irish America and the Museum of the City of New York. Karen has been a member of the Archivists Round Table since 2005 and has volunteered with the Membership Committee since 2008, serving on the ART Board as Coordinator of the Membership and Nominating Committee from 2008 – 2010.

Candidate Position Statement: This is time of incredible transition and change in the archives field, making continuing education and professional development more important than ever. As Director of the Education Committee, I will work to bring relevant, practical and diverse workshops to ART's membership. In this difficult economic climate it is particularly important to offer educational programming which will help students and recent graduates to transfer their coursework and internship training into jobs in the archives field. It is also critical for archivists at all experience levels to continually diversify our skill sets in order to maximize professional growth. To that end I will continue to collaborate with sister organizations such as METRO and SAA in order to provide a broad range of educational opportunities to our membership. I am looking forward to serving as Director of the Education Committee and will strive to continue ART's tradition of excellence in educational programming.