I'm very excited to return to Manitoba as the Archivist of Manitoba. As a graduate of the University of Manitoba's master's program in Archival Studies, working at the Archives of Manitoba has always been a goal of mine and I am excited to see it come to fruition.

I believe the Archives of Manitoba is the pre-eminent provincial archives in Canada. It is the repository of both public and private records documenting the rich history of Canada's oldest prairie province as well as the home of the records of the Hudson's Bay Company Archives, which UNESCO has recently placed on its Memory of the World Register of the world's most significant archives.

I hope to continue the Archives of Manitoba's excellent commitment to academic research while developing a stronger on-line presence for the institution's records.

Because of the strength of its holdings, it is hard to overstate how important the Archives of Manitoba is to Manitobans and those interested in Manitoba and the history and development of the Canadian and American west.

I am honoured to be given the chance to head such a fine institution.