

provides the Foreword.¹¹ Rather, in the first three chapters, he lays out the theoretical basis of digital preservation, connecting it to the archival and preservation practices established for analog records and other predigital artifacts, via a discussion of preservation's divergent lineage. Further, he provides for an understanding of digital objects, while examining the challenges and opportunities for digital preservation. In the following five chapters, Owens delves into the craft of digital preservation, examining topics including preservation intents and collection development, managing copies and formats, arranging and describing digital objects, as well as enabling multimodal access and use. Similar to O'Meara and Stratton's 2016 *Trends in Archives Practice: Digital Preservation Essentials*,¹² Owens incorporates a myriad of case studies. However, the difference here is that he integrates and weaves the various case studies throughout the narrative, reinforcing the concepts he is currently discussing.

Echoing Richard Pearce-Moses' 2006 SAA Presidential address, "Janus in Cyberspace: Archives on the Threshold of the Digital Era,"¹³ Owens suggests, "The craft of digital preservation is anchored in the past.... At the same time, the craft of digital preservation is also the work of a futurist."¹⁴ This craft is one in which an organization or institution and its personnel hone and refine it within their local context, minimizing the most pressing risks, while realizing it is not an issue solely solved via technology and/or technological solutions. To that end, I intend to engage my institutional colleagues in a dialog, using this book as a common reading and discussion tool.

One final thought to sum up the nature of digital preservation activities: I was struck by the extensive and heartfelt acknowledgements Owens provides prior to the Introduction. Even before he regales us with his thoughts on the theory and craft of digital preservation, Owens indicates that these efforts are clearly collaborative and networked in nature—digital preservation is not something to be accomplished on one's own.—Dan Noonan, *The Ohio State University*

Gerald Vizenor. *Native Provenance: The Betrayal of Cultural Creativity*. Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press, 2019. Hardcover, 199p. \$29.95 (ISBN 9781496216717). This is a critical moment for those who care for Native American and Indigenous archives. After much discussion, debate, and years of tireless advocacy, the *Protocols for Native American Archival Materials* has finally been endorsed by our leading professional organizations. The Association of College and Research Libraries,

11. Heather Ryan and Walker Sampson, *The No-Nonsense Guide to Born-Digital Content* (London, UK: Facet Publishing, 2018).

12. Christopher J. Prom, Kyle R. Rimkus, Erin O'Meara, and Kate Stratton, *Digital Preservation Essentials* (Chicago, IL: Society of American Archivists, 2016).

13. Richard Pearce-Moses, "Janus in Cyberspace: Archives on the Threshold of the Digital Era," *The American Archivist* 70, no. 1 (Spring/Summer 2007): 13–22, <https://doi.org/10.17723/aarc.70.1.n7121165223j6t83>.

14. Owens, *The Theory and Craft of Digital Preservation*, 187.

following the request of the Rare Books and Manuscript Section (RBMS), endorsed the *Protocols* in August 2019. In 2018, the Council of the Society of American Archivists unanimously endorsed the *Protocols*, accompanied by an apology for the many years of inaction. Following these endorsements, the next step for us is not only to continue its promotion and implementation, but also grow our understanding of what it means to be responsible stewards of items in our care. The *Protocols* articulate foundational concepts for our professional practice, including notions of cultural sensitivity and reciprocity. We can further expand our thinking and practice in this area by engaging with the works of prominent thinkers. Among these is Anishinaabe cultural theorist, writer, and scholar Gerald Vizenor's most recent book, *Native Provenance: The Betrayal of Cultural Creativity*.

Native Provenance is composed of 12 essays drawn from Vizenor's lectures, journal articles, and presentations. The book touches on wide-ranging issues relating to Native history, knowledge, artistry, and literature. But most pertinent to archivists, librarians, and curators are the author's thoughtful and insightful perspectives on Native American stories and narratives, many of which were compiled by ethnographers and others, that are now part of archival collections of ethnographic field notes, government reports, and scholarly writings. Vizenor points out that the scholarly processes of transcription, translation, and interpretation, which fix otherwise mutable stories of creation, trickster tales, dream songs, and other oral

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traditions, often miss the ironies expressed in those stories. Thus, scholars have frequently betrayed or ignored Native cultural creativity and agency. Western knowledge about Native cultures is thus based on inferior and inaccurate depiction of Indigenous oral traditions.

Vizenor deftly wields charged and evocative new terms that those of us less familiar with Native Studies might find challenging. For instance, *survivance*, *victimry*, and *transmotion* are interrelated terms that are deployed throughout the book, which are used to expand and challenge depictions of Native sovereignty, persistence, and resistance in archival and scholarly sources. He claims, “Survivance creates an actual sense of native presence over absence, over nihilism, and denies the reductive themes of victimry that are all too common in journalism and popular literature” (31). Here, Vizenor confronts the tired and hoary characterizations of Native communities as victims under threat of extinction; instead, he shows that these communities are fully capable of exercising agency and self-determination. Transmotion is a concept he uses to interpret movement and motion in sacred objects, stories, art, and literature to uncover the continuing presence and survivance of Native Americans. These concepts may be useful to stewards of Native collections, especially in terms of applying the principle of provenance and contextualizing access and uses of Indigenous archives. Additionally, these ideas may be helpful for archivists to work with and understand the perspectives and motivations of Native users who may want to access and use archival materials.

From an archivist’s point of view, Vizenor’s definition of provenance is most poetic: “Native provenance is visionary and ceremonial, more than the history of ownership and custody” (137). This idea helps to expand and to reclaim provenance as a concept beyond the European definitions centered on collecting, which we generally assume in the field. This concept would make archives more vibrant, perhaps connected to the visions and ceremonies that, for Vizenor, are the very sources of the actual creation of traditional objects, artistic works and literary expressions. Indeed, this book contains ideas that will expand our understandings and perspectives on the knowledge embedded within archival sources. *Native Provenance* introduces new and useful concepts that we can employ to appreciate the complexity of Native American archival materials.—*Ricardo L. Punzalan, University of Maryland, College Park*