Susie Bright and I have been collaborating on preserving history for 5 years. We look forward to discussing barriers to documenting sexual history and to finding inspiration with you in the Liberating Archives session, “Sex, History, and Controversy” at #SAA2017.

Want to start thinking about these issues early? Look at Susie’s welcome note and essay “Birth of a Blue Movie Archivist” linked to the session description. Then, I invite you to:

1. Find a comfy chair and listen to Susie Bright talk about her activism and her deep connection to archives.

   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bds79JZnq1M

2. Sex, history and the value of controversy have been on my mind for a long time. Here’s a clip that will give you an idea of where I’m coming from:

   http://www.pzfoundation.org/20year/marston.html

3. Think about what bumps in the road you’ve encountered when working to document sexuality. What little, big, institutional, or personal factors make it challenging for you? Jot down your thoughts, and bring them to the session.

See you in Portland!

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