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New Director to Oversee Oldest Collection of Ga. History

SAVANNAH, Ga., *August 27, 2012* – The Georgia Historical Society is pleased to announce the promotion of **Lynette Stoudt** to Director of Library and Archives. Ms. Stoudt will be responsible for the management and operations of the GHS Library and Archives and will work closely with development and administrative staff to enhance access to GHS collections and diversify holdings. Prior to becoming library director, Stoudt served GHS as Senior Archivist and Archivist for the Savannah Jewish Archives.

“I am extremely pleased that we are able to give Lynette this opportunity,” said Todd Groce, GHS President and CEO. “She is a skilled archivist and administrator, and I know she will lead the library and archives to new heights of success.”

Stoudt holds a master's degree in library and information science, with an emphasis on archival studies, from San Jose State University in California. Before joining GHS, she was an archivist at the Bancroft Library at the University of California, Berkeley, an archivist and records management consultant with an international consulting firm and worked in the Special Collections libraries of the University of California in Irvine and San Diego. She is currently vice president/president elect of the Society of Georgia Archivists and secretary of Savannah Heritage Emergency Response.

The GHS Library and Archives houses the oldest and one of the most outstanding collections of manuscripts, books, maps, photographs, architectural drawings, portraits and artifacts related to Georgia and its role in American history.

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