The award of Fellow of the Australian Society of Archivists has been conferred upon Dr Sigrid McCausland in recognition of her immense contribution to archival education and practice.

Sigrid is a leader in the international community of archival educators and has made a particularly significant contribution to archival education. It is also noteworthy that she has straddled, with distinction, both practitioner and academic roles during her career. Her practitioner roles have been unusually varied, including work in government archives, private manuscript collecting archives in large research libraries, and many years as University Archivist at both the University of Technology, Sydney and the Australian National University.

During the 1980s Sigrid was a key member of the editorial committee that assembled the landmark first edition of Keeping Archives and later served on the Editorial Board for Archives and Manuscripts. Sigrid was also Chair of the ASA’s Accreditation/Course Recognition Committee from 1997 to 2002; the Committee that established standards and criteria for equitable program evaluation for the discipline across Australia. She subsequently served as the ASA Education Officer, developing professional training programs at a national level.

Since she joined the School of Information Management at Charles Sturt University Sigrid has built the full Master and Bachelor programs in archives and records management. In 2013 as a Senior Lecturer, she was awarded the Faculty of Education Award for Academic Excellence, a well-deserved endorsement of the quality of her regular publications that both complement and support her teaching, of her curriculum development in the discipline of archival science, and in the scholarship of archival education.

Since 2012 Sigrid has served as Secretary to ICA Section for Archival Educators (ICA SAE) and has led the program planning for subsequent ICA SAE annual conferences. In this role and through her involvement with the Archival Education and Research Institute (AERI), she has been an exemplary ambassador for the Australian archival profession.

Sigrid has published widely and has been a regular conference speaker, both locally and internationally, on a wide variety of archival topics. Notably, Sigrid’s career has combined an influential and versatile professional archivist with the accomplishments of a leading educator along with international leadership. She is undoubtedly deserving of the title of Fellow of the Australian Society of Archivists.

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