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Lee Stout, Librarian Emeritus, Special Collections at the Paterno Library; was Penn State University Archivist for 27 years. He is a native of Red Bank, New Jersey, came to Penn State in 1965, and accidentally never left. He earned BA and MA degrees in History from Penn State, and an MLS from the University of Pittsburgh with dual emphasis in special collections and information science. He has been a frequent presenter on university and local history and is the author of numerous articles on archival topics and Penn State history. He has published three books: *Ice Cream U, the Story of the Nation's Most Successful Collegiate Creamery* (2009); *A Matter of Simple Justice, the Untold Story of Barbara Hackman Franklin and A Few Good Women* (2015); and *Lair of the Lion, a History of Beaver Stadium*, co-authored with Harry W. West (2017), all available through the Penn State University Press. He has served on both the Pennsylvania State Historical Records Advisory Board and the U. S. National Historical Publications and Records Commission and is a Fellow and past president of the Society of American Archivists. He is an emeritus member of the Centre County Historical Society Board of Governors and co-editor of the Society's online *Encyclopedia of Centre County History and Culture*.

In his archival career, Lee pursued three specific areas of emphasis in research and practice. The first dealt with preservation planning for historical materials, which included participating in several disaster recovery emergencies. The second, for which he received several federal grants, involved investigating standards and procedures to establish programs for the archival preservation of digital records of all types. His third area of interest was studying the concepts of institutional culture in higher education and their relationship to archives and other applications of public history in colleges and universities.