

## Employee Spotlight – Todd Henderson, Data Ingestion Coordinator at the Digital Archives

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Todd Henderson started working at the Archives in May 2006 as the Data Ingestion Coordinator and trainer extraordinaire. Since then, Todd has preserved well over 100 million records from state and local agencies, ensuring continued access by future generations of Washingtonians. If you work with [SCRIBE](#) and have had technical difficulties, it's likely that Todd has helped you out in some way, always with patience and compassion!



When Todd is not busy preserving our State's history, he enjoys vacationing on the Oregon Coast and spending time with his daughter.

Deputy State Archivist Terry Badger was kind enough to encourage Todd to answer a few questions about himself.

**TB:** Do you recall any embarrassing moment at work?

**TH:** One embarrassing moment that I can recall was during a dinner event several years ago. I was tasked with making nametags and I decided to use super glue. Unaware to me, the bottle I placed on my desk had a crack on the bottom and it started spreading fast across my desk. I had to quickly clean up the mess. One of our developers then called me while I was cleaning up the mess, I had to tell him I couldn't come, because I had super glued myself to the desk! Another developer created a sign for me that still sits on my desk that says, "Remember you can prevent glue catastrophes, never use super glue without proper adult supervision."

**TB:** Favorite travel spot?

**TH:** Oregon Coast (Lincoln City and Newport)

**TB:** If you could meet anyone in the world, dead or alive, who would it be and why?

**TH:** Albert Einstein because I would love to have a conversation with him about the theory of relativity.

**TB:** If you were stuck on an island, what three things would you bring?

**TH:** A powerboat, to leave in case I get bored or need to get more supplies, food for eating, and a great book to read

**TB:** What did you want to be when growing up?

**TH:** President of the United States

**TB:** What have you always wanted to try but haven't?

**TH:** Parasailing over a lake. It would be fun if I were not afraid of heights.

**TB:** What do you like most about your job?

**TH:** The challenging tasks that are assigned to me such as working with vendors and our partners transferring records to us.

**TB:** Any favorite line from a movie?

**TH:** "There's no crying in baseball!" (Tom Hanks, *A League of Their Own*)

**TB:** Least favorite food?

**TH:** Lima beans. They have no flavor at all! Even if you cook them with butter and add flavoring to them, they are still very bland.

**TB:** What is a career lesson you've learned thus far?

**TH:** Be patient. This helps when dealing with frustrated customers or partners.

