I. Overview of the Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte /Archive for Reformation History

1. The Archive for Reformation History (ARH) / Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte (ARG) is one of the world's leading, peer-reviewed journals specializing in scholarship related to the Reformation era (c. 1450-1750). The ARG/ARH publishes articles relating to early modern European religious life and thought and the extension of European theology and religious practice into the extra-European world.

2. The ARG/ARH is wholly owned and published by Gütersloher Verlagshaus (Gütersloh, Germany), a German publishing house with a long tradition in the field of historical theology now owned by Verlagsgruppe Random House GmbH (Munich, Germany). The electronic version of the journal is distributed by Walter de Gruyter GmbH (Berlin, Germany).

3. The journal appears annually in one issue of approximately 320 pages in length.

4. The journal is published under the auspices of the North American Society for Reformation Research and the German Verein für Reformationsgeschichte.

II. Editors and Editors’ Workload

1. The North American editors of the ARG/ARH are appointed for a term of six years. Terms are renewable.

2. The North American editors are responsible for all English-language submissions to the journal, and the European editors are responsible for all submissions in German, French, and Italian.

3. The term of the current North American editors, Marjorie Elizabeth (Beth) Plummer and Ute Lotz-Heumann, began at the beginning of 2019 and ends at the end of 2024. The last volume for which Lotz-Heumann and Plummer will be responsible will be 2024 (names on title page). In order to ensure a seamless transition, the term of the new editors should start at the beginning of 2024 or shortly thereafter, so that the new editors can be fully responsible for the 2025 volume (names on title page).

4. The North America editors are responsible for about half of the articles (on average about six or seven articles per year, chosen from about twice the number of submissions) plus occasional “focal points,” comprising a series of shorter essays which discuss important themes in early modern religious history. The workload associated with the
ARG/ARH is roughly that of co-editing a slim volume of essays, including author correspondence, managing the peer review process, copyediting, and proofreading.

5. The current European editors of the ARG/ARH are Thomas Kaufmann (University of Göttingen) and Martin Keßler (University of Bonn). European editors have no term limits.

6. The current editorial assistant to the journal (paid by Gütersloher Verlagshaus), who is responsible for the final stages of copyediting and proofreading, is Dr. Ellen Glebe.

7. Gütersloher Verlagshaus pays a small honorarium to each editor, currently EUR 875. No other sources of revenue or subscription revenue are associated with this editorship.

8. Current and former North American editors have no course reductions or additional office space, but their universities have provided computer equipment and cloud storage space (Box), and have hosted the ARG/ARH website (current website address: https://arcrefhist.sbs.arizona.edu/) and an email account for the journal.

9. Current and former North American editors have had access to a graduate student editorial assistant (Ph.D. student in History) during the semester and a summer stipend for the editorial assistant, funded by their universities. The graduate student editorial assistant monitors the North American editors’ email account, sends standardized responses, and manages files.

10. Current and former North American editors have had travel support to attend the annual meeting of the Society for Reformation Research at the Sixteenth Century Society Conference.