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Candidates for Vice-Chair of the College & University Archives Section

The following individuals have been asked to submit information regarding their positions and their desire to run for Vice-Chair of the C&U Archives Section. The voting will take place during the section meeting at the SAA annual conference in Los Angeles on Thursday, August 21 from 8:00-10:00 a.m. Anyone with questions is welcome to contact Tamar Chute (chute.6@osu.edu) or Ellen Swain (eswain@uiuc.edu) of the Nominating Committee.

Matt Blessing

Head, Department of Special Collections and University Archives, Marquette University

Matt Blessing earned a M.A. in History from University of Montana and a M.L.I.S. from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Between 1991-1995 he worked as a collection development archivist at the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS), specializing in mass communications and Wisconsin history. He subsequently helped establish the Office of School Services at the WHS, developing instructional materials based on documentary resources. In 1999 he joined Marquette University Libraries as university archivist. He is currently head of Marquette's Department of Special Collections and University Archives, responsibilities that have made him the defacto "Tolkien guy" at Marquette. Matt has been a member of SAA since 1990. He is active in MAC and is a member of ACA. He is currently conducting research on the history of Lewis and Clark's journals, with particular attention to several major discoveries made during the 20th century.

Matt feels that the sections play a vital role in serving SAA's membership --and that they may be the most important factor in long-term retention of SAA members. In particular, he has always found the C&U Section an excellent vehicle for sharing innovative ideas, identifying best practices, and solving common problems encountered by academic archivists. If elected vice-chair, he'd seek to identify core issues -- both practical and theoretical -- and attempt to address them in the section's newsletter.

Christopher Laico

Archivist, Arthur W. Diamond Law Library, Columbia University Law School

Biographical Statement: The Vice-Chair position has two main responsibilities. First, the Vice-Chair collects material from the Chair and other members of the section for publication in the Academic Archivist. Second, throughout the year, the Vice-Chair produces three issues of the Academic Archivist with the assistance of the SAA office.

My professional background has fully prepared me to take on these duties. As an Editorial Associate at Matthew Bender & Company, I edited, prepared and guided three monthly newsletters through the entire editorial process. During periods of corporate reorganization, in turn, I handled as many as eight monthly newsletters. These periodicals had individual page counts of between 20 and 60 pages and covered such diverse topics as business crime and personal injury practice. I also collaborated with outside authors, trained and supervised staff in the preparation of larger manuscripts for eventual book publication. Examples included: Moore's Federal Rules Pamphlet and the multi-volume California Criminal Defense Practice. Finally, I worked with the Art and Manufacturing Departments on the redesign of several newsletters and was a member of the SGML Newsletter Task Force.

Although still relatively new to the archival profession, I have been an active member of this section's subcommittee undertaking the revision of the publication, *College and University Archives: Selected Readings* (Chicago: Soc. Am. Archivists, 1979). During this past year, I completed extensive research for two bibliographic sections of this volume, which was originally edited by Prof. Maynard Brichford (Fellow Soc. Am. Archivists, Pres. (1979-1980)).

I have fully enjoyed my work for this section. I would like to take on greater responsibility within this section and utilize my editorial skills in the production of the *Academic Archivist*. Finally, I would like to thank those individuals who placed my name in nomination for the Vice-Chair position. I am honored by their support.

Employment: Archivist, Arthur W. Diamond Law Library, Columbia University Law School (2000-Present); Editorial Associate, Matthew Bender & Co., New York, NY (1993-2000).

Professional Memberships: Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan NY, Inc. (1999-Present); German Studies Association (1998-Present); SAA member since 1999; College and University Archives Section (2001-Present); Privacy and Confidentiality Roundtable (2002-Present).

Education: Certificate in Archival Management, Graduate School of Arts and Science, Department of History, New York University (January, 2001); M.S.F.S., Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Center for German and European Studies, Georgetown University (1993); B.A., Drew University (1985). Honors: Member of Phi Sigma Alpha, National Political Honor Society (1983-1985) and President (1984-1985). Certifications: A.B.A. Certification in Administrative and Public Law (1988); Recipient of Das Zertifikat Deutsch als Fremdsprache [Certificate German as a Foreign Language] (Goethe Institut, Schwaebisch Hall, West Germany (1983).

David McCartney

University Archivist, University of Iowa

Education: M.A., History, University of Maryland, College Park (1998); M.L.S., University of Maryland, College Park (1998); B.A., Journalism, University of Wisconsin-Madison (1979)

Professional affiliations: Society of American Archivists; Academy of Certified Archivists; C.I.C. University Archivists Group; Beta Phi Mu; Midwest Archives Conference; Consortium of Iowa Archivists; Iowa Conservation and Preservation Consortium; University of Iowa Collections Coalition

Committees and service: Participant, Mentoring Program, Society of American Archivists Local Arrangements Committee, Midwest Archives Conference, Fall 2004 meeting Membership Committee, Iowa representative, Midwest Archives Conference Local Host Committee, Iowa Museum Association state conference, Fall 2003 meeting Preservation Advisory Committee, University of Iowa Libraries Steering group, Iowa Project on Place Studies, University of Iowa

Consultancies: Iowa Broadcasting Archives, Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa; African American Historical Museum and Cultural Center of Iowa, Cedar Rapids Floyd County Historical Society, Charles

City, Iowa (volunteer Web manager) Carrie Chapman Catt Childhood Home, Charles City, Iowa (volunteer Web manager)

Grants, awards and scholarships: National Film Preservation Foundation grant, 2002
Frank G. Burke Fellowship in Archives Studies, 1998
Richard Eaton Foundation Fellowship, 1996-1998
H.W. Wilson Scholarship, 1996

Previous positions: Montgomery County (Maryland) Archivist, under contract with History Associates, Inc., Rockville, Maryland (1999-2000) Records Officer, International Monetary Fund, Washington, D.C.; 13-month contract (1998-1999) Archives Assistant, National Public Broadcasting Archives and Library of American Broadcasting, College Park, Maryland; part-time position (1995-1998, 2000) Archives Technician, National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, Maryland; part-time position (1994-1998) Order fulfillment, Hanna Andersson Company, Portland, Oregon (1992-1994) Inventory clerk, Made in Oregon Stores, Portland, Oregon (1990-1992) Co-manager, Teddy Bear Express retail gift store, Portland, Oregon (1987-1990) Reporter/editor, KENI-KKGR radio, Anchorage, Alaska (1984-1987) Reporter/editor, KTNX-Alaska Radio Network, Anchorage, Alaska (1982-1984) Reporter/editor, WCLO-WJVL radio, Janesville, Wisconsin (1980-1982) News editor, WHA-Wisconsin Public Radio, Madison, Wisconsin; part-time position (1977-1980)

Statement: Corn-fed Iowa native David McCartney joined the University of Iowa Libraries as University Archivist in January 2001, where he is responsible for acquiring, describing, preserving and providing access to the University's records of enduring value. Before moving to Iowa City, David held archives and records management positions at the Montgomery County (MD) Archives, the International Monetary Fund, and the National Public Broadcasting Archives/Library of American Broadcasting at the University of Maryland. David is a member of the SAA College and University Archives Section, where he facilitated a discussion on Web site preservation in 2001. He is also a member of the SAA Lesbian and Gay Archives Roundtable (LAGAR), and participates in SAA's Mentoring Program.

David believes that close cooperation with the Section Chair, its committee members and the SAA office is essential for successful preparation of the Academic Archivist. The equation is not complete, however, without articles on topics of common and current interest from Section members. If elected he will put his journalism degree back to good use and encourage such contributions, which may help guide C&U archivists through their daily challenges.

Chuck Piotrowski

Director of Information Asset Management, (Campus Records Manager and University Archivist)
University of California, Santa Cruz

Currently, I am the Director of Information Asset Management (Campus Records Manager and University Archivist) based out of the Chancellor's Office at the University of California, Santa Cruz. I came to the position in 2001 after being the records analyst for Seagate Technology's North American facilities (outside of California). Prior to Seagate, I was the Assistant Curator of Manuscripts at the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland, Ohio for 5 years, where I processed paper, photographic and multi-media collections, as well as assisted in the overall operations of the Manuscripts Division. My experience with professional organizations is modest. I served on the board of the Society of Ohio Archivists for 2 years and on the board of the Silicon Valley Chapter of ARMA for 2 years. I have written reviews for Scientific American's Discovering Archaeology and, most recently, the Journal of Archival Organization.

Tom Rosko

Head, Institute Archives and Special Collections, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Tom Rosko joined the MIT Libraries as Head, Institute Archives and Special Collections on May 1, 2003. Rosko came to MIT from the University of Kentucky, where he was University Archivist and Director, UK Records Program. Prior to that he held archives and records management positions at Princeton University, the American Civil Liberties Union, and New York University. Rosko has a BA degree from Bucknell University and an MLS degree from Rutgers University. He is currently a member of the Society of American Archivists (SAA) College and University Archives Section Steering Committee (2001-Present). He has been Chair of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (MARAC) Education Committee (1998-2000), Vice-chair/Chair-elect of the Kentucky Council on Archives (KCA) (2002-2003), and a member of Kentucky's Archives and Records Management Advisory Committee to the State Archives and Records Commission (2001-2003) and Advisory Committee on University Records (2002-2003).

At MIT, Rosko guides the continuing development of the Institute Archives and Special Collections, <http://libraries.mit.edu/archives/index.html>, one of the largest university archives and one of the most significant collections related to the history of science and technology in the United States. The collection is comprised of Institute records and faculty papers, rare books, MIT theses and technical reports, and other materials related to MIT and its history. Rosko is responsible for managing these traditional paper materials while developing strategies for meeting the current challenges posed by electronic records. He is a member of several Institute and Libraries committees and working groups including the Financial Data Retention Group and the Space Policy Committee.

Statement: If the revision to the by-laws, creating a separate newsletter editor position, is approved, then it will of course change the role of the Vice-chair. It will allow for more time to be utilized in consultation with the Chair and Steering Committee to assess the needs of the section, to plan new meeting activities, and to hopefully utilize the sections website and other electronic resources to better disseminate relevant information to college and university archival professionals. Should the duties of the Vice-chair remain unchanged then the majority of work would be in solicitation and preparation of material for the newsletter, which I would be willing and able to do, while also working on the aforementioned activities.

Committee Report: Revisions to Section Bylaws

by William J. Maher, University of Illinois

Following discussions at Section meetings in Washington (2001) and Birmingham (2002), the following amendments to the Section Bylaws have been prepared for discussion and voting at the 2003 meeting of the Section. These amendments are the result of discussions following several calls for comment on the Bylaws. In those comments, the only, but also often repeated, concern was that the Section should separate the responsibility of Section Vice-Chair from that of Section Newsletter editor. Identifying Vice-Chair candidates who also have a background or interest in newsletter preparation has made the job of finding candidates more difficult. Further, while having a fixed term for the Vice-Chair is widely accepted, many have commented that there is an advantage to longer terms of service for a newsletter editor.

Therefore, the following amendments have been prepared to accomplish the suggested change.

1. Article 4, Section D. (Duties of Officers), paragraph 2, presently reads: "2. Vice-Chair. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall assume the Chair's duties. The Vice-Chair shall serve as editor of the Section's newsletter." The first amendment would delete the second sentence of this paragraph.

2. In Article 6 (Committees), insert a new Section C (and "renumber" the subsequent paragraphs accordingly) reading:

"C. Section Newsletter. Consistent with the Guidelines for SAA Sections, to promote communication of Section activity within the Section and to the Society at large, there shall be a College and University Archives Newsletter. The newsletter is the responsibility of the newsletter editor who shall be appointed

by the chair, with the advice of the Steering Committee, for a term of two years, renewable with approval of the Steering Committee. The newsletter editor serves as a non-voting member of the Steering Committee, unless the editor also holds elected membership in which case the editor shall have all voting privileges. The editor should not serve concurrently as chair of the roundtable."

In addition, to be consistent with the 1997 revision of SAA's Bylaws, we should replace the reference in Article 7 (Parliamentary Authority) to Robert's Rules of Order with Sturgis' Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure.

College and University Archives Section Annual Business Meeting Birmingham, Alabama, August 22, 2002 Minutes

Call to order: Nanci Young, Section Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:05am. She welcomed all in attendance.

Acceptance of the minutes from the 2001 business meeting: Corrections were made to the minutes as follows: Burt Altman is from Florida State University, not University of Florida. Motion to accept the minutes - PASSED.

Chair's Report - Nanci Young

During the year, in the aftermath of September 11, our lives have changed a great deal. As archivists, many of us are playing an active role in documenting both the tragedy and its effects. We do go on, however - at this meeting we will be electing a new Section Chair and gathering for the traditional study-discussion groups. This year's program includes many sessions of interest to C&U archivists, and C&U archivists are well-represented on the program.

The Guidelines for College and University Archives will soon be up for review. Nanci called for volunteers to take on the task.

Vice-Chair's Report - Carole Prietto

Two issues of the *Academic Archivist* were published during the year. An online archive of AA is now available on the Section website.

College and University Archives Reader - Project Report - Chris Prom

A committee has been organized, consisting of Chris Prom, Ellen Swain, Claude Zachary, Nancy Kunde, Tamar Chute, and David Gartrell. The committee is currently researching potential topics.

By-Law Revision - Bill Maher

C&U Section bylaws were adopted in 1984. A change has been suggested for the duties of Vice Chair - making the newsletter editor separate from the Vice Chair. Also, we need to change our parliamentary authority to be consistent with SAA. Members with comments or suggestions about these changes should contact Bill.

Nominating Committee - Daria D'Arienzo

There are two candidates for Section Chair: Mott Linn and Claude Zachary. Ballots were handed out to those in attendance.

ECURE - Rob Spindler gave a report on the forthcoming ECURE Conference, to be held at the University of Arizona.

Los Angeles meeting, 2003 - Charlotte Brown updated the group on local arrangements for next year's SAA meeting in Los Angeles. The meeting will be held in Century City, not downtown Los Angeles.

Report of the Nominating Committee - Claude Zachary has been elected C&U Section Chair

Study-Discussion Groups

The group broke up into study-discussion groups: Is Anything New or Safe Under the Sun? (led by Aaron Purcell), Anniversaries: Love 'em Hate 'em, Use 'em to Your Advantage (Sara Frazer), College & University Archives Outreach Survey: The Results (Tamar Chute), Value of Digitization Projects (Mark Martin). Following the discussion time, the groups gave reports on their discussions.

Nanci Young adjourned the meeting at 9:45am

Respectfully submitted.

Carole Prietto

Washington University in St. Louis

Vice Chair, College and University Section