

The Newsletter of the Academy of Certified Archivists Issue 101 Summer 2018

# President's Message

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Dear Certified Archivists,

Summer greetings to you! I wanted to provide

the membership with some statistics to illustrate the tremendous year the Academy enjoyed. We have a grand total of 214 applicants qualify to sit the exam this year - the vast majority are recent graduates and uncertified professionals wanting to earn the CA designation for the first time. This year's pool of applicants ranks as the second highest number in our nearly 30-year history! Kudos to Daria Lubinsky, CA, Louis Jones, CA, and Mott Linn, CA of the Exam Administration Committee for scrupulously evaluating this year's applications. Much of the credit is due to the outstanding and effective work of our outgoing Regent for Outreach Liz Scott, CA and her team of volunteers – placing advertisements in publications, presenting at graduate student groups, and exhibiting at regional archival associations around the country. A special acknowledgement should also go out to outgoing Regent Rebecca Harkins, CA and her Exam Development Committee (EDC) for their work reviewing and expanding the exam item bank. This year's new and updated exam is due to the dedication of Rebecca and the EDC team. Last, but not least -- Regent Stephanie Malmros, CA and the petition teams reviewed and processed nearly 100 recertification petitions. A testament to the continued desire to maintain their certification. The Board of Regents appreciates the dedication and efforts of the active members serving on the committees, presenting to student groups, or sitting at the ACA exhibit table answering questions. You all play a role in furthering the Academy's mission. Thank you!

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The Academy's membership reached 1281 duespaying archivists in 2017-2018 -- 1023 regular, 177 emeritus, and 81 newly-minted members. This sustained pattern of growth means that the Academy is an established and well-respected entity on our professional landscape. We all should find satisfaction that our goal of defining and delineating the role of the profession resonates with so many archivists, particularly among those just launching their careers. The growth in membership and expanding interest in certification also means that the Academy must explore possibly expanding our Board to include a representative to coordinate member relations, as well as investigate migrating to an enterprising membership management software solution. These proposed measures should alleviate the demand on the technical and human resources that we heavily rely on to conduct our present operations and build greater capacity for the future.

Todd Welch, CA

2017-2018 President

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### From the Regent for Outreach

Elizabeth Scott, CA East Stroudsburg University East Stroudsburg, PA



As I finish my fourth year as the Regent for Outreach, I wanted to say a big thank you to the people that were so helpful to me during this time. I have enjoyed getting to know so many new faces and have loved representing ACA in the best way I can. I am so proud of the work we have done like establishing the Cafe Press online store, increasing presentations to students, keeping the website/ newsletter/social media running smoothly, creating a liaison to SNAP and many other things. I also thank all of the volunteers who did presentations about ACA and sat at the ACA table during conferences. I would not have been successful without the help of them and especially the following people: Michael Barera, Kate Blalack, Abby Curro, Grant Gerlich, Steve Grandin, Jim Havron, Linda Hocking, Louis Jones, Lori Lindberg, Mott Linn, Philip Montgomery, Tracy Tucker, Todd Welch and all of my fellow ACA board members I have worked with over the years. I will miss this role but know you will be in good hands with my successor.

After our volunteer who helped with student outreach had to step down, I asked former President Mott Linn to take over this role temporarily. Like anything Mott does, he did it with gusto! Here is an update on how our student presentations fared this year:

This year ACA reached out to 31 archives education programs or their student chapters. We gave presentations to 16 of them and spoke to 136 students (plus those who saw it at remote sites or later from a recording). Those who gave presentations were Adriana Cuervo, CA (Rutgers), April Anderson, CA (Illinois), Ashley Todd-Diaz, CA (Emporia), Deborah Kloiber, CA (St. Catherine), Emily Dominick, CA (Washington), Jane Zhang, CA (Catholic), Janette Gomes, CA (Western Washington), Melissa Buchanan, CA (South Carolina), Rachel Hawkins, CA (Oklahoma), Anselm Huelsbergen, CA (Missouri), Dan DiLandro, CA (SUNY Albany), Louis Jones, CA (Wayne State), Mott Linn, CA (Clayton State, San Jose, and Simmons), and Trent Purdy, CA (Arizona). ACA thanks all of them for their help!

PLEASE NOTE: If you are in contact with an archives student group, please either let them know that ACA would like to do a presentation about becoming certified or tell the Regent for Outreach how to contact that group. Thank you.

Mott Linn



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### From the Regent for Nominations

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#### The Academy Welcomes New Board Members

The Academy of Certified Archivists welcomes a talented slate of new board members to its leadership team. Through their educational training, practical work experiences as archivists and their work with professional organizations, they are poised to make an invaluable contribution to the Academy's continued growth and development. Their term will begin at the conclusion of the business meeting and luncheon taking place Thursday, August 16 in Washington, D.C. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

The Academy of Certified Archivists is excited to have **Timothy Slavin, CA** serve as the organization's 28th Vice **President/President Elect.** His transition into this office will differ from others similarly situated, given that his predecessor, former



Vice President/President elect Gregor Trinkaus-Randall, resigned earlier in the year due to health reasons. More specifically, Slavin is slated to assume some of the responsibilities of ACA President sooner than usual, pending further discussion with the ACA board during its upcoming August meeting in Washington, D.C. His background and range of experiences demonstrate that he will be up to the challenge set before him. Slavin has served as state archivist for the Delaware Public Archives and Rhode Island State Archives, amongst other positions. His work within these institutions paved the way for his presidency of both the Council of State Archivists and National Association of Government Archivists and Records Administrators. A member of the Academy's 1989 inaugural class, Slavin's insights are enhanced by this longtime association with the organization. The compliment of these experiences will serve him – and the Academy – well, as he works with the Academy's board, secretariat and membership to advance the work it began in 1989 and will continue in general terms and in the context of the strategic planning process the Academy initiated last year.

Gerrianne Schaad, CA is returning to the board for her second term as its Treasurer. Her work as an archivist includes stints at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, Harvard

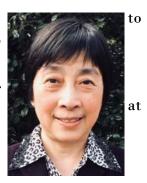


University, the University of Texas at San Antonio, amongst others. Currently, she is the Director of the McKay Archives at Florida Southern College where she has served since 2015. A member of the Academy since 1997, she has previously served as a member of the Academy's Nominating Committee, Examination Development Committee and Role Delineation Task Force. The insights acquired from these experiences, coupled with her work as Treasurer of the Society of Southwest Archivists laid a solid foundation for her first term as ACA Treasurer. The Academy will now benefit from the breadth of those experiences as she works with the board, secretariat and membership to continue the work she began two years ago.

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## **Regent for Nominations** (continued from previous page)

The Academy is fortunate welcome **Jane Zhang**, **CA** to serve as its next Regent for Examination Development. Dr. Zhang is on the faculty Catholic University, where she currently serves as an associate professor in the



Department of Library and Information Science. As an archival educator, she has a strong background in the archival literature, which will be useful as she assumes the work of this office. Archival positions at Harvard University and the University of Calgary have provided her practical experience in the field. She currently serves on SAA's Graduate Archives Subcommittee and has served on the Education Committee of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference in addition to holding memberships in other organizations. She has been a member of the Academy since 2004. Zhang is no stranger to the Examination Development Committee. For the past three years, she has served as one of its members, which has positioned her to lead this committee as its next regent.

The Academy is pleased to have **Dara Baker, CA** join the board as its next Regent for Outreach. She comes to this office having a diverse compliment of experiences, which will serve her well as she encour-



ages prospective members to join our ranks. Her work at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library, Naval Historical Collection at the U.S. Naval War College and, before then, at the Export-Import Bank of the United States coupled with her organizational experiences with the Society of American Archivists and Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference means that she will be bringing different perspectives to the office of Regent for Outreach. Baker began her tenure with the Academy in 2013. That she was selected as a member of the 2014 cohort of the Archives Leadership Institute demonstrates that she is well poised to make a meaningful contribution to the Academy in this leadership capacity.

The Academy welcomes Christina Zamon, CA as a member of the Organization's 2018-2019 Nominating Committee. Following her work as an archivist at the National Press Club and Emerson College, she is currently head of special collec-



tions at Georgia State University, where she has served since 2016. She has been a member of the Academy since 2005. With her organizational work with the Society of Georgia Archivists, Society of American Archivists and the New England Archivists, she has established a network that she will be able to leverage in her capacity as ACA nominating committee member. She will be joining Todd Welch and Cheryl Oestreicher to nominate the Academy's next Vice President/President Elect, Secretary, Regents for Examination Administration and Certification Maintenance in addition to a member of the Nominations Committee.

### From the Regent for Examination Development

Rebecca Hankins, CA Texas A&M University Libraries Cushing Memorial Library & Archives College Station, TX

The Academy of Certified Archivists is hosting a three-hour, Item -Writing Workshop being held at the Society of American Archivists' Annual Meeting



in Washington D.C. Participants will learn the procedures governing test development and will have the opportunity to write and review questions of their own. Questions resulting from the workshop will be reviewed by the Exam Development Committee for potential addition to the ACA item bank. The questions participants create could appear on a future exam! This year's item-writing workshop will focus on Domain 7: Professional, Ethical, and Legal Responsibilities.

The workshop will take place at the Washington DC. Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, August 16th, at the Park Tower 8209, from 2-5 pm. Where are they now?

Can you help us find the following people? They are current members for whom we have old e-mail addresses:

A.S. Elizabeth Fairfax, Coupeville WA

Jan Levinson Hebbard, Athens, GA

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