



## Trinkaus-Randall Elected 2010–2011 SAA Vice President

Gregor Trinkaus-Randall, preservation specialist at the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, was elected SAA vice president/president-elect in April. He begins a one-year term as vice president this August following the *Archives\*Records/DC 2010* conference and will then serve as SAA's 67th president in 2011–2012.

An SAA member since 1978, Trinkaus-Randall was named a Fellow in 2006. One of his initiatives is to expand SAA's efforts to reach out to traditionally underrepresented communities (e.g., Native Americans, African-Americans, and immigrants), including students, to develop a more diverse membership and leadership.

"I see this as the way to guarantee the survival and accessibility of cultural resources, particularly archival holdings, and the roles that they play in society," he says.

As technology issues have become more integral to the operations and holdings of organizations of all sizes, Trinkaus-Randall finds his experience and ability to engage different stakeholders as beneficial.

"SAA must work with national and regional cultural organizations—new and old—to build partnerships to broaden educational and training opportunities and to collaborate on initiatives to ensure the preservation of and access to collections," he says. As vice president, Trinkaus-Randall will succeed Helen Tibbo of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, who begins her term as SAA president this August.



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we make the  
greatest  
difference.**

## McCrea, Meissner, and Theimer Join SAA Council

Elected to the SAA Council for three-year terms (2010–2013) are Donna McCrea (University of Montana), Dennis Meissner (Minnesota Historical Society), and Kate Theimer ("ArchivesNext"). They will succeed outgoing Council members Bruce Ambacher (University of Maryland), Diane Vogt-O'Connor (Library of Congress), and Margery Sly (Presbyterian Church USA).

Below are excerpts from the newly elected members' candidate statements about making the Council's activities more transparent to membership.

### Donna McCrea

"As a Council member I would work with SAA staff to increase the amount of information available about Council's actions and decrease the time between Council meetings and the availability of minutes. Posting contact information for Council more prominently on the SAA website would be an easy starting point, but Council members should also be available in the areas where people are most comfortable communicating.

"SAA needs to do more to foster collaborations with colleagues in allied fields, and to keep archivists from the newest graduate to the most senior SAA Fellow interested and engaged in the issues facing the profession.

"Now is an especially exciting time to be an archivist and to be running for SAA Council, precisely because there is so much going on within our profession and so many reasons to be committed to information sharing and transparency."



### Dennis Meissner

"As in all organizations that represent large constituencies, SAA's members will become increasingly aware of most Council issues and inclinations as deliberations progress, and they will get a very complete picture as the issues are resolved.

"There are several things members can do to facilitate this transparency, and to remain informed and engaged: get familiar with the governance section of the website, which is rich in useful information; read the agendas for upcoming Council meetings (versions are published well in advance of meetings); read Council minutes, which are generally both exhaustive and posted in a timely manner; when you have questions or concerns about emerging issues and governance, contact a Council member; or, alternatively, contact a section, committee, or roundtable leader and get them to lean on Council."



## 2005–2010 VOTER PARTICIPATION



Year	Eligible Voters	Ballots Cast	Percentage of Voters
2010	5,157	1,279	24.8%
2009	5,326	1,177	22%
2008	4,437	997	22.5%
2007	4,088	1,017	24.9%
2006	3,677	1,077	29.3%
2005	3,358	928	27.5%



## Kate Theimer

"Recently, SAA explored using many of the new web tools often referred to as social media, such as Facebook and Twitter. SAA should expand on its use of social media tools to disseminate different kinds of information and to provide ways for mem-

bers to interact with the organization.

"I think it is important to use these new opportunities to supply more timely and in-depth information on issues of concern to members—such as SAA's involvement in the selection of a new Archivist of the United States, reactions to natural disasters, developing responses to upcoming legislation or records-related news stories, or the selection of Annual Meeting sites. SAA's use of new web tools to share information about Council activities should be part of a comprehensive communication strategy that also incorporates other goals such as promoting the profession and advocacy for archives funding."

## SAA Nominating Committee Welcomes Estorino, Evangelestia-Dougherty, and Shelstad

Joining the 2011 Nominating Committee are Maria Estorino (University of Miami), Tamar Evangelestia-Dougherty (University of Chicago), and Mark Shelstad (University of Texas at San Antonio). The committee, which will be chaired by Estorino, is responsible for identifying potential leaders within SAA.

Take a look at how the new Nominating Committee seeks to move the Society into the more diverse, technological, and interactive 21st century. Below are excerpts from their candidate statements.

### Maria Estorino



"Within SAA, there is so much energy and creativity in its Roundtables and Sections. I believe that among the folks mobilizing these groups are some of SAA's future leaders.

"To help foster a new cohort of leaders for the organization, we need to make conscious efforts to diversify our membership base

by proactively opening the Society to colleagues in allied professions. In my work, I find that I am increasingly reliant on colleagues outside of the archives to preserve, create access

to, and promote the resources in my repository: the metadata librarian, digital projects librarian, web developer, programmer, subject specialist, preservation administrator, and others. While they may not be 'archivists,' these colleagues are becoming more and more involved in the archives and are another potential group from which SAA can draw new leaders, and getting them to join the Society is the first step."

### Tamar Evangelestia-Dougherty

"I often find that the best talent in our organization evolves slowly through mentorship and creating a sense of belonging. We should inspire leadership through the nominating process. We should be more aggressive during the process by looking for 'hidden leaders.' Leadership can be expressed in many capacities through speaking, writing, teaching, advocacy, and outreach. It is not, however, always as visible or tangible as one would assume.

"Everyone knows a 'gentle giant archivist' working in their repository; a 'lone arranger' who writes dynamite grants; a state archivist in Alaska who longs to communicate his or her ideas on professional ethics to those of us in 'the lower 48'; or an archivist working part-time in a small college who creates brilliant outreach programs for community students. We can inspire leaders for the new generation of archivists through encouraging active leaders to mentor another leader and nominate that leader."



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### Mark Shelstad

"Matching new leaders with the right opportunity means clearly communicating expectations and commitments necessary to promote the goals of the organization as well as the profession. It is incumbent upon the Nominating Committee to ensure that

collectively it has reached out to cultivate a group of nominees who could have a mix of depth of experience, but are creative, imaginative, and generous with their time and experiences. This process can begin with SAA Roundtables and Sections and affiliated regional and professional associations, but the Nominating Committee must ensure that a transparent process matches opportunities for professional achievement with the specific needs of the organization." ❖