

Awards Committee Report
Fall 2021 Meeting
September 30, 2021

Custer

Brigette Kamsler

The Committee received twenty-two nominations, all digitally, for the Custer Award and has made the following selections:

The Arline Custer Memorial Award for Books goes to Mary Rizzo for her book, *Come and Be Shocked: Beyond John Waters and the Wire*.

Published by Johns Hopkins University Press in 2020, this book chronicles the history of Baltimore and how it has been represented from the 1950s through the early 21st century. Drawing heavily from local archival resources in the MARAC region, this book combines archival research with cultural texts to analyze how books, films, art and more have shaped our understanding of cities. As part of their work, the author worked with the Enoch Pratt Free Library in order to digitize the magazine *Chicory*. This publication featured poetry and artwork from working-class Black writers from Baltimore. The digitized magazine now offers a rare chance to hear the voices of people who are often excluded from the archival record.

The Custer Award for Articles goes to Frank Vitale for his article, “Counting Carlisle’s Casualties: Defining Student Death at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, 1879–1918” published in *The American Indian Quarterly*, Volume 44, Number 4, Fall 2020.

This article is the first peer-reviewed study of student mortality at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, the federal government’s first and flagship off-reservation boarding school for the education and assimilation of Native American youth. Archival collections from a variety of sources were used for the article. Its mixture of quantitative and qualitative source analysis provides diverse information on the history of death and trauma at Indian boarding schools, and offers new ways to recapture the student experience.

Distinguished Service

Jennie Levine Knies

DSA does not start its work until the beginning of the new year. We submitted an article to the Fall MAA about the award, and updated the nomination form on the MARAC website.

We will ask the MARAC Chair to advertise the award at the Business Meeting at Gettysburg.

Finding Aids

Tiffany Cole

The Finding Aids Award Committee completed its award cycle for the C. Herbert Finch Online Publication Award in early September. The committee received 14 submissions by the July 31 deadline. Five of the six committee members met September 9 to deliberate via Zoom and chose The Rosenbach's online exhibition "*I am an American!*": *The Authorship and Activism of Alice Dunbar-Nelson*.

Scholarship

Sheridan Sayles

The following people have been given travel awards to the Gettysburg meeting:

Joan Echtenkamp Klein (\$600)
- Jennifer Wachtel

Marcia Trimble (\$600)
- Taylor Mason

Karen Stuart (\$300)
- Tesa Burns

In addition to the named awards, Steering was able to provide funds of \$250 each to support travel awards for Chelsea Post, Lencia Beltran, and Allison Buser.

The deadline for the Graduate Scholarships is Oct 31 and we will start sharing information at the Gettysburg meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danna Bell
Awards Committee Chair

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The Communications Committee is composed of Heidi Abbey Moyer, Jodi Boyle, Kathleen Donahoe, Alex Japha, Michael Martin, Melissa Nerino, Lara Szypszak, Dana Dorman, Diane Wunsch, Carolyn Friedrich, and Molly Tighe. Sarah Ponichtera and Sara Predmore are ex-officio members.

Committee Assignments

Missy Nerino serves as MAA Editor, Lara Szypszak as MAA Assistant Editor, and Carolyn Friedrich as Advertising Editor. Technical Leaflets Editor-in-Chief Alex Japha serves alongside Technical Leaflets Editors Heidi Abbey and Diane Wunsch.

Jodi Boyle is continuing in the role as liaison between the Communications Committee and the MARAC 50th Anniversary Committee. Dana Dorman continues to serve as a liaison to the Occasional Lectures Series effort.

Molly Tighe and Michael Martin continue to serve in the roles of Co-chair. Kathleen Donahoe continues to serve in the role of Social Media Coordinator.

Members of the committee reviewed creating a Special Promotions Coordinator role to be responsible for promoting special projects, such as National History Day or Archives Month during a virtual meeting in August 2021. The committee decided against creating this position and tasks related to the promotion of Archives Month have been completed by the committee at large.

Mid-Atlantic Archivist (MAA)

The Fall 2021 (Vol. 50, No. 4) issue of MAA was distributed online on September 24, 2021. The issue was also shared on MARAC's social media channels highlighting several articles. Additional promotion for the issue will be shared on social media after the Gettysburg conference, promoting the DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion) aspects of the issue. A third blast highlighting Halloween images from the issue will be sent out at the end of October.

This issue marked the first with the new editorial team of Melissa Nerino (Editor), Lara Szypszak (Associate Editor), and Carolyn Friedrich (Advertising Editor). The three staff met on 9/21/2021 to discuss the fall issue, what worked, and what could be changed to improve workflow and increase advertisers.

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New advertising editor Carolyn Friedrich plans to meet with MARAC vendor coordinator Nick Zmijewski at the Gettysburg meeting to discuss advertising opportunities. Carolyn will additionally seek out new advertisers by researching similar organizations as well as some archives-adjacent organizations and upcoming events (related workshops or training opportunities) who may want to advertise in MAA.

Over the next six months the MAA staff plan on working on several initiatives. First, they are piloting the use of Airtable for managing content and timelines. Second, they are working on a Style Guide to help guide contributors and increase professionalism of its content. Third, the editorial team is working towards creating more dynamic content for MAA, including information on professional development in the archival field in each issue.

After the winter issue, the MAA team is additionally looking at polling its readers to find out what content is consumed and what is skipped over, and how MAA could be improved to increase open rates and readership. The MAA Team plans to use this information to help finetune the publication for MARAC's 50th anniversary.

Social Media

We had 13 blog posts, which were then shared on our Facebook and Twitter accounts.

On Facebook, we gained 8 new members in the group, for a new total of 719. There were 49 posts by the Social Media Coordinator and other MARAC members mostly focusing on the upcoming Gettysburg meeting and job/professional development opportunities.

On Twitter, we tweeted 30 times, gained 12 new followers for a new total of 923, were mentioned twice by other users, had 1,854 profile visits. Our tweets were seen more than 15.5K times, thanks to some attention from the American Historical Association and our sharing of survey information for an SAA committee.

Technical Leaflets/Practical Archivist: A Technical Leaflets Series

- A Call for Proposals was sent at the end of July. We received three responses, with topics including digitization best practices and web archiving. After the editorial board met, we decided to move forward with the leaflet proposal about web archiving and solicit further information from the other two proposals. Following our guidelines, the web archiving submissions will hopefully be published by the end of 2022.

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- An advertisement for the *Preserving Scrapbooks* leaflet was printed in the fall issue of the MAA along with our CFP. We still intend to advertise our leaflets more broadly among other conferences, consortia, and library networks.
- After a search for peer reviewers for the *Digitizing Brittle Newspaper* submission, two reviewers agreed to participate. Final editorial comments and publishing recommendations were received by the end of September. After discussion among the editorial board, we are recommending that the author add some material to address the concerns of one of the peer reviewers and alter the title to provide greater clarity as to the subject of the leaflet. The author will be sent the peer review feedback shortly.
- We still anticipate that the *Digitizing Brittle Newspaper* leaflet will be published by the end of 2021, marking our 2nd publication of the year.
- Heidi arranged for a table dedicated to the *Technical Leaflet Series* to be set up alongside registration at MARAC's Gettysburg conference. She is designing and printing posters and information sheets to be distributed among interested conference attendees. Heidi is also printing a physical copy of the *Preserving Scrapbooks* leaflet to be browsed at the conference. We plan on expanding such print advertising in the future, potentially with budget allocations from the Communications Committee.
- Heidi is starting the process to change the name of the *Technical Leaflet Series* with the U.S. ISSN Center. This name change is anticipated to coincide with MARAC's 50th anniversary celebrations in 2022.

Additional News

Jodi Boyle continues to serve as the Communications Committee's representative on the 50th Anniversary Committee. Boyle is serving on the Committee's MAA subcommittee with Lauren Brown and Joni Jones Floyd among other possible activities. Boyle has briefed the MAA editors on the subcommittee's plans. The subcommittee is planning to submit feature articles related to MARAC history to the MAA editors for each of the 2022 issues and may also submit shorter articles or sidebars if there is ample content. Boyle has also asked for historic MARAC images from the MARAC Archives which may be submitted and used for the winter 2022 and summer 2022 issue covers (assuming that the Harrisonburg and College Park LACs will wish to have their own images featured in the spring and fall issues.)

Respectfully submitted by
Michael Martin & Molly Tighe
MARAC Communications Committee Co-chairs

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Diversity and Inclusion Committee Report
September 2021

Date: September 28, 2021

To: Members of the MARAC Steering Committee

Re: Summary of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee Activities (July 2021-September 2021) for Fall Steering Committee Meeting, October 7, 2021

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee is comprised of the following members: Rayna Andrews (chair), Ali Zawoyski, Marci Bayer, and Kayla Hesin.

The committee conducted meetings virtually.

D&I session scholarship

We have received estimated expenses from the recipients of the session scholarship, “Using Community Collecting Projects and Partnerships to Increase the Diversity of Archival Holdings,” proposed by Christy Fic and colleagues at Shippensburg University and Ohio County Public Library. Their receipt of the scholarship will be noted in the program supplement and they will be recognized at the business meeting.

Resource page

A reminder that the D&I committee has a [resource list](#). Anyone can send articles or resources to the committee chair for inclusion in the list. The committee discussed the possibility of making it more accessible/finable for general membership by adding it to the “Resources” dropdown from the MARAC homepage. I submitted this request to the web team.

Future programming

The committee is interested in holding an informal, virtual “coffee chat” discussion to connect with membership and see where their interests lie in regards to future programming.

We are also exploring the possibility of a virtual bystander training workshop.

Respectfully submitted by Rayna Andrews (chair)

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MARAC Education Committee Report 30 Sept 2021

Activities

- Occasional Webinars continue to be developed
- Reminder that the Presentation Proposal Form is available under Workshops on the MARAC website

Upcoming Webinars

HVAC Webinar (Image Permanence Institute) November 17 – Instructor: Chris Cameron (IPI)

Spring 2022 Conference Workshops – Harrisonburg

Stabilization Techniques for Book Collections

Instructors: Jill Deiss, Bookbinder, Cat Tail Run Hand Bookbinding & Amy Sullivan, Preservation Librarian, George Mason University Libraries

On a Roll: Storage and Handling of Rolled, Oversized Paper Collections (hybrid)

Instructors: Amy Sullivan, Preservation Librarian, George Mason University Libraries & Jill Deiss, Bookbinder, Cat Tail Run Hand Bookbinding

Contacting other workshop instructors from Harrisonburg 2020

Task Force

Miriam Spectre is representing the Education Committee on the Online Education Technologies Task Force

Ongoing tasks:

- Developing webinars
- Developing guidelines for Zoom workshops/webinars
- MARAC Archives Institute – mission and overview
- Investigate technical leaflets as webinar series
- Workshop instructors' contracts finalized
- Investigate on-demand webinar resource platform (Vimeo or Youtube) – potential for passive revenue stream and continuing ed points for participants.

Respectfully submitted:

Colleen Bradley-Sanders, Co-Workshop Coordinator

Melissa Erlandson

Karolina Lewandowska

Elliot McNally, Chair

Miriam Spectre

Elizabeth Wilkinson, Co-Workshop Coordinator

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Membership Committee Report
October 7, 2021

Membership

- Vicki Russo, Chair
- Theresa Altieri Taplin
- Kevin Delinger, member Archival Education Outreach Subcommittee
- Sierra Green, member Archival Education Outreach Subcommittee
- Pam McClanahan, member Archival Education Outreach Subcommittee
- Jordan Patty
- Alexandra Schlomer, member Archival Education Outreach Subcommittee
- Liza Zakharova
- Christie Lutz, coordinator Mentoring Subcommittee
- Diane Biunno, member Mentoring Subcommittee, member Online Education Logistics Task Force

Progress and News

- The first meeting of this iteration of the Membership Committee occurred on August 19, 2021.
- Dianne Biunno joined the newly formed MARAC Online Education Logistics Task Force as the Membership Committee's representative.
- The Archival Education Outreach Subcommittee was formed and includes Pam McClanahan, Sierra Green, Kevin Delinger, and Alex Schlomer. This committee will continue the work that was started in 2018/2019 and interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The committee will address a process for recruiting MARAC members to be outreach liaisons to institutions within the MARAC region that have programs for Library Science and Archives.

Mentoring Subcommittee

- No new updates since the July 2021 report.

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Nominations and Elections Committee
Report September 27, 2021

The Nominations and Elections Committee consists of: Monica Hurd, Caitlin Rizzo, Joe Schill, Liz Scott, and Heather Perez (chair).

The Nominations and Elections Committee began soliciting nominations on September 9. We posted a message to the MARAC listserv, to the general MARAC Facebook page, and on the MARAC Twitter. We ask all caucus reps to forward the email or share the announcement on their caucus social media. We also personally emailed all members who expressed interest in running for office on their membership renewal form.

As of September 27, we have received 17 nominations. (Numbers total more than 17, as some people expressed interest in more than one position.)

Officers:

- Chair-Elect, 2-year term
- Treasurer, 2-year term

Caucus Representatives (1 opening for each position, 2-year terms)

- Delaware
- Maryland - 1 candidate
- New Jersey
- New York - 1 candidate
- Pennsylvania
- Virginia
- Washington, DC
- West Virginia

Committees:

- Awards Committee Chair, 3-year term (1 position available) - 1 candidate
- Arline Custer Memorial Award Committee, 3-year term (2 positions available) - 3 candidates
- Distinguished Service Award Committee, 2-year term (1 position available)
- Finding Aids Award Committee, 3-year term (2 positions available) - 7 candidates
- Nominations and Elections Committee, 1-year term (3 positions available) - 2 candidates
- Scholarship Committee, 3-year term (2 positions available) - 5 candidates

To fill out the slate more, we plan to continue to reach out to groups and colleagues through upcoming caucus meetings, emails, and in person at the MARAC Gettysburg meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Perez