

Report of the Arline Custer Memorial Award Committee  
Steering Committee Meeting Report  
October 25, 2012

The Custer Awards Committee is pleased to announce the 2012 award recipients.

The Arline Custer Memorial Award for Books goes to Maurice Isserman for *On the Hill: A Bicentennial History of Hamilton College, 1812-2012*.

The 388-page book, filled with images drawn largely from the Hamilton College Archives, provides a detailed, compellingly written story of the college's history.

The Arline Custer Memorial Award for Articles goes to Edward A. Galloway for "Guyasuta: Warrior, Estate, & Home to Boy Scouts."

The article, published in the Winter 2011-2012 issue of *Western Pennsylvania History* magazine, describes a Boy Scout camp in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania - the history of its land, who occupied it, and improvements made over the years.

The C. Herbert Finch Online Publication Award goes to the Virginia Historical Society for "Unknown No Longer: A Database of Virginia Slave Names."

Within the site are numerous scanned documents that collectively help tell the stories of African Americans who have lived in Virginia over the centuries. The database seeks to lift from the obscurity of unpublished historical records as much biographical detail as remains of the enslaved Virginians named in those documents.

The Committee received eight nominations for the Custer Award and thirteen nominations for the Finch Award.

The Excel spreadsheet model was used for scoring nominations as had been done last year, and it proved to be a useful tool once again.

Physical copies of recent Committee reports, as well as the latest version of the Arline Custer Memorial Award Committee Handbook, will be passed on to the next Senior Co-Chair of the Committee for continuity and reference purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Gardner  
Senior Co-Chair  
Custer Committee

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**To: MARAC STEERING COMMITTEE**

**FROM: MARIANNE KASICA, CHAIR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**RE: DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – OCTOBER 19, 2012**

The Treasurer reported to me that the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scholarship Program Challenge has gotten \$1951 from 57 individual contributors and \$1200 from two corporate contributors. This challenge is being matched by a “MARAC Angel” for individual contributions up to \$2000.

During the membership renewal period we have had the following contributions:

Education Endowment – \$765

Disaster Assistance – \$723

C. Herbert Finch Award – \$80

General Operating – \$285

As reported previously, the Development and Finance Committees are considering alternate investment vehicles for the endowment monies but no further work has been done on that.

**MARAC**  
**Distinguished Service Award Committee Report**  
**Steering Committee Meeting**  
**Richmond, Virginia**  
**October 25, 2012**

**Membership**

- Danna Bell-Russel, Chair
- Lauren Brown, MARAC Archivist
- Beth Alvarez
- Amy Schindler

**Progress**

- The Distinguished Service Award will be presented at the spring meeting in Erie, Pennsylvania. The deadline for nominations would normally be February 16, 2013 but since that is a Saturday should we change the deadline to the 18<sup>th</sup>?
- Nominations will be accepted any time up until the deadline.
- We will put an article in the next issue of the Mid-Atlantic Archivist and will also send announcements via the MARAC e-list. We would appreciate it if the Caucus Representatives would take a few minutes at their meetings to promote the award.

**MARAC Education Committee Report**  
**Brian Keough, October 10, 2012**

**Fall 2012 conference travel awards**

The following individuals were selected for travel awards to attend the fall 2012 conference in Richmond, October 25-27, 2012:

Elizabeth Caringola \$400	Stephanie Bricking \$250	Jennifer Matthews \$250
Anna Clarkson \$400	Kelsey Conway \$250	Justine Rothbart \$250
Emily Cottle \$400	Jarret Drake \$250	Heather Schumacher \$250
Catherine Hardman \$400	Sarah Haug \$250	Nicole Topich \$250
Molly Schwartz \$400	Anu Kasarabada \$250	
Heather Slania \$400	Ja-Zette Mashburn \$250	

**Leonard Rapport Modern Archives Institute Scholarship.**

The scholarship covers the tuition, and up to \$600 in travel expenses with demonstration of need, a submitted budget, and receipts. For this scholarship, an individual must currently be employed in the MARAC region in an archival or archives-related position. Applicants should submit a resume; a cover letter including a statement of the expected benefits of attending the Institute; and two letters of recommendation from persons having knowledge of the applicant's work and qualifications. **DEADLINES:** Applications for the winter Institute scholarship should be received no later than **November 15, 2012**; the recipient will be notified by December 15. All scholarship applications should be sent by email to the current chair of the MARAC Education Committee by the deadlines listed: Brian Keough, University at Albany, [bkeough@albany.edu](mailto:bkeough@albany.edu)

**Upcoming Workshops**

The Education Committee has organized the following workshops, which are eligible for Academy of Certified Archivist re-certification credit. To register for any of our upcoming workshops, please go to:

<http://www.marac.info/workshops>

- ***\*Archival Instruction: Promoting Collections, Information Literacy and Collaboration***

**December 6, 2012**

**Location:** Johnson Center Library Instruction Room, George Mason University

**Instructors:** Jason Byrd, History and Political Science Liaison Librarian, George Mason University; Leah Richardson, University of Chicago

- ***Copyright Fundamentals for Archivists and Librarians***

**February/March 2013**

**Location:** Dover, Delaware

**Instructor:** Peter Hirtle, Senior Policy Advisor, Digital Scholarship and Preservation Services, Cornell University Libraries

**Past workshops - 2012**

***\*Copyright Fundamentals for Archivists and Librarians***

**September 18, 2012**

**Location:** University at Albany, SUNY

**Instructor:** Peter Hirtle, Senior Policy Advisor, Digital Scholarship and Preservation Services, Cornell University Libraries

Workshop Fee: \$85

Attendees: 24 paid, 3 COMP

***\*Project Management for Archival Processing, July 25, 2012***

Hornbake Library, University of Maryland, College Park

Instructor: Vincent Novara, Curator for Special Collections in Performing Arts at the Michelle Smith Performing Arts Library at the University of Maryland

Workshop Fee: \$85

Attendees: 29 paid, 3 COMP

***\*Successful Archival Outreach and Reference Service for Middle and High School Students, July 12, 2012***

U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, 950 Soldiers Dr. Carlisle, PA

Instructors: Andrea Reidell, Education Specialist, NARA Philadelphia; Matt Herbison, Archivist, Drexel University; Doris Malkmus, Archivist, Penn State University

Workshop Fee: \$60

Attendees: 10 paid

***Managing Electronic Records, June 15, 2012***

Lawrenceville School, Lawrenceville, NJ

Instructor: Geof Huth

Workshop Fee: \$95

Attendees: 23 paid, 3 COMP

***Job Hunting Skills, May 8-9, 2012***

Smithsonian, Washington, DC

Instructor: Arlene Schmuland

Workshop Fee: \$85

Attendees: 19 paid, 2 COMP

***More Product, Less Process (MPLP), May 1-2, 2012***

Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia, PA

Instructors: Holly Mengel and Courtney Smerz

Workshop Fee: \$150

Attendees: 13 paid, 2 COMP

***Encoded Archival Description (EAD), When: March 5, 2012***

Alexander Library, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

Instructor: Lara Nicosia, Rochester Institute of Technology

Workshop Fee: \$85

Attendees: 21 paid, 3 COMP

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**TO: MARAC STEERING COMMITTEE**

**FROM: ARIAN D. RAVANBAKSH, CHAIR, ELECTRONIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**RE: ELECTRONIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT – FALL 2012**

Submitted to the Steering Committee for the meeting on Thursday, October 25, 2012 in Richmond, VA.

## **Committee Membership**

No changes to report.

## **Work of the ERC**

While the ERC did not formally meet this past quarter, work continued on the MARAC/DRUM initiative, thanks largely to the efforts of committee member (and Richmond Program Committee Co-Chair) Joanne Archer.

- 1) As discussed at the last Steering committee, tweaks have been made to the deposit agreement with DRUM to indicate that deposits in DRUM are made with MARAC instead of the University of Maryland. A copy of this current agreement is attached at the end of my report.
- 2) The Richmond Program Committee will actively be soliciting presentations from this meeting for inclusion into DRUM. After the meeting, ERC will work on finalizing the procedures and share them with MCC for future meetings.
- 3) The MARAC “homepage” in DRUM is: <http://hdl.handle.net/1903/12510> The page for the Richmond meeting is <http://hdl.handle.net/1903/12512> and already includes the program for the meeting at <http://hdl.handle.net/1903/13295>

## **Issues for Steering**

None at this time



**DRUM**

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Signature

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Date

Finding Aids Committee Report  
MARAC Steering Committee Meeting  
Richmond, VA

October 25, 2012

The Finding Aids section of the website has been updated with the Call for Submissions to reflect this year's December 31, 2012 deadline. A Call for Submissions will also be emailed to membership and posted to the SAA listserv.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Macondray, Chair

**MARAC**  
**Membership Committee Report**  
**Steering Committee Meeting**  
**Richmond, VA (Conference)**  
**October 2012**

**Membership**

- Carolina Palacios, Chair
- Sara Borden
- Diana Hevener
- John Legloahec
- Laurie Rizzo – Secretary
- Rachel Rohrbaugh
- Laurie Thomas

**Progress**

- Survey was completed by 356 members. In process of creating charts/graphs to present results at Richmond steering.
- Working on design for the \$35 off coupon for education workshops for new members. Plan on presenting these at the 2013 conference.
- Welcome Letter from the MARAC chair completed and sent to members.

Submitted by  
Carolina Palacios



## **REPORT TO THE MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL ARCHIVES CONFERENCE--THE NATIONAL COALITION FOR HISTORY**

(Prepared by Lee White, Executive Director, October 17, 2012)

**I would like to thank the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference for its continued and generous support of the National Coalition for History.** Here are some highlights of the activities NCH has been engaged in over the past few months.

Not surprisingly, Congress postponed addressing a host of controversial issues before leaving to campaign. Because of the party conventions and the election, Congress has not been in session since July except for one week in September. So there is not a great deal of legislative activity to report on. Some issues, such as the budget, will have to be addressed during a post-election lame-duck session. But major issues, such as reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, will be postponed until next year.

**Congress was unable to finalize a budget for FY 2013 when the new fiscal year began on October 1, 2012.** Congress passed a Continuing Resolution (CR) at the end of September that provides funding to keep the federal government operating until March 27, 2013. **Federal programs remain funded at the FY '12 level.**

The CR, however, does not address the Budget Control Act, passed by Congress and signed by the President in 2011 as part of a deal to raise the federal debt ceiling. Under current law, sequestration would take effect on January 2, 2013, with across-the-board cuts of at least 8.2% to non-defense discretionary agencies and programs. This would affect agencies of primary concern to the archival community such as the National Archives, National Historical Publications and Records Commission, the National Endowment for the Humanities, etc. How a lame-duck session of Congress addresses this looming fiscal disaster of course depends on the outcome of the election in a few weeks.

Nonetheless, NCH has been involved a number of important issues the past few months. Here are highlights of two major efforts the Coalition has been engaged in recently.

### **1. Closure of the Georgia State Archives**

Last month, Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp announced he was closing the State Archives to the public on November 1 due to across-the-board budget cuts mandated by Governor Nathan Deal.

On September 21, the National Coalition for History (NCH) sent letters to the Governor and Secretary of State opposing the budget cuts, denial of public access to the Archives, and the laying off seven of the Archives' ten employees. NCH also urged the Governor to provide sufficient funding to keep the archives open to the public 5 days per-week and to rehire the employees that were terminated. <http://historycoalition.org/advocacy/live-pages/action-alert-help-save-the-georgia-state-archives/>

At a September ceremony signing a proclamation ironically declaring October "Archives Month" in Georgia, Governor Deal shocked everyone in attendance by announcing he was going to keep the State Archives "open." However, advocates in Georgia remain very concerned that despite the Governor's commitment to keep the Archives "open," his definition of what "open" means and where the funding is coming from remains nebulous. NCH's letter reflected these concerns and urged the Governor to clarify his plans to keep the Archives open and to follow through on his public statement.

Public pressure put on the Governor by archivists, historians and other stakeholders garnered a great deal of media coverage and clearly motivated Deal's commitment to keep the Archive's open. NCH remains in contact with the Council of State Archivists and the Society of American Archivists so that we can coordinate our activities and respond to requests from the archival supporters in Georgia for advocacy assistance.

## **2. Release of CIA History on the Bay of Pigs Invasion**

The National Coalition for History (NCH) recently joined twelve other history and archival organizations, in requesting a Federal appeals court to review a lower court ruling that would prohibit the release of CIA records pertaining to the Bay of Pigs invasion that occurred over fifty years ago. If upheld, the decision could have a potentially chilling effect on historians, political scientists, academics and researchers gaining access to CIA files.

<http://historycoalition.org/advocacy/live-pages/nch-letter-to-federal-court-of-appeals-seeking-review-of-foia-decision/>

The National Security Archive sued the CIA to declassify the full "Official History of the Bay of Pigs Operation." However, a U.S. District Court judge sided with the Agency's efforts to keep the last volume of the report secret in perpetuity. In her ruling, Judge Gladys Kessler accepted the CIA's legal arguments that, because Volume V was a "draft" and never officially approved for inclusion in the Agency's official history, it was exempt from declassification under the "deliberative process privilege" of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) despite having been written over 30 years ago.

In asking the Federal Appeals court for a full hearing, the NCH letter notes the precedential impact of this case could have devastating consequences on future access to records and materials for research, especially in the areas of national security, foreign relations, military

history and presidential history. In addition, the district court's decision could have a chilling effect on access to historical materials at other federal agencies, which could rely on the district court's overly broad interpretation of exemption 5 to deny similar FOIA requests in the future.

Tom Blanton, the Executive Director of the National Security Archive, sent me an update on the case last week saying, "Your wonderful letter definitely had an impact on the government, which claimed in its brief that including such a letter as an attachment, as our lawyers did, was unheard of. But the court accepted our brief and the letter. The Government asked for summary affirmance of the denial; our brief and your letter argued no; the court will decide that within weeks."

### **3. Recent News From Washington**

Below is a summary of some recent developments in Washington of interest to the archival community. These were reported on in the National Coalition for History's newsletter. I've included the lead paragraph and link to the stories if you are interested in learning more.

- a) **National Archives Issues New Fee Structure for Reproduction of Materials:**  
The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) recently issued an amended fee schedule for reproduction of archival materials in National Archives facilities nationwide. The new fee schedule went into effect October 1, 2012.  
<http://historycoalition.org/2012/09/21/national-archives-issues-new-fee-structure-for-reproduction-of-materials/>
- b) **Overhaul of Federal Record-Keeping Ordered by National Archives and OMB**  
On August 24, a major overhaul in the way federal departments and agencies manage and preserve their records was ordered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).  
<http://historycoalition.org/2012/08/30/overhaul-of-federal-record-keeping-ordered-by-national-archives-and-omb/>
- c) **Library of Congress Unveils New Public Legislative Information System**  
The Library of Congress, in collaboration with the U.S. Senate, House of Representatives and the Government Printing Office (GPO), recently unveiled Congress.gov, a new public beta site for accessing free, fact-based legislative information. Congress.gov, at beta.congress.gov, eventually will replace the public THOMAS system and the congressional Legislative Information System (LIS).  
<http://historycoalition.org/2012/09/21/library-of-congress-unveils-new-public-legislative-information-system/>

**MARAC  
Nominations and Elections Committee  
Fall Steering Committee (Richmond, VA)  
Submitted: October 18, 2012**

**Membership:**

Casey Babcock  
Kira Dietz, Chair  
Jeff Moy  
Jennifer Neumyer  
Paige Newman

**Finding Aids Award Committee**

The Nominations and Elections Committee was consulted regarding the potential change in workload, should the Finding Aids Award Committee become an elected committee, rather than an appointed one. Concerns raised by committee members were more about whether there was a need to make the committees consistent or the difficulty in changing the by-laws.

Nominations and Elections Committee members were divided on main issue: the potential difficulty of having to solicit an additional two candidates per year for the Finding Aids Award. Some felt it would be a burden and other felt it would not result in addition work for future committees.

Since the changes to the by-laws have already been suggested by the Structure of Awards Committee, it seems a reasonable recommendation to pursue the change to the Finding Aids Award Committee.

**Upcoming Elections**

Following the Richmond meeting, the Nominations & Elections Committee expects to begin soliciting candidates for the 2013 offices and committees.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kira A. Dietz  
Chair, Nominations and Elections Committee

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To: MARAC Steering Committee

From: David Rose; Chair, Outreach Committee

Re: Outreach Committee Report; October 25, 2012

There is no news to report at this time, other than a reminder about submissions to the blog:

## **MARAC Blog**

The blog is up and running, and as before, I wish to urge all members of the Steering Committee to submit items for the blog at least once per year, but as often as you wish. Your participation is essential. Please contribute!

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**Publications Committee Report  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Richmond, VA  
October 25, 2012**

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The MAA, Vol. 41, No. 3 (Summer 2012) was issued in mid August. The deadline for the Winter Issue is December 1.

**Technical Leaflets**

Ilhan Citak has updated the WorldCat entries for the Technical Leaflets and they are now linked to the MARAC site.

Bill Carpenter (NARA) reports that he is still working on expanding his draft of Technical Leaflet #7 (identifying and handling classified documents) and is planning on incorporating images.

Mary Mannix has a draft of Technical Leaflet #12 which is on conducting a reference interview.

Leah Richardson & Jason Byrd are drafting their leaflet on instruction and outreach using primary sources.

Dale Patterson is also at the draft stage with his leaflet on religious archives.

**Publication Sales**

July 1 to September 30: No sales reported during this period.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharmila Bhatia  
Chair, Publications Committee