



ACA News

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President's Message

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I'm looking forward to the Annual Business Meeting to be held in San Diego, California, in conjunction with the Society of American Archivists annual meeting. The meeting/luncheon will be held on Thursday, August 9, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. This year has been a busy one for Academy business, as four task forces have been hard at work addressing various significant pressing issues and questions

One group looked at ACA's expiring contract with Capitol Hill Management Company of Albany, New York, and made recommendations for improvements in the proposed contract submitted to the Academy by CapHill. Thanks to that group, the board had the information it needed to renew the contract, comfortably in advance of the current contract's expiration.

Another task force helped the Academy solidify guidelines for presenting the Legacy Travel Award, formerly the Class of 1989 Professional Development Award. To document the origins of the award, the group recommended to included language in the award's description that would link the new name to the original one, a step necessary to keep the "legacy" of generosity from the Class of 1989 visible within this award process. (By the way, contributions to this award are happily accepted.)

We now know much more about the composition of the Academy's item bank (the pool of questions from which the certification test is

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built) thanks to the task force charged with analyzing one of ACA's most valuable resources (I'd contend that its members are the most valuable!). Though analysis is ongoing at this point, details have emerged that illuminate how the items are distributed across the Role Delineation Statement. This knowledge, coupled with the group's final report, which will include whether any knowledge and task statements have too few items, will inform how the Examination Development Committee moves forward with its work of creating the certification exam, a task which remains the quintessence of ACA's mission. Finally, the fourth task force continues its work on questions of diversity as it relates to ACA—How and what can ACA contribute to the issue of diversity in the larger profession? What language might ACA adopt to reflect a commitment to diversity? Who are our members and in what way can we discover how diverse is the Academy? Look to the fall issue of this newsletter for continuing information on these efforts.

I want to extend my congratulations to the incoming officers. Without a doubt, the Academy will be in excellent shape moving forward, with Margery Sly, CA (VP/President-Elect), Todd Welch, CA (Treasurer), Tomaro Taylor, CA (Regent for Examination Development), Courtney Chartier, CA (Regent for Outreach), and Helen Wong Smith, CA (Nominating Committee member). I'd like to thank the outgoing officers and regents: Mott Linn, CA who has been an outstanding treasurer for the Academy; Regent for Outreach, Louis Jones, CA whose work with student chapters has put the Academy in front of a large pool of prospective members; Regent

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ACA Officers

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Regent for Outreach (2010-12)	Louis E. Jones, Ph.D., CA Wayne State University, Walter P. Reuther Library Detroit, Michigan
Immediate Past President & Regent for Nominations (2011-12)	Pam Hackbart-Dean, CA Southern Illinois University Morris Library Carbondale, Illinois
Chair, Nominating Committee (2011-12)	Tara Zachary Laver, CA Louisiana State University Special Collections Libraries Baton Rouge, LA

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for Examination Development Mary Elizabeth Ruwell, CA who has masterfully managed the complex process of building an exam and an item bank; Regent for Nominations Pam Hackbart Dean, CA and Chair of the Nominating Committee Tara Zachary Lavar, CA who, with other members of the Nominating Committee, assembled a wonderful slate of candidates.

I've enjoyed working with this group and working on behalf of the Academy members this year, and I relish the opportunity to find candidates for next year as Regent for Nominations. I invite members to let me or Mat Darby, CA (Chair of the Nominating Committee) know if you wish to serve or if you want to nominate someone. This coming year's ballot will include VP/President Elect, Secretary, Regent for Certification Maintenance, and Regent for Exam Administration, as well as a Nominating committee member.

As I move toward handing the ceremonial gavel over to Vice President, Laura McLemore, CA, I'll encourage all to consider this: be an advocate for the Academy and for archives in general, consider mentoring students and new professionals, and wear your "CA," because you are the best outreach resource the Academy has!

Brenda Gunn, CA

Lacher-Feldman is 2012 Legacy Travel Award Recipient

The Academy of Certified Archivists is pleased to present the 2012 Legacy Travel Award to Jessica Lacher-Feldman, CA. A certified archivist since 2001, Jessica is Curator of Rare Books and Special Collections/Associate Professor at the W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library at The University of Alabama. Jessica currently serves as co-chair of the ACA Task for on Diversity

Jessica teaches as an adjunct professor of Archives in the University of Alabama's School of Library and Information Studies. She holds an undergraduate degree in French Studies, a Master's Degree in History and an MLS from the University at Albany in Albany, New York.

The Legacy Travel Award was established by the Academy to foster participation in ACA events by its members; to encourage professional development and thus certification maintenance; and to support the development of potential new Academy leaders from among the membership. Jessica will attend the ACA Annual Business meeting on August 9, 2012 in San Diego, California. Look for an article by Jessica in an upcoming issue of the *ACA Newsletter*.



ACA Member Trinkaus-Randall Receives Preservation Award

CHICAGO – The ALCTS PARS committee for the George Cunha and Susan Swartzburg Preservation Award has selected Gregor Trinkaus-Randall as the 2012 recipient. Mr. Trinkaus-Randall will receive a citation and an award of \$1,250 sponsored by Hollinger Metal Edge.

Gregor's accomplishments in preservation outreach, over a career of more than 30 years, are impressive and highly regarded in the library and archival profession. An important player on the national preservation scene for many, many

Gregor Trinkaus-Randall



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In Memoriam



Michael Nash,
CA,
1946-2012

Submitted by Re-
gent for
Outreach, Louis
Jones, PhD, CA

Family, friends and colleagues are mourning the passing of **Michael Nash**. Michael was the director of New York University's Tamiment Library & Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives, an historian, archivist, and a founding member of the Academy of Certified Archivists. He passed on July 24 from a massive coronary after recovering from a lengthy illness. Our hearts go out to his family and friends during what must be a difficult moment.

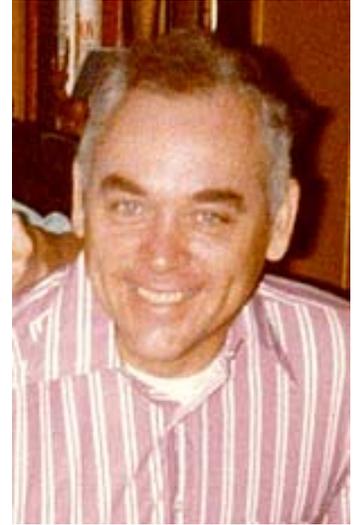
Up until the time of his passing, he served as director of the Tamiment Library where he enhanced its reputation and standing in the archival community and with those scholars who relied on its collections as the basis of their research. Previously, he served for numerous years as chief curator of the library collections for the Hagley Museum and Library. He was one of the few archivists who obtained both a doctorate in history and masters in library science, providing him with the insights and technical training that positioned him to make an important contribution to the archival field.

Speaking more personally, I had known Michael Nash for upwards of 20 years. My association with him first came as his student in a sequence of classes he taught in archival management at the University of Delaware where he introduced me to the meaning of provenance and original file order amongst many other ar-

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Dr. Charles R.
Schultz, CA,
1935-2012

The Academy mourns the loss of Charles Roy Schultz, a former ACA President and Distinguished Service Award recipient. Charles died on July 26, 2012 in College Station, Texas.



Charles earned his undergraduate degree from Texas Lutheran University and left Texas to pursue an MLIS at Ohio State. He went on to receive a Ph.D from Bowling Green University. Early in his archival career, Charles worked at the Ohio Historical Society and at the Mystic Seaport Museum. Returning to Texas, Charles established the university archives at Texas A&M University in 1971, and advanced to become the Clements Professor, Clements Archivist, and Director of Records Management at the University's Cushing Library. After a decorated and distinguished archival career, Charles retired in 2009.

In addition to serving ACA in its highest office, Charles was a former President of the Society of Southwest Archivists, editor of *The American Archivist*, and Fellow of the Society of American Archivists. He leaves behind countless archivists who remember him fondly as a colleague, mentor, and advisor.



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chival concepts. His movement from the Hagley to the Tamiment meant that our lives would cross as labor archivists, which is what I had become following my training at the University of Delaware. He provided recommendations for me, asked that I serve on a panel with him, shared his insights about what he saw in my career and, more recently, counseled me about my work on a search committee. To this day, I am convinced that his persistence in advocating for a paid internship I ultimately received is the chief reason why I obtained that opportunity, which led to many others I may not otherwise have had.

During the course our relationship, I not only learned of his intellect, interests, ambitions and resolve, but also of his generosity and kindness. Michael possessed these qualities in abundance. That said, my own interactions with him will never compare to the part he played in the lives of others, particularly his family. I know I will not be alone in keeping them in my thoughts and prayers. He'll certainly be missed by them and others for what he gave of himself in a life, though full, was lost much sooner than what we would have wanted. May he rest in peace.



Online Tools

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<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?mostPopular=&gid=1799847>

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years through his collaboration with national organizations, he currently serves as the 2011-2012 president of the Society of American Archivists. As president he was instrumentally involved in coordinating the organization's response to Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Rita and Hurricane Wilma. He has presented hundreds of workshops throughout Massachusetts and beyond as preservation specialist for the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. He developed a program to bring environmental monitoring devices to libraries to analyze data and, along with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, set up a communications network with libraries and cultural institutions to respond to area-wide emergencies. This pilot effort has gained recognition for his agency as a national model for emergency planning.

This award was created to honor these two leaders in preservation and collaboration, and Gregor is an outstanding example of just such an individual. He has extended the reach of preservation understanding across a state with many small cultural institutions from libraries to archives to museums, and has been instrumental in expanding his preservation knowledge through a wider network of like-minded colleagues across the country. He has greatly impacted the field of preservation throughout his long career.

The Preservation and Reformatting Section (PARS) of the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) will present the award on Sunday, June 24th, at the ALCTS Awards Ceremony during the 2012 American Library Association Annual Conference in Anaheim, Calif.

Established in 2007, the award honors the memory of George Cunha and Susan Swartzburg, early leaders in cooperative preservation programming and strong advocates for collaboration in the field of preservation. The award acknowledges and supports cooperative preservation projects and/or rewards individuals or groups that foster collaboration for preservation goals.

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ACA Honors Martin Levitt with Distinguished Service Award

The Academy of Certified Archivists (ACA) will present the Distinguished Service Award, the association's highest honor, to Dr. Martin Levitt at the annual business meeting to be held in San Diego, California, on August 9, 2012. The Distinguished Service Award is bestowed on individuals by ACA and acknowledges extraordinary services rendered to the Academy by its members. The award was established by the Academy's Board of Regents in 2002 and is conferred annually.



Martin Levitt in Stacks (Photo courtesy of Martin Levitt)

Described as an “Archivist’s Archivist, the Academician’s Academician,” by one of his nominators, Dr. Martin Levitt, CA has pursued a dual career as a library administrator and educator. Since 1986, Marty has been on staff of the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia, where he ascended to the Director of the Library position in 2003. As an educator, Marty teaches in Temple University’s Department of History, where he advanced to full Professor in 2000. Levitt is a founding member of the Academy, and has served in numerous capacities: member of the Examination Development Committee, Regent for Exam Administration, and President (2008-09).

In 2011, Marty won a Fulbright Specialist position to help open the first public library in Rwanda, the Kigali Public Library. Previously, Marty earned a Fulbright to the UK where he was a lecturer of American Studies at the University of East Anglia. Marty is an inductee of several honorary societies, including Phi Beta Mu and Phi Alpha Theta. In 2010, Marty was elected to the American Philosophical Society.

Among other service activities, Marty is a member of the advisory Board of the Wagner Free Institute of Science, and is a consultant to a 12-institution consortium in Chicago (the Chicago Collections Collaborative). He helped found, and serves on the Board of the Philadelphia Area Center for the History of Science, and serves on the Executive Board of the Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries. He has also served on the Board of Trustees of the Balch Institute of Ethnic Studies and was a consultant to the Digital Image Archive of Eugenics in Cold Spring Harbor, NY. Marty has served on the Board of the David Library of the American Revolution; is a past Chair of the Archival Educator’s Roundtable of the Society of American Archivists; is a past member of the Fulbright Fellowship Review and Selection Committee for UK, Canada, and Ireland; and is a frequent speaker at history workshops, seminars, and professional meetings.

His nominator noted that throughout his work as archivist and educator, Marty makes “the role of the archivist attractive, expansive, and inclusive, as well as understandable to the world at large.” Marty’s efforts on behalf of the Academy of Certified Archivists have made this organization an improved one. Congratulations to Martin Levitt on receiving the Distinguished Service Award for 2012!

Editor's Endpaper

ACA 2012 Election Report

The Nominating Committee included Mat Darby, CA, Pam Hackbart-Dean, CA and Tara Laver, CA (chair). The committee engaged the services of *Survey Monkey*. This year, 537 members voted electronically and 4 voted by paper ballot out of 1065 ballots sent. This was a 48.9% voter response rate. (For reference, 564 voted electronically in 2011 and 443 voted electronically in 2010).

Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to everyone who was willing to run and make the offer of service to the Academy, and to everyone who voted. Also huge thanks Tara and Matt who did an outstanding job on nominations this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Hackbart-Dean, CA

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Todd Welch, CA

Regent for Examination Development

Tomaro Taylor, CA

Regent for Outreach

Courtney Chartier, CA

Nominating Committee member

Helen Wong Smith, CA

Wear your CA with pride!

You're proud to be a Certified Archivist, right? Now you can show off your credential with an ACA polo shirt!

We will start selling the new ACA polo shirt (see below) at next week's Society of American Archivists meeting in San Diego. The cost is \$20.00 and they can be purchased at the ACA booth in the registration area; the shirts (100% cotton) come in Small, Medium, Large, X-Large and XX-Large. Please note that we are unable to accept credit card payments for shirts.

If you aren't going to be at SAA or would like to order your shirt, we will be taking orders at the ACA office beginning August 20. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the ACA office (518-694-8471 or aca@caphill.com).



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