

Northwest Archivists 2012 Election Guide



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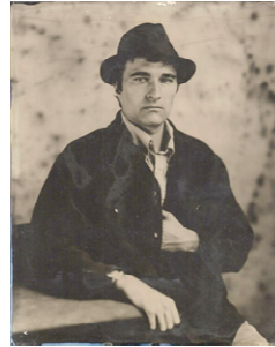
Portland State University

Cris has been the Head of Special Collections and University Archivist at Portland State University Library since 2008. Prior to joining PSU, she was the Director of Collections Management and Access at the Japanese American National Museum, a processor with the Bentley Historical Library in

Ann Arbor, and an intern at the Little Big Horn College Archives on the Crow Indian Reservation. She holds a MA in English and an MLIS, both from the University of Michigan. Cris served as Secretary for NWA from 2009 to 2012. She is also a member of SAA and ACRL-RBMS and will be serving as a member of the SAA Diversity Award Subcommittee in 2012.

Candidate Statement

NWA has been the source of my most rewarding professional development. Its membership represents a diverse range of experiences and interests that finds commonality through a spirit of collegiality and collaboration. If elected, I would like to serve NWA by helping develop and extend this network of meaningful engagement to address the growing body of students and new professionals in our region and by reaching out to our fellow archivists in institutions that may have not yet developed a relationship with us. I would also welcome the opportunity to continue to implement the goals of our upcoming strategic planning session.



Joshua Zimmerman

Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle

Josh has been Archivist/Records Manager for the Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle since 2010. Prior to that, he worked as a Public Records Analyst for the City of Bellevue, WA, as intern and later Assistant Archivist at the Center for Pacific Northwest Studies at Western Washington University, and as an

intern at Penn State University Archives. Josh also has done volunteer archival work in Seattle for Gage Academy of Art, Vera Project, Zine Archives and Publishing Project, and Lakeside School. He holds a MA in History with a concentration in Archives and Records Management from Western Washington University. He has served as Membership Coordinator for NWA since 2009.

Candidate Statement

Last year at our annual meeting in Helena, a lot of sessions focused on questions of the value, work, and nature of our growing regional organization. There was a great deal of enthusiasm and energy as well frank and open discussion that I rarely see in other regional organizations, let alone national organizations. These types of conversations are necessary to keep an organization relevant to its membership. As VP/President Elect, I will work to continue this reflexive examination of how NWA can increase participation and educational opportunities, better connect with members, and advocate for archivists, our repositories and region, and the profession at large.

As a member who presented at a student paper session at the 2006 annual meeting in Moscow, ID and graduated from NWA's successful mentoring program, I know first hand how valuable this organization is and can be to students and those making their way in the profession. I believe that this value extends to members throughout their careers. As Membership Coordinator for the past three years and a member of this year's meeting program committee, I have had the opportunity to get to know how NWA works, from online membership registration to long range organizational planning. I will use these experiences to help make NWA better reflect all of its members' viewpoints and diverse career goals.

Secretary



Conor Casey
University of Washington

Conor has been Labor Archivist for the Labor Archives of Washington State, University of Washington Libraries, since 2010. Previously he has worked as a Research Archivist for Pixar Animation Studios, and Archivist/

Curator of Visual Collections at the Labor Archives & Research Center, San Francisco State University (and also Archival/Research Assistant there). He has a MLIS from San Jose State University, MA in History from San Francisco State University, and BA in History and in Anthropology from San Francisco State University.

Candidate Statement

As a fairly new member of NWA, I am interested in serving as Secretary as a way to contribute to my professional community. I am particularly interested in learning about the structure and processes of NWA, connecting with other members, and contributing to the current mission and future directions of the organization. As Secretary, I am confident I could fulfill the main responsibilities of the office: recording the minutes of board meetings, filing the required forms related to non-profit status, maintaining the active non-financial records of NWA, and ensuring their transfer when the position transitions. Thank you for your consideration.



Erin Passehl
Western Oregon University

Erin has been the Digital Collections/Metadata Librarian and University Archivist at Western Oregon University since 2011. She manages University Archives and Manuscripts, library technical services, and is working on implementing the university's first digital repository

for archival and scholarly content. She holds a M.S.I. with a specialization in archives and records management from the University of Michigan and a B.A. in history and political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Candidate Statement

I have enjoyed and benefited from being a member of Northwest Archivists since 2007, starting as a graduate student wanting to move to the Pacific Northwest, later as the Idaho representative while I worked at Boise State University, and now as program chair for the upcoming spring conference. I also currently serve on the NWDA Steering Team.

One of my deciding factors to relocate to Oregon was knowing how I could call on NWA members for assistance and be further welcomed into this wonderful group of archives professionals. My experiences with NWA have been extremely rewarding, and for that reason I want to become more involved and serve both NWA members and the organization at large in the role of secretary. I have the familiarity of working with the NWA Board members in the last two years. As secretary, I would record and share meeting minutes, but also look forward to learning more about NWA processes and procedures, making more connections with current and new NWA members to the organization, and helping to direct the future of NWA.

Idaho Representative

Garth Reese

University of Idaho

Garth is Head, Special Collections and Archives at the University of Idaho Library. He holds a BA from Pomona College, a MLIS from UCLA, and a MA and PhD from Claremont Graduate University.

Garth is completing a 1-year term as NWA Idaho Representative, since he took over the vacant position mid-term when Erin Passehl moved to Oregon.

Garth is now eligible for running for a full term, and is running unopposed.

Montana Representative



Eleanor Letterman

Montana Historical Society

Ellie is presently Government Records Archivist for Montana Historical Society, where she has worked since October 2011. She has previously worked as a Project Archivist at Frye Art Museum in Seattle and as an intern at Seattle Municipal Archives.

Ellie has also done volunteer archival work at Seattle Municipal Archives, Redmond Historical Society (Redmond, WA), and at NARA's Pacific-Alaska Region in Seattle. She has a BA and MA in History and a post-Master's Certificate in Archives and Records Management from Western Washington University. She is also a past board member of Seattle Area Archivists.

Candidate Statement

I am interested in becoming the Montana representative for Northwest Archivists because it is an excellent opportunity to maintain a connection to the local community of archives and records management professionals. As a state representative I would hope to provide others with encouragement and opportunity when seeking professional development and support, and contribute to an ongoing dialogue regarding public awareness, professional standards, and appreciation of archives.

I have been a member of NWA since the 2011 conference, where I felt encouraged by members to become involved with the organization. I particularly appreciated the camaraderie between members and the openness to consideration of everyone's suggestions and contributions.

Loreto Pinochet

Montana Historical Society

Loreto is Photograph Archivist at Montana Historical Society, where she has worked since April 2011. She has previously completed a Museum Practicum at the George Eastman House International Museum of Photography and Film in Rochester, NY, and worked as an Art and Photography Intern at Library and Archives of Canada in Gatineau, Quebec. Loreto has a BA in History from York University in Toronto, and a MA in Photographic Preservation and Collections Management from Ryerson University in Toronto.

Candidate Statement

I have decided to run for NWA Montana Representative because I thought it would be a great opportunity to be more involved with North West Archivists. As a newcomer to the North West I would like to get my feet wet and play an active role in NWA by representing Montana archivists. As a new professional in the archives field this is also an opportunity to meet fellow colleagues in Montana to discuss regional issues and exchange information.

Oregon Representative



Maija Anderson

Oregon Health and Sciences University

Maija has been head of Historical Collections & Archives at Oregon Health & Science University Library since 2010. Previously she worked as a Processing Archivist as Archives and Manuscripts Accessions Manager at University of Chicago's Special Collections Research Center. She also completed a practicum at Washington University Special Col-

lections and worked as Serials Administrator for O.J. Cloughly Alumni Library at St. Louis College of Pharmacy. Maija has a BA in Art History from Clark Honors College at University of Oregon, MA in Art History from University of Chicago, and a MA in Library and Information Science from University of Missouri-Columbia. She has been a member of multiple local, regional, and national archival organizations, and has been a NWA member since 2011.

Candidate Statement

As Head of Historical Collections & Archives at Oregon Health & Science University, I direct a service-oriented library-archives-museum, manage a long-running oral history program, and coordinate a public lecture series on the history of medicine. My professional service, which includes work with historical associations as well as archival organizations, reflects my dedication to promoting public engagement with history and our documentary heritage. As Oregon representative, I will be an active liaison between NWA and the broad spectrum of archival organizations in the state. I will communicate proactively with members to identify and facilitate collaborative projects that advance Oregon's archives and archivists.



Karl McCreary

Oregon State University

Karl is a Staff Archivist at Oregon State University, where his primary focus is archival acquisitions. He has a BA in History from Portland State University and a MA in History with concentration in Archives and Records

Management from Western Washington University. Karl has been a member of NWA since 1996; he served on the NWA Program Committee for the 2002 and 2008 meetings, and he served on the NWA Nominating Committee in 2007.

Candidate Statement

After 18 years of delving into history (one box at a time) as a volunteer, student, intern, and professional Archivist, I still find myself amazed by what I discover in the collections I accession here at Oregon State University and what my archival comrades throughout the Northwest have to share. One of my passions as an archivist is to tell the tales/stories that I uncover in the collections and between Northwest Archivist meetings and Oregon Archives Month events, I've managed to highlight everything from recipes and library instructional films to rally squad images and student poetry. It is in this spirit that I toss my cap into the ring for the position of Oregon Rep. There are a lot of dedicated efforts to showcase history in Oregon and I'd like to find new ways to spread the word about them and encourage exchange about projects, ideas, and opportunities.

I bring to this position a longtime involvement with NWA (a member since 1996) and some ideas about the use of the web to enhance the connectedness of the heritage community here in Oregon. I appreciate the chance to follow through on these ideas and thank you for your support