



Meet the Candidates!

MAA Board and Officer Election 2023

The positions being voted on in this year's election are as follows: Secretary (two-year term), Treasurer (two year term), and two Members-at-Large (each three-year terms). To nominate additional candidates, a petition signed by at least 10 MAA members must be presented to the Secretary, Stefanie Caloia, no later than 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

Secretary (2023-2025)

Brian Schamber

Brian Schamber has been an Archivist at the Leonard N. Simons Jewish Community Archives since 2021. As part of the new Jampel Center for Michigan Jewish Heritage, he is prioritizing access to collections materials through digitization and public outreach. Brian earned his Masters in Library and Information Science and a Certificate in Archival Administration from Wayne State University, and a Bachelor of Arts in History at Central Michigan University. Outside of work, he enjoys board games, and spending time with his wife and baby boy.

Treasurer (2023-2025)

No Candidate

Members-at-Large (two positions, 2023-2026)

Andrea Howard

My name is Andrea Howard (she/her), and I am currently a Visiting Processing Archivist at Grand Valley State University where I am working to process the Planning & Zoning Center Collection containing urban planning materials, the bulk of which are from the state of Michigan. I earned BA and MA degrees in History before starting an MLIS program during the pandemic and graduated in 2022. Before joining the staff at GVSU this past January, I was briefly the Local History Librarian for a small public library in Ohio. I am excited to be back in Michigan and am eager to become more involved with the archival community and serve the MAA. When I am not working hard in the stacks, I enjoy reading, running, and obsessively taking pictures of my elderly beagle mix, Harmon.

April Conant

I am currently (for a year and a half now) the Coordinator of the Archives and Records Management department at Macomb Community College in Warren.

I originally started my archival journey in 2008 as an intern at the Joint Archives of Holland before graduating from Grand Valley State University in 2009 with dual Bachelors of Arts in History and Classical Greek Language. By the time I earned my Masters in Library and Information Science and Graduate Certification in Archival Administration from Wayne State University in 2013, I already had more archival internships at Allied Vaughn, Walter Reuther Library, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, an alternative spring break with the Holdings Protection Team at NARA, and a contractual position at a private archive. In 2015, I was hired by Allied Vaughn to work at the Ford Motor Company Archives as their Moving Images Archivist. I took a professional side-step in 2017 to join Macomb Community College's South Campus Library in a clerical position as a library clerk. In December 2021, after helping to re-establish our Archives and Records Management department after a decade-or-so hiatus (which I presented on at last year's MAA), I was hired as its Coordinator.

Amber Davis

Amber Davis is the Archives Associate for the Eastern Michigan University Archives. A position which she has held since 2015. Amber manages the reading room, budgets, collections, and student assistants for the archives. She stumbled into this work and is truly thankful to have found her dream job. When not busy creating a welcoming space for patrons, Amber enjoys nature walks, record shopping and antiquing.

Nathaniel Arndts

My experience in archives began when I worked as a college intern for the archives at my hometown library in Albion, Michigan. In serving that community, I learned the importance of providing quality custodianship of the recorded past. After years of working and volunteering in various institutions in the Detroit area, such as the Reuther Library, General Motors, and the Detroit Historical Society, I now serve as the local history archivist for the same library where I did my original internship. As a lone arranger, my work involves various tasks, from digitizing audiocassettes to fostering relationships with local businesses and organizations. I aim to provide the Albion community with a repository and service that connects them to their shared past.

We look forward to seeing you at the virtual business meeting!

MAA 2023 Nominating Committee