



**OPC Officers/Council Candidate Statements - 2023**

**Open Position: Education and Programs Co-Officer**

Candidates/nominator's name	Eric Harrelson
Current job title	Preservation Librarian (Interim OPC Education and Programs Co-Officer)
Current place of employment	Miami University

**What skills and experiences can you offer to OPC?**

I have done instruction, and although new to OPC and Libraries, I have 20+ years experience with programming and events, including film festivals and music venues

**Tell us about your past experience with professional organizations that would make you a good fit for this position.**

I am new to Libraries, however I have been serving in this position as interim for about 6 months. I am a member of several committees at Miami as well, and I have served on the leadership board as a Programmer and Screenwriting Director of a local film festival in Austin, Texas.

**What are some of the most important themes/issues OPC should address in the next 3-5 years?**

Adjusting to climate change and preparedness for climate catastrophes.

**Other professional associations you are involved in.**

- ALA member
- AIC member

**Open Position: Education and Programs Co-Officer**

Candidate/nominator's name	Eric Harrelson/Amber Bales
Current job title	Preservation Librarian/Archivist 2
Current place of employment	Miami University/ Knowlton School Ohio State University

**What skills and experiences can you offer to OPC?**

Eric has been instrumental in planning the last 2 OPC education events. While new to the position due to an unexpected step-down, he quickly stepped in and took charge to ensure programming was seamless in September and November. Additionally, he is up to speed on the changes to the LSTA grant that is currently under works and will be rolled out in early 2024.

**Tell us about your past experience with professional organizations that would make you a good fit for this position.**

Previous work on the OPC leadership council

**What are some of the most important themes/issues OPC should address in the next 3-5 years?**

Digital preservation / environmental controls

**Other professional associations you are involved in.**

n/a

**Open Position: Education and Programs Co-Officer**

Candidate/nominator's name	Catarina Figueirinhas
Current job title	Assistant Conservator
Current place of employment	The Preservation Lab, University of Cincinnati Libraries

**What skills and experiences can you offer to OPC?**

- I am an extremely organized and methodical person, and I work well in a team environment.
- I have created content for teaching and co-teaching workshops and classes, as well as teaching and assisting with workshops and classes.
- I was responsible for organizing a week-long workshop at the Preservation Lab, with conservator Jeff Peachey, coordinating with the instructor all the materials needed for purchase and ensuring all participants had the necessary materials and tools for a successful workshop.
- As the assistant conservator at the Preservation Lab, I have knowledge in book and paper conservation, disaster recovery, preservation surveys, integrated pest management and environmental monitoring.

**Tell us about your past experience with professional organizations that would make you a good fit for this position.**

I have volunteered in the past for OPC as the Marketing and Outreach officer, where we wrote a grant to update the OPC website to a new platform; the platform currently in use. In addition, when I served as the Marketing and Outreach officer, I promoted our mini-grants and professional development grants, which led to an increase in applications.

Also, my experience with teaching workshops with OPC , the Cincinnati Book Arts Society, and at the Preservation Lab, have given me experience with creating instructional content for teaching and experience with teaching and co-teaching different individuals, such as university students, book artists, preservation professionals, and the general public.

**What are some of the most important themes/issues OPC should address in the next 3-5 years?**

- Expand our membership so smaller institutions can benefit from the resources that OPC provides.
- Update the free resources provided by OPC on the Website.
- Create workshops for smaller institutions or institutions in need to address their preservation needs and provide training on preservation issues.

- Create a teaching collection (book models, cradles, enclosures) that can be used by the different members for teaching, workshops, and for demonstration to other professionals.
- More online content/resources, such as video instruction of simple preservation solutions that can be easily created in-house.

**Other professional associations you are involved in.**

At the moment I am not involved in any other professional associations.

**Open Position: Education and Programs Co-Officer**

Candidates/nominator's name	Marcela Estevez
Current job title	Head of Conservation
Current place of employment	Ohio State University Libraries

**What skills and experiences can you offer to OPC?**

I have been in charge of organizing programs at public libraries and I am an educator for high school and college levels. Also have trained conservation professionals in Argentina after completing my own training in conservation.

**Tell us about your past experience with professional organizations that would make you a good fit for this position.**

- Member of the Advisory Board for the Alliance for Response Ohio (AROH) iPad project
- Member of the Friends of Weldon Johnson Community Library, St Petersburg, Florida

**What are some of the most important themes/issues OPC should address in the next 3-5 years?**

More outreach to organizations state wide to learn what type of training would be of use to them and trying to facilitate those trainings online.

**Other professional associations you are involved in.**

- Member of the Midwest Regional Conservation Guild (MRCG)
- Member of the American Institute for Conservation (AIC)

**Open Position: Finance Treasurer**

Candidate/nominator's name	Catarina Figueirinhas
Current job title	Assistant Conservator
Current place of employment	The Preservation Lab, University of Cincinnati Libraries

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**Open Position: Secretary**

Candidates/nominator's name	Holly Prochaska
Current job title	Preservation Librarian
Current place of employment	University of Cincinnati

**What skills and experiences can you offer to OPC?**

I have served on OPC leadership for many years, but stepped off the last couple years as I was on sabbatical and juggling an interim position. I have hands on preservation experience at a large academic institution, co-managing a book and paper conservation lab and teaching book arts at the undergraduate level.

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Most of my professional organizational experience is actually with OPC. Past accomplishments with OPC include - 1.) Securing grant funding from State Library of Ohio for LSTA Conservation/Preservation Grant and coordinating the initial curriculum for the corresponding mandatory course. 2.) Coordinating the 2017 Codex Symposium.

**What are some of the most important themes/issues OPC should address in the next 3-5 years?**

Training the next generation (especially treatment and repair training opportunities/internships) and climate change and its impact on disaster recovery and stable environments for collections.

**Other professional associations you are involved in.**

I've done several panel discussions and disaster recover sessions at SOA, both as a member of OPC and as Preservation Librarian at UC, but I am a member of SOA.