OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT - 2001
Visual Materials Section, Society of American Archivists

DO NOT PHOTOCOPY
Leave your mailing address on the reverse side so we know who remains to vote in person at the Section meeting in Washington, DC.
You may bring this ballot with you to the Section Meeting.
If you mail it in, it must be postmarked no later than August 17, 2001.
Mail this ballot to: Mr. John Slate
1527 Steeves Avenue
Dallas, TX 75216

You must be a section member to vote
For Visual Materials Section Chair-elect, vote for one of the following:

_____ Laurie A. Baty
_____ Mark E. Martin
_____ write in _______________________________

(only individuals who have consented to nomination may be listed)

CANDIDATES’ STATEMENTS

Laurie A. Baty
Laurie A. Baty, Deputy Director of Collections, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM), received her Masters in American Studies from the George Washington University in 1979. She took her first professional position as a post-masters fellow at the then International Museum of Photography in Rochester, NY, and has worked as Assistant Librarian and then Librarian of Prints and Photographs at the Maryland Historical Society, and as a Photo Archivist at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History. For 12 years she was a program officer at the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. Most recently, she was Chief of Museum Services, US Department of the Interior and just moved to her current position at USHMM in January. She edits the VM Section’s newsletter, Views, serves SAA as one of the two national instructors for its “Administration of Photographic Collections” and sits on the Publications Board. She researches and publishes on 19th-century American photography.

Statement: In the last 15 years, the VM Section has grown dramatically and with that growth has taken a leadership role with SAA. We need to continue our role as leaders in our profession and in leaders for those who chose to work with visual materials.

Mark E. Martin
Mark E. Martin, Assistant Curator for Image Resources for LSU Libraries - Special Collections, received his Masters of Library and Information Science with a concentration in Archival Enterprise from The University of Texas at Austin in 1991. Martin took his first professional position in Diboll, Texas as Director of the T.L.L. Temple Memorial Library Archives where he established a modern archives program associated with Temple-Inland Forest Products, Inc. After a year-long stint as Assistant Manager with the Houston Metropolitan Research Center, a division of the Houston Public Library, Martin came to LSU to begin work as the Assistant Curator for Image Resources with responsibilities for photographic images, digital image file creation and maintenance, and the ongoing microfilm program, currently filming over 90 Louisiana newspapers. He divides his research interests between images in an archival setting and historical research focused on Louisiana photographers of the 19th century.

Statement: The Visual Materials Section has been a strong voice within SAA advocating for and raising awareness of image resources issues. We should continue in this vein while looking to expand further afield. That expansion could take the form of increased involvement in shaping the ACA examination, expanding the VM and VMcar web pages, and doing our best to have at least one session at each annual meeting with a strong visual image component. Thank you.
Once again it’s VM Section t-shirt order time. This year’s VM Section t-shirt features the imprint of Julius Ulke, a nineteenth-century Washington, DC, photographer, on the back, and VM-section information on the front left breast. Shirts are burgundy with gold ink.

To receive the size you want, advance orders are necessary. The Section must have your order and check in hand **no later than August 5, 2001**. If you are unable to order in advance, the section will have large and extra large shirts for sale at the meeting.

Any profits go to support newsletter costs (we always get great support from SAA and we want to help out).

We will deliver shirts at the meeting, but you may send us the correct postage and we will mail your shirt to you after the meeting. **Order now to get the fit!**

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