CANDIDATES’ STATEMENTS

Cynthia Ghering

Cynthia Ghering, Head of the Manuscripts and Audiovisuals department at the Archives/Library of the Ohio Historical Society (OHS), received a Master of Science in Information and a specialization in Archives and Records Management from the University of Michigan in 1999. Since being at OHS they have designed an online image database, OhioPix, Picturing Ohio's History: Selections from the Ohio Historical Society's collections, added digital images to our online collection catalog and developed several online exhibits. In addition to these activities, we are facing a large backlog of unprocessed audiovisual collections including deteriorating and fragile nitrate and glass negatives and outdated technology such as 8mm film, 78rpm albums, and wire recordings. I'm sure everyone can relate to the challenging task of making our wonderful, but under-utilized audiovisual collections accessible to users. The time-consuming process of re-housing, re-formatting, inventorying, describing, cataloging and digitizing can sometimes seem overwhelming. I see the Visual Materials section as providing guidance, advice and a forum for discussion on these and many other issues archivists face in regards to audiovisual collections. If I am elected as Chair Elect/Chair of the section, I would continue in the path of our previous leadership and arrange multiple opportunities to learn from the experiences of our colleagues. I would work to expand the Visual Resources Section web site, develop a variety of informative programs for the annual meeting, and continue to utilize the newsletter to highlight our unique and fascinating collections.

Sue Kriegsman

The opportunity to run for the office of Chair-elect of the Visual Materials section of SAA is a privilege.
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