



**Society of California Archivists
Candidate's Statement for 2022 Election**

Name: David Krah
Institution: Stanford Libraries, Special Collections, Manuscripts Division
Candidate for: Nominating Committee
Years: 2022-2024 (2-year term)

Professional Background (begin with current position and areas of responsibility, and briefly summarize duties):

I am currently a Processing Archivist at Stanford Libraries Special Collections in the Manuscripts Division. I have been large collections from the backlog (North Point Press), reprocessing collections in need of rehousing (Strauss Bridge Plans), and smaller metadata projects.

Recently I have worked as a Project Archivist at UCSF processing and digitizing collections in the Tobacco Control Archives, Eric Berne Papers, and AIDS History Project.

Educational Background (degrees and other applicable training):

- MLIS San Jose State University, 2010
- BA, English Literature San Francisco State University, 2002

Professional Affiliations (list organizations, dates and extent of your involvement, e.g., SCA activities, memberships, committee work):

Professional Associations

Society of California Archivists

- Education Committee Member (2018-2019)

Society of American Archivists

- Web Liaison, Science, Technology and Healthcare Section (2018-2019)

Conference Presentations

- *Memory Lives On: Documenting the HIV/AIDS Epidemic*
 - Symposium organizer, Oct 4-5 2019, UCSF Mission Bay
- *Confronting the AIDS Epidemic*
 - SAA Archives*Records, August 2018, Washington DC
- *Clear Collaboration*
 - UC DLFx, April 2018 Riverside, CA
- *Archiving the HIV/AIDS Epidemic at UCSF*
 - Archivists and Librarians in the History of Health Sciences Annual Meeting, May 2018, Los Angeles, CA
- *Hot DAM: Migration and Implementation Strategies for Digital Asset Management Systems*
 - Society of California Archivists Annual General Meeting, April 2017, Pasadena, CA
- *Gone Today, Here Tomorrow: Rescuing Ephemera from Oblivion with the California Ephemera Project*
 - Society of California Archivists Annual General Meeting, April 2011, San Jose, CA

Committee work/publications

- UC Libraries DAMS Technology Report: Assessment of a Long-Term Solution for the UC Libraries Systemwide DAMS
 - November 2016

Taking into account differing levels of monetary and institutional support, how can the Nominating Committee ensure that candidates are chosen from all facets of the archival profession: lone arrangers, large institutions, government archives, academic archives, corporate archives, library, museum, and other settings?

The Nominating Committee can make efforts to ensure that the membership is well-represented in Governance by engaging in targeted outreach. Nominating Committee members can review current and historical representation and develop recruitment objectives to find candidates from

across the breadth of the archival field. Taking differing levels of support into account, the Nominating Committee can seek to match candidates with roles they are realistically able to fill given the available time and professional development funding. I also suggest offering stipends, as well as structures for virtual participation at conferences for members who want to serve but may have difficulty traveling or securing schedule flexibility.

Please detail your efforts to integrate equity and inclusion practices into your work and any plans you may have for this as a member of the Nominating Committee.

In the past several years I have included a few different approaches to foregrounding equity and inclusion in my work. Currently I participate in bi-weekly meetings amongst Stanford Archivists and Librarians that discuss Anti-Racist Descriptive Practices. As the members of this workgroup are primarily engaged in the description of collection materials, this is an area where we can have the most impact. We discuss best practices and share resources for describing materials related to communities that have been diminished or injured by the prevailing white and heteronormative power structures in our libraries and knowledge systems.

In the past I have participated in a “Diversity Journal Club”, where library staff gathered at lunch time to discuss a variety of articles and media related to diversity and inclusion. I attempted to move these (entirely voluntary and unstructured) discussions forward somewhat by proposing the use of various protocols that sought to actively engage attendees and give more equitable opportunity to speak.

I have learned that “equity and inclusion practices” are an evolving idea, as we seek to more fully understand our own roles in a given power structure. For myself, as a Nominating Committee member, I intend to do a lot of listening and learning about who our membership really is, and how I can help the governance team better reflect the archival practitioners in California.