

Sarah Langsdon—Council

I am the Curator of Special Collection at the Stewart Library, Weber State University. I have worked at WSU since 1999, when I became the manuscripts processor and continued to work up in the department. In 2000, I graduated with a MA in History from Utah State University. During my time at USU, I worked in the Special Collections and Archives focusing on photographs and University Archives.

I am a member of Utah Manuscripts Committee, serving as President during 2009. I also co-authored a book in the Arcadia Images of America series on Ogden with John Sillito. I have been involved in collecting oral history interviews from graduates of the Dee School of Nursing and the St. Benedict's School of Nursing in Ogden.

CIMA is an exciting organization for those of us in the Intermountain West. It is a way for us to network and share ideas with others in this area. I would like to work with CIMA in continuing to provide educational opportunities and trainings through the fall caucus and annual meetings.

Tom Wells—Council

Having been a member of CIMA for 16 years and having served as a member of the Council and as Vice President/President elect in the mid 1990s I have seen the organization grow and mature. It is because of the dedication and service of its members that CIMA is the outstanding professional organization that it is today. It has been many years since I have actively served on the CIMA Council and feel that I could contribute much to CIMA in this capacity. I am the Curator of Photographic Archives in the Perry Special Collections at Brigham Young University and have been employed in the Harold B. Lee Library for 26 years. My background and training as both a librarian and as an archivist gives me an insight to how these two professions can complement each other as we work together to serve the research and information needs of our patrons. I hope to have the opportunity to serve CIMA again.

Gina Strack—Council

Gina Strack is a processing and reference archivist with the Utah State Archives & Records Service, beginning in 2002 after an internship in oral history in 2001. She received a B.A. in History from the University of Utah in 2001 and an M.L.I.S. from the University of Washington Information School in 2009. This later program was distance (online) and fostered skills in collaboration with fellow students spread across several Western states. Although the "iSchool" focuses on library science and applications, she sought relevant archival connections, such as the study of Archival Intelligence needed by users of archives. As part of a class on government documents, Gina published a student paper in *DttP: Documents to the People* on the Presidential Records Act (Winter 2007). She began coordinating digital projects for the Archives in 2006 in addition to more traditional arrangement and description. She looks forward to sharing ideas with and learning from other archivists in CIMA, especially on how to work with

new trends and technologies while maintaining a solid foundation of archival principles and practices. Outside of work, Gina plays in a Medieval/Renaissance music ensemble called Dorian Mirth and sometimes helps with its associated historical costume business, Stitches of Mirth. However, she likes reading books much more than sewing, so makes the social cataloging site LibraryThing an almost daily part of her online life."

Gordon Daines—Council

J. Gordon Daines III is the Brigham Young University Archivist and the Assistant Department Chair, Manuscripts in the L. Tom Perry Special Collections at Brigham Young University. He holds an undergraduate degree in history from Brigham Young University, a master's degree in history from the University of Chicago, and a certificate in archives and records management from Western Washington University. He has worked for the Oregon Historical Society and the Utah State Archives and Records Service.

Gordon has been an active member of the Conference of Inter-Mountain Archives. He served the organization as a council member from 2001-2003 and as president-elect/president/past-president from 2003-2006. He also served as the chair of the local arrangements committee for the annual meeting held in Provo in 2009.

I believe that regional archival associations such as the Conference of Inter-Mountain Archivists (CIMA) play an important role in the development of archival identity. They provide archivists tangible benefits that include archival continuing education, professional socialization, and advocacy. The role of the leadership of regional archival associations is to ensure that these benefits reach as many archivists as possible.

I believe strongly that CIMA provides an excellent array of opportunities for archivists working in our region. As a council member I would work to increase CIMA's membership through various outreach activities, improve our continuing education opportunities (particular by encouraging the revitalization of the state fall caucuses), foster active participation with the *Journal of Western Archives*, and promote a mentoring program for CIMA's members.

Walter Jones—Treasurer

Walter Jones served as CIMA's president for the 2005-06 election year. Following this, he volunteered for election as treasurer in 2007 and has been the treasurer since that time (the treasurer is a two-year position, but Walter served for one year as a replacement for a person who resigned half-way through his term. He is running for the position again because he enjoys working closely with CIMA's Council and he has experience in handling money since he is also the treasurer for a history organization known as Utah Westerners. He would like to serve for another term so that he can also give direction to the financial needs of the newly created publication called *Journal of Western Archives*, for which CIMA's

Council offered to assist by having its treasurer also conduct the journal's financial transactions. Walter asserts that it has been a genuine pleasure to be CIMA's chief financial representative!

Cory Nimer—Vice President/President-Elect

Cory Nimer is the Manuscripts Cataloger and Metadata Specialist for the L. Tom Perry Special Collections at Brigham Young University. He earned a master's degree in history at Sonoma State University and a master's in library and information science at San José State University. Cory is an active member of the archival community, and has participated in the Conference of Inter-Mountain Archivists since 2006. During that time he has served on local arrangements and program committees (2008-2010), and is currently the association's Webmaster.

The Conference of Inter-Mountain Archivists plays a significant role in meeting the needs of archival professionals in the region. These include the provision of training opportunities, facilitating cooperation, and providing a forum for discussion, publication, and networking. Over the past few years we have taken great steps in each of these areas. However, there remains much that can be done.

As vice-president, I would press the Education and Training Committee to explore ways to improve archival education and training opportunities in the Inter-mountain West, and improving coordination with organizations that provide workshops and seminars. As part of this effort, I would propose strengthening or developing relationships with state library associations in the region as a means of sharing expertise and training. Finally, I would propose the creation of a standing Membership Committee, charged to assist current members through mentoring programs and networking, but also to examine ways to expand our organizational membership.