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People and Posts—David McCartney, Assistant Editor, University of Iowa

The MAC Membership Committee invites members to share positions, appointments, and honors in the “People and Posts” column. Please send items to David McCartney, University Archivist, University of Iowa Libraries, Department of Special Collections, Main Library, Iowa City, IA 52242-1420; 319-335-5921; david-mccartney@uiowa.edu.

Amanda Bahr-Evola has been named the new head of Rare Books and Special Collections for the St. Louis Public Library. Along with the rare books collection, her responsibilities include managing the institutional archives of the St. Louis Public Library, the St. Louis Media Archive, the manuscript and special collections, and the St. Louis Room in the newly-renovated Central Library.

The Wisconsin Historical Society has announced the appointment of **Matt Blessing** as the director of the Society’s Library–Archives Division. Blessing formerly worked as an archivist at the Society from 1991 to 1999, and as the head of Special Collections and Archives for Marquette University since 1999.

Fran Blouin has announced his retirement as director of the Bentley Library at the University of Michigan, effective August 2013. After serving 32 years as director, he will return to full-time teaching in the Department of History and in the School of Information. During his time as director, the Bentley’s collections more than tripled in size, the Library building was expanded, and the endowment increased from \$100,000 to now over \$10 million. More recently, the Library was transformed in order to better handle the accessioning, processing, and storage of digital materials.

Janet Carleton, Ohio University Libraries’ digital initiatives coordinator, has been elected chair of the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board (OHRAB), the central body for historical records planning in the state of Ohio. Carleton, who will serve

as chair for a year, was appointed to the board in 2008.

Michigan State University (MSU) Archives Director **Cynthia Ghering** is assuming new responsibilities as part of a reorganization of MSU’s central IT services unit. Ghering will be the new head of the Content and Collaboration Support Team. In addition to her duties as director of the University Archives, Ghering will also manage the University’s desktop support, digital repositories, and Web team. Public Services Archivist **Portia Vescio** will now manage day-to-day operations of the archives and coordinate reference, instruction, and outreach activities, while University Records Archivist **Whitney Miller** moves into a new role as lead processing archivist, with responsibilities for coordinating the processing and description of several new large research collections.

Greg Prickman has been named the head of Special Collections and University Archives at the University of Iowa Libraries. He joined the department in 2006 as Special Collections librarian, and in 2008 was promoted to assistant head.

Elizabeth Russell was recently hired as a full-time archivist at the Michigan Tech Archives. Russell had been the primary cataloger on a two-year NHPRC grant project.

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MINNESOTA

Correction: Tom Lamb, Carleton College, was incorrectly identified in the previous issue. We regret the error.

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