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People and Posts—Alexis Braun Marks, Assistant Editor, Eastern Michigan University

The MAC Membership Committee invites members to share positions, appointments, and honors in the People and Posts column. Please send items to Alexis Braun Marks, abraunma@emich.edu.

Kim Anderson joined the staff of the Special Collections Department at Iowa State University in August. She will help lead the department in establishing a digital records program.

Edward Benoit III, PhD, former adjunct instructor at UW–Milwaukee, defended his dissertation in August and joined the faculty in the School of Library and Information Science Louisiana State University as an assistant professor and is coordinating the archival studies program.

Alexis Braun Marks, CA, was promoted to the rank of assistant professor at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Michigan, where she serves as the university archivist.

Heidi Butler recently returned to the United States and her home state of Michigan after four years as a university archivist in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, to accept a position as the local history librarian for the Capital Area District Libraries in Lansing, Michigan.

Stefanie Caloia joined the staff of Wayne State University as the Reuther Library's new American Federation of Teachers (AFT) project archivist. She will be conducting both MPLP and folder-level processing of backlogged AFT records.

Sasha Griffin has joined Denison University in Granville, Ohio, as the university archivist and special collections librarian. Griffin recently left Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, after four years as project archivist, digital archivist, and interim college archivist.

Eric Hillemann, former Carleton College archivist, has taken on a new role as senior associate in the archives

where he will be working on special projects and focusing more on writing about the history of the college.

Dennis Meissner is now serving as the interim deputy director of the Minnesota Historical Society. Previously, Meissner served as head of the society's collections management department.

Natalie Morath, CA, was appointed archivist and media specialist at the General Motors Design Archive and Special Collections in October 2014.

Allison Neely, previously with both the Wisconsin Historical Society and the Wisconsin Center for Film and Theater Research, joined the processing staff at the Minnesota Historical Society this past August as an archival collections cataloger and will focus on the arrangement and description of photographs and sound and moving image collections.

Erik Nordberg returned to his metro-Detroit roots in October as the director of Walter P. Reuther Library's Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs and University Archives at Wayne State University. Most recently the executive director of Michigan Humanities Council, Nordberg previously served many years as the university archivist and head of

archives at Michigan Technological University's Van Pelt Library.

Danelle Orange recently accepted a position at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin, where she will work with special collections, digital preservation, records management, and instruction. Orange previously worked at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, South Dakota, and the University of North Texas in Fort Worth.

Alexandra Orchard, formerly Walter P. Reuther Library's Service Employee International Union archivist at Wayne State University, is now serving as technical and metadata archivist leading the Reuther's transition to ArchivesSpace.

Erin Platte, 2013 University of Michigan School of Information graduate, is currently assisting with archival projects and creating a series of EAD finding aids at the university's Visual Resources Collections.

Deborah Rice transitioned to an audiovisual archivist position to help Wayne State University Walter P. Reuther Library's AV department meet growing researcher demand for its collections.

In Memorium: Nancy Marie Deromedi

November 9, 1961 – October 13, 2014

Nancy Deromedi, archivist and long-time MAC member, passed away at her home in Ann Arbor last fall. A Michigan native, Nancy studied at the University of Michigan, earning a master's from the School of Information in 1997. She started at the Bentley Historical Library and rose through the ranks to her most recent position of associate director for curation. She was an expert on digital archives, designing a series of valuable best practices. Long interested in historic preservation, she also helped cultivate important architectural design collections for the Bentley. Nancy is survived by her husband David, her parents, siblings, and extended family.

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