

# AHA! SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICERS FOR 2018

## Nominees for Secretary

### **Samantha Bruer**

I have a BS in Historic Preservation from Southeast Missouri State University and a MA in Folk Studies from Western Kentucky University. After working in my undergraduate alma mater's archives as part of a scholarship project, I added to my hands-on archival training as a graduate assistant to the archivist at Mammoth Cave National Park. In 2015, I moved to Houston to accept the Architectural Archivist position at HMRC; a perfect match to my interests in archives, historic preservation, and architecture. In 2017, I passed the Certified Archivists exam and accepted the role as HMRC's Volunteer Coordinator. Serving as AHA! Secretary would be a privilege and beneficial to my growth as an archivist.

### **Sara Wheeler**

I graduated in May 2017 from Simmons College with my MSLIS with an archives management focus. In August, I passed the Certified Archivist exam and became a provisional member. I served as an archives intern at the McGovern Historical Center, the Rothko Chapel, and UH. During the summer of 2017, I served as the appointed annual Lemelson Center archives intern at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History. Currently, I am an adult services librarian for the Fort Bend County Library system, participating in reference, programming, and outreach. I have been a member of AHA since 2016.

## Nominees for Treasurer

### **Sandra Yates**

It's been fun! I've been AHA! Treasurer for the past 2 years. I've worked to simplify the accounting procedures, using web-based programs. In 2017, we added credit card payments. I'm working on documenting How to Be AHA! Treasurer, so if anyone is interested in learning the office, call me!

## Nominees for Vice President

### **Albert Duran**

Albert Duran is a Metadata Librarian at Houston Public Library where he works on metadata for the Houston Area Digital Archives. Albert is responsible for metadata creation and maintenance as well as overseeing the upload of digitized materials to the online digital archive. The Houston Area Digital Archives consists of collections mainly from Houston Public Library Special Collections: Houston Metropolitan Research Center, The African American Library at the Gregory School and the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research. Houston Public Library is also cooperating with Texas Digital Library and the University of North Texas on the [Digital Public Library of America Aggregation Service project](#). The focus of this project is the Development of a Statewide Aggregation Service for Texas Digital Collections.

Previously, Albert was a Project Archivist at the Texas Medical Center (TMC) John P. McGovern Historical Collections and Research Center (MHC). He enjoyed his experience processing, describing, and creating the finding aids for the manuscript collections. Additionally, Albert was a Part-Time Metadata Librarian at the University of Houston where he worked to create, review, and update metadata for the UH Digital Library. The UH Digital Library consists of collections mainly from UH Special Collections Department and other Libraries on campus. Albert received his MLIS from St. John's University.

### **Emily Scott**

An AHA! member for the past five years and a previous Secretary for the organization, Emily Scott is the Lead Archivist and Assistant Manager at the Houston Metropolitan Research Center (HMRC). She worked as the Processing Archivist at HMRC for four years before taking on the Lead Archivist position. Before she was employed at HMRC, she volunteered as a processing archivist at the John P. McGovern Historical Collections and Research Center. Emily received her MLS from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is a Certified Archivist. In addition to her membership in AHA!, Emily is a member of the Society of Southwest Archivists and the Texas Library Association's Archives, Genealogy, and Local History Roundtable.