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## INSTITUTIONAL LEADERSHIP

**Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library.** University of Virginia Library, 2017-

- Associate University Librarian for Special Collections and Preservation
- Director of the Harrison Institute for American History, Literature, and Culture

Direct the Small Special Collections Library and the University Library Preservation department's programs and operations. Lead a staff of 40, seven direct reports, with a programmatic and operational portfolio that includes technical services and collection management; collection development; reference, research and public services; primary source instruction; exhibitions and outreach; and preservation and conservation services. Member of the Library's Senior Leadership Team and serve as leadership liaison with Library committees, task forces, and working groups.

**Dolph Briscoe Center for American History.** The University of Texas at Austin

- Janey Slaughter Briscoe Archivist, 2010-2017
- Associate Director for Research and Collections, 2007-2017
- Assistant Director for Research and Collections, 2005-2007
- Head of Archives and Manuscripts, 1999-2005

Directed the Research and Collections Division, the largest division within the Briscoe Center with a staff of 50 and a programmatic portfolio that included Reference and Instruction Services; the Archives and Manuscripts Unit; the Texas Collection Rare Books Library; material culture; preservation and conservation; digital collections implementation; and special projects. Worked with senior leadership on strategic visioning and planning, budgeting, and collection development.

## SERVICE LEADERSHIP

### *Professional Associations*

Academy of Certified Archivists

- President, 2011-2012
- Regent for Examination Development, 2006-2008

Archives Leadership Institute, Steering Committee, 2013-2018

International Council of Archivists

- Forum for Professional Associations (SAA appointee), 2023 -
- Section on University Archives and Records (SUV), Nominations Committee, 2022

Society of American Archivists

- Council, 2017-2020
- Committee on the Selection of SAA Fellows, 2021
- Co-facilitator/mentor, SNAP cohort, 2021
- Appointments Committee, 2015-2016
- National Disaster Recovery Fund for Archives Grant Committee, 2011-2014
- Program Committee, 2010-2011
- Host Committee, Annual Meeting, Chair, 2008-2009
- Preservation Section, Chair, 2007-2008
- Awards Committee, Co-Chair, 2006-2008

## Society of Southwest Archivists

- President, 2005-06
- Executive Board, 1999-2002

## Grants

National Historical Publications and Records Commission. \$300,000. “Archives Leadership Institute.” 2023-2026.

Society of American Archivists Foundation. \$3850, “A Survey of Archival Revolutions: Transitional Moments and Paradigmatic Shifts in Archival Enterprise, 1980-2020.” Co-investigator with Steven Booth. 2021-2022.

Mellon Foundation. \$550,000. “On These Grounds: Modeling and Sharing Archival Materials about Slavery,” Co-PI with Sharon Leon, Michigan State University. 2020-2022.

## Publications

Booth, Steven and Brenda Gunn. *A Survey of Archival Revolutions*. Under contract with the Council on Library and Information Resources, Pocket Burgundy Series, 2024.

Appiah, Krystal and Brenda Gunn. *Supporting Teaching with Primary Sources*. 2020.  
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Gunn, Brenda. Review of *The State Library and Archives of Texas*, by David B. Gracy, II, *The American Archivist*, Vol. 76, No. 1 (Spring/Summer 2013): 263-265.

Gunn, et al. “*E Pluribus Unum? SAA and the Regionals*,” *American Archivist*. 74 (Online Supplement. 2011): 606:1-30. <http://www2.archivists.org/sites/all/files/AAOSv074-Session606.pdf>

## Teaching

Spring 2023. HISP 303A, “Archives and Society,” Department of Historic Preservation, University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg Virginia.

## University Service

2022- President’s Commission on the University in the Age of Segregation  
2023- UVA Press, Rotunda Digital Advisory Board  
2020-2021 University Library Inclusive Excellence Task Force, co-chair.

## AWARDS/HONORS

2017 Distinguished Fellow of the Society of American Archivists  
2010 Archival Leadership Institute, selected participant  
2010 Inaugural Janey Slaughter Briscoe Archivist  
2009 Distinguished Service Award, Society of Southwest Archivists  
2009 Movers and Shakers in Archives Award  
2008 Certificate of Commendation, Society of American Archivists