

NDSA Coordinating Committee Candidates

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U.S. Federal Government, National Archives

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Jonathan Crabtree, Howard W. Odum Institute

Brief biography (200 words):

Crabtree is Assistant Director of Computing and Archival Research at the Odum Institute for Research in Social Science at UNC Chapel Hill. The institute's social science data archive is one of the oldest and most extensive in the country. As assistant director, Crabtree completely revamped the institute's technology infrastructure and has positioned the institute to assume a leading national role in information archiving. His current efforts include working with the University of Michigan, the Harvard-MIT Data Center and preservation partners across the country to create a national preservation strategy for social science data and developing policy based auditing systems for preservation systems.

Crabtree joined the institute nineteen years ago and is responsible for designing and maintaining the technology infrastructure that supports the institute's wide array of services. Before moving to the social science side of campus he was an information systems technologist for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine. His grounding in medical information technology adds to his education and training in electrical engineering, library and information science, digital preservation, computer science, economics, geographic information systems, hydrology and geomorphology.

Interest in serving on the Coordinating Committee (200 words):

It is my belief that the NDSA is an organization that should provide a foundational role in the digital preservation efforts across our country. I would be happy to represent the Odum Institute and the University of North Carolina by serving on the NDSA Coordinating Committee. If my insights into research data preservation, digital replication auditing and information systems would be helpful to the cause; it would be a delight to serve. Our community is rich in talents that can be brought to bear to help forge solutions to digital preservation problems that face our society. Helping to bring them together in a coordinated fashion would be a pleasure.

Communities you represent:

Data Preservation Alliance for the Social Sciences (Data-PASS) and other organizations interested in the preservation of social science research data

Jim Corridan, Indiana Commission on Public Records and Council of State Archivists

Brief biography (200 words):

Jim Corridan was appointed State Archivist and Director of the Indiana Commission on Public Records in 2005. Concurrently, from 2006 through 2012, he served as Deputy Director of the Indiana State Library for Outreach and Statewide Services. In these capacities he established Indiana's electronic records program with the archives, Indiana Memory at the State Library, serves as the sponsor of Indiana's National Digital Newspaper Project and has coordinated statewide efforts to provide workshops on digital preservation and electronic records.

In 2009 Jim was elected to the Board of Directors of the Council of State Archivists (CoSA). He helped establish and chaired CoSA's State Electronic Records Initiative (SERI) in 2011 and currently serves as President of CoSA. SERI is focused on governance, best practices, awareness and education to strengthen all the state and territorial archives in the United States.

Working with the staff from the Library of Congress, Jim and the Indiana State Archives hosted the first regional Digital Preservation Outreach and Education (DPOE) project, the Midwest train-the-trainer program in partnership with the Library of Congress in August of 2012 and has been an advocate for digital preservation. He was also a founder and serves as a board member of the International Governance Committee of Evergreen, the open source integrated library system.

Interest in serving on the Coordinating Committee (200 words):

The work of the National Digital Stewardship Alliance is important in establishing a national dialogue for digital preservation and is critical in building awareness about the preservation of digital resources. I would like to bring an additional perspective to the Coordinating Committee and hope that my past experience would benefit NDSA.

I hope that my participation on the coordinating committee would aid in finding new opportunities to work across multiple fields and repositories.

Communities you represent:

State archives and records programs

Meg Phillips, U.S. National Archives and Records Administration

Brief biography (200 words):

I have been the NARA Electronic Records Lifecycle Coordinator since March 2010, a position in which I assist senior management with Electronic Records Archives (ERA) planning and the coordination of NARA's many electronic records units and projects. I am responsible for gathering and helping NARA prioritize the business requirements for the development and evolution of ERA and I provide staff support to ERA's external advisory committee (ACERA). Throughout my career I have sought opportunities to get more and more involved in electronic records and digital preservation, and working with ERA at the National Archives has been fascinating and challenging. I was previously the electronic records project manager and ERA coordinator for NARA's Office of Regional Records Services. I began my NARA career in 2002 on the records management staff of the Mid Atlantic Region, where I advised Federal agencies on electronic records issues and appraised records. Before joining NARA I managed the archives and records management program of a large non-profit. I have a BA in history from Haverford College, an MA in history from the University of Chicago, and an MLS from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Interest in serving on the Coordinating Committee (200 words):

The National Archives is a founding member of the NDSA and I have served as NARA's liaison and coordination point for NDSA involvement almost since the beginning. I have been active in the Standards and Practices Working Group and the inter-working group "Supergroup" on Levels of Preservation. I also served as a facilitator for the CURATEcamp on Processing Data / Processing Collections following the NDSA's Digital Preservation 2012 meeting this past summer (although the self-organizing format meant I could mainly just participate). I have found all of these activities very rewarding so on a personal level I would like to increase my engagement with NDSA.

I believe in both the general mission of the NDSA and the practical potential of the NDSA's collaborative model to advance the cause of digital preservation and stewardship. From NARA's point of view, being actively involved in the NDSA helps to advance NARA's own goals. From a community point of view, it is also important for the voices of government archivists to be represented on the NDSA Coordinating Committee. Stewardship of government's digital archives will ultimately support open government and democracy in the electronic environment. An archival perspective can benefit all of NDSA by bringing these issues to the fore.

Communities you represent:

Federal government, archivists, records managers, NARA employees, NDSA Standards and Practices Working Group members
