

Vice President's Column: MAC Meetings and Symposia Update

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Of all Chicago's nicknames, our 2018 Program Committee reminded us in the call for proposals of the city's official motto, *Urbs in Horto*, City in a Garden, inviting us to explore the contradictions and contrasts in our work and professional lives.

We can apply and unpack this allegory in many ways. Since the proposals were announced, I have been thinking about my institution as the city and its relation to my community—the garden. What are our obligations to each other? How have we walled-off or enclosed the garden from ourselves? Does the garden really need us? Or, will it come to find stability and growth through its own process? These perplexing and challenging questions do not come with easy answers. My only advice to you is to come to the Chicago meeting ready to ask questions and to listen to what others have to say.

Please join me in thanking all of those who have worked so hard to date to bring our Fall Symposium, “Transitioning from Good to Great Exhibits,” in Columbus, Ohio, October 13–14, 2017, to fruition. Our hosts, Lisa Carter, associate director for Special Collections and Area Studies, and Tamar Chute, university archivist, both at The Ohio State University, were steadfast in their planning efforts and determination to make all attendees feel welcomed and engaged. A sincere thank-you to all the instructors, including Ken Aschliman, Joe Heimlich, Justin Luna, and Jenny Robb at The Ohio State University, and Merilee Mostovis at the Columbus Museum of Art, for contributing their time and expertise.

Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, March 21–24, 2018

The Chicago Local Arrangements Committee, headed by Andrea Bainbridge, DePaul University, and Andy Steadham, Rotary International, and in cooperation with the Chicago Area Archivists, is working to give MAC a great welcome home for our 2018 Annual Meeting. The winter chill may not be quite done with the Windy City when we arrive, but nothing can stop this group of midwestern archivists from having a great time learning from our colleagues. The conference and accommodations will be downtown at the DoubleTree near the Magnificent Mile and much of what Chicago has to offer. For more information about what to do and see while in Chicago, be sure to follow the 2018 MAC blog at mac2018.wordpress.com.

Information about the 2018 Fall Symposium and 2019 Annual Meeting will be coming soon!

If you have ideas or would like to consider hosting a meeting, please feel free to contact me at moore144@umn.edu. I would welcome the opportunity to help you plan out a proposal.

Fall Symposium 2017

Learn all about what happened at the Fall Symposium, “Transitioning from Good to Great Exhibits,” in the January issue of the *MAC Newsletter*!