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Candidate for ArchivesSpace Governance Board - Very Large Member Representative

I am honored to be nominated as a candidate for the ArchivesSpace Governance Board representing Very Large member institutions. As Head of Special Collections & Archives and University Archivist at the University of California, Irvine, I am part of senior leadership for the UCI Libraries and provide administration and vision for my team, including strategic planning; fiscal oversight; managing donor relations; setting goals, policies, and procedures; overseeing archival and monographic technical services; and fostering user-centered instruction, outreach, and reference.

Our campus is a charter member of ArchivesSpace and was one of the first universities in the state to implement an instance of ArchivesSpace after its initial release. Having participated in development activities from the perspectives of a charter member, a user, and now an administrator, I am particularly interested in the potential for Governance Board members to participate in the dissemination of information about development priorities. Communication with senior leaders, technical experts, and archival practitioners at institutions of every size is an essential component of establishing a strong ArchivesSpace community.

I am eager to participate in the governance of this central tool for the archives and manuscripts professions and to help unlock the potential of ArchivesSpace to be integrated into emerging initiatives, including those related to email archives, born-digital content, and linked archival data. UC Irvine is a partner in the ePADD project and the Social Networks and Archival Context (SNAC) Cooperative Program Pilot, as well as an early adopter and leader in providing access to born-digital archives through the Critical Theory Archive. UC Irvine is also home to the Southeast Asian Archive, among other community-based collections with specific language and descriptive requirements. I believe it is important to have representation on the Governance Board with an eye towards inclusiveness in archival description. I look forward to the possibility of representing initiatives like these on the Governance Board.

Throughout my career I have participated in leadership roles both regionally and nationally, primarily archivist organizations. I have enjoyed participating in elected and appointed positions with the Society of American Archivists, the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of ACRL, the Society of California Archivists, and the Society of North Carolina Archivists. I am a Certified Archivist as well as a member of the 2013 cohort of the Archives Leadership Institute. As part of the University of California Libraries' Next Generation Technical Services initiative, I contributed to the Guidelines for Efficient Archival Processing in the University of California Libraries. My professional experience and research emphases include archival technical services, extensible processing, community-based archives, and born-digital archives.