

ATTENTION SHAFR MEMBERS

The 2022 SHAFR election is upon us. As is traditional, *Passport* is publishing copies of the candidates' biographies and statements by the candidates for president and vice-president, as well as biographies for the candidates for Council and the Nominating Committee, as a way to encourage members of the organization to familiarize themselves with the candidates and vote in this year's elections. Additional information, including brief CVs for each candidate, will be available on the electronic ballot.

"ELECTIONS BELONG TO THE PEOPLE. IT'S THEIR DECISION. IF THEY DECIDE TO TURN THEIR BACK ON THE FIRE AND BURN THEIR BEHINDS, THEN THEY WILL JUST HAVE TO SIT ON THEIR BLISTERS." ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Passport would like to remind each member of SHAFR that voting for the 2022 election will begin in early August and will close on **September 30, 2022**. Ballots will be sent electronically to all current members of SHAFR. If you are a member of SHAFR and do not receive a ballot by the beginning of September, please contact the chair of the SHAFR Nominating Committee, Kathleen Rasmussen (rasmussenkb@state.gov), as soon as possible to ensure that you are able to participate in the election.

"THE EXERCISE OF THE ELECTIVE FRANCHISE IS A SOCIAL DUTY OF AS SOLEMN A NATURE AS [A PERSON] CAN BE CALLED TO PERFORM." DANIEL WEBSTER

Last year in the 2021 SHAFR election, only 417 members of SHAFR voted. *Passport* urges each member of SHAFR to take the time to participate in our organization's self-governance this year. As we know, elections have consequences.

"WE DO NOT HAVE GOVERNMENT BY THE MAJORITY. WE HAVE GOVERNMENT BY THE MAJORITY WHO PARTICIPATE."
THOMAS JEFFERSON

2022 SHAFR Election Candidates

President	Mary Ann Heiss, Kent State University
Vice President/President-Elect	Robert Brigham, Vassar College Mitchell Lerner, The Ohio State University
Council (At-Large)	Megan Black, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Theresa Keeley, University of Louisville
Council (At-Large)	Gretchen Heefner, Northeastern University Marc-William Palen, University of Exeter
Council (At-Large)	Jessica Gienow-Hecht, Freie Universität Berlin Andrew Johnstone, University of Leicester
Nominating Committee	Justin Hart, Texas Tech University Penny von Eschen, University of Virginia

Proposed Amendment to SHAFR By-Laws

Article IX: Advocacy

Section 1: This Section establishes two methods by which SHAFR may take a public stand on an issue:

SHAFR's membership may take a public stand on an issue by following these steps:

First, a petition proposing a resolution must be signed by ten members in good standing;

Second, such a resolution must be submitted by SHAFR by electronic means to the full SHAFR membership;

Third, the resolution must be voted on by at least 30% of the SHAFR membership within seven calendar days following an electronic announcement to the membership that voting has begun;

Fourth, the resolution must receive a majority of the votes cast;

Fifth, the resolution must then be submitted to the SHAFR Council. Council may pass the resolution through a 2/3 vote, with 80% of Council Members voting.

Alternatively, SHAFR Council may take a public stand on an issue by following these steps:

First, If Council votes on a motion without any opposing votes and at least 80% of Council Members present, then SHAFR may take a public stand.

If the Council vote is not unanimous, but Council may approves a resolution by a 2/3 vote of the SHAFR Council members, with 80% of Council Members voting, then;

- Second, such a resolution must be submitted by SHAFR by electronic means to the full SHAFR membership;
- Third, the resolution must be voted on by at least 30% of the SHAFR membership within seven calendar days following an electronic announcement to the membership that voting has begun;
- Fourth, the resolution must receive a simple majority of the votes cast for SHAFR to take a public stand.

Section 2: SHAFR's President is authorized to speak publicly on issues of vital interest to the organization in her/his capacity as SHAFR President without broader consultation of the Council or membership, but not as representing the opinions of the members of the organization.

2022 SHAFR Election Candidate Biographies and Statements

President

Mary Ann Heiss is a professor of history at Kent State University. Her research interests focus on the early Cold War period with a particular emphasis on Anglo-American relations. Thematically, her work has explored such issues as North-South relations, the intersection of decolonization and the Cold War, and the interplay between foreign and domestic policy. She has published two monographs, *Empire and Nationhood: The United States, Great Britain, and Iranian Oil, 1950-1954* (Columbia University Press, 1997) and *Fulfilling the Sacred Trust: The UN Campaign for International Accountability for Dependent Territories in the Era of Decolonization* (Cornell University Press, 2020; winner of the 2022 Publication Award of the Ohio Academy of History), coedited four volumes, and published more than a dozen articles and book chapters. Her service to SHAFR includes fifteen years on the staff of *Diplomatic History*, a term on the journal's editorial board, terms on the Stuart Bernath Article Prize, Kuehl Book Prize, and Myrna Bernath Book and Fellowship Committees, elected terms on the Council and Nominating Committee, and chair of the Conference Committee from its inception in 2016 through 2021. She also cochaired the 2008 Program Committee with Amy Sayward and served on the committee for two other conferences. Beyond SHAFR, she's been secretary-treasurer, archivist, and president of the Ohio Academy of History, served on the Harry S. Truman Library Institute's Committee on Research, Scholarship, and Education and Board of Directors, and edited the book series "New Studies in U.S. Foreign Relations" for the Kent State University Press.

As a SHAFR member for more than three decades, dating back to my days as a graduate student at Ohio State, I've seen firsthand how pivotal the organization can be for graduate students and young scholars. I delivered my first major professional paper at a SHAFR conference and benefited from important financial support through the W. Stull Holt Fellowship when I was writing my dissertation. I am also fortunate to count a number of distinguished SHAFR members as informal mentors, research sounding boards, and discriminating manuscript critics.

From my perspective, one of SHAFR's signature strengths has been the willingness of its most senior members to help pull those behind them up the professional ladder. A top priority for me as president is to work with the graduate student members of the SHAFR Council and others to develop this element of the organization's identity more fully. Current initiatives like the job workshop that's become a regular element of the annual summer meeting already support this goal, of course. As president, I will work to create more opportunities for intergenerational interactions and collaborations of all sorts, at both the annual meeting and throughout the year.

SHAFR's most senior members are incredible resources well beyond the formal service they provide to the organization on its various committees and the impressive research they've published over their careers. I'd like to see SHAFR do more to draw on their collective professional experience for the benefit of all of us.

Vice-President/President-elect

Robert K. Brigham: I am the Shirley Ecker Boskey Professor of History and International Relations at Vassar College, where I have taught since 1994. With a research focus on post-1945 US foreign relations, I am author or coauthor of nine books, among them *Reckless: Henry Kissinger and the Tragedy of Vietnam* (PublicAffairs, 2018); *American Foreign Relations* (Cengage, 2015), written with Thomas Patterson, J. Garry Clifford, Michael Donoghue, and Kenneth Hagan; *Is Iraq Another Vietnam?* (PublicAffairs, 2006); and *Argument Without End: In Search of Answers to the Vietnam Tragedy* (PublicAffairs, 1999), written with former secretary of defense, Robert S. McNamara and James G. Blight.

I have earned research fellowships from the Rockefeller, Mellon, Ford, and Smith Richardson Foundations as well as the National Endowment for the Humanities. In addition, I have been Albert Shaw Endowed Lecturer at Johns Hopkins University; visiting professor of international relations at the Watson Institute at Brown University, and the Mary Ball Washington Professor of American History (Fulbright Chair) at University College Dublin. In 2019, the Alumnae/i Association of Vassar College presented me with its Outstanding Faculty Award. It was my fourth teaching award.

I am a Life Member of SHAFR and have served our organization in several capacities, including: SHAFR Council (2014-17); CoDirector of the SHAFR Program Committee (2016-17); Board of Editors of *Diplomatic History* (2001-04); *Passport's* Editorial Advisory Board (2010-12); Myrna Bernath Book Award Committee (2005-08); Norman and Laura Graebner Lifetime Achievement Award Committee (2018-22); Development Committee (2016-20); and the Membership Committee (2008-12).

One of my first priorities is to help make SHAFR whole. The pandemic has had a devastating impact on all aspects of our organization and our profession. We are likely to see membership challenges and endowment shortages in the next few years. The scholarly publishing world is also facing enormous trials that could impact our two outstanding publications. I hope to use my many years of SHAFR service (particularly on the Council, on both editorial boards, and on the Membership and Development Committees) to help chart a safe and prudent course for us. I also have nearly thirty years of experience at Vassar College in donor relations and development initiatives that could help SHAFR find and sustain new sources of income. My recent SHAFR service as Co-Director of the Program Committee gives me special insight into the many ways that the annual meeting can be used to help us achieve some of our membership and fundraising goals.

I believe these challenges also present SHAFR with enormous opportunities to expand our commitment to internationalize and diversify our membership, annual meeting, and summer initiatives. Our junior scholars and graduate students will need our continued support for their intellectual and professional development. It is also essential that SHAFR strengthen the bridges between our organization and the profession if we are to grow and sustain our vision. One of the ways we can do this is to increase our advocacy for archival access and government record preservation.

Mitchell Lerner: I am professor of history and director of the East Asian Studies Center at Ohio State University, and a fellow at OSU's Mershon Center for International Security. Amongst other things, I have been the Mary Ball Washington Distinguished Fulbright Professor at UC-Dublin; a fellow at the University of Virginia's Miller Center of Public Affairs; associate editor of the *Journal of American-East Asian Relations*; and a Distinguished Lecturer of the Association for Asian Studies. I have won multiple teaching awards, including OSU's Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching (our highest such honor) and the Ohio Academy of History's Distinguished Teacher Prize. My current work examines the relationship between African American military service overseas and the domestic civil rights movement. Specific examples of my scholarship are on my CV. However, I believe that as SHAFR confronts the significant challenges of today's academic climate, a demonstrated commitment to the organization and a successful record of service to its membership should be the most important criteria. I was the founding editor of *Passport*, a position I held for eight years. I was one of the founders of SHAFR's Teaching Committee, and served as one of its first members. I have been elected to SHAFR's Council and Nominating Committee; in that last position, I led the effort to create a council seat reserved for someone from a teaching-focused school. I have also codirected the SHAFR Summer Institute; served on numerous ad hoc committees; and in 2022, had the honor of winning SHAFR's Distinguished Service Award.

As that great SHAFR fanboy Bob Dylan sings, "The Times, They are a-Changin'." SHAFR remains one of the brightest stars in the history discipline, a tremendous organization that has been critical to so many of us in so many ways. However, the profession faces a tumultuous future, one marked by shrinking job markets, increasing reliance on contingent labor, declining working conditions, and growing political pressures. Because these challenges emerged at roughly the same time that the field was seeing increased diversity, marginalized groups felt their impact disproportionately. SHAFR must therefore continue to be the vibrant intellectual home we all need while also redoubling efforts to engage with these most fundamental challenges of our profession.

Under my leadership, SHAFR would seek to expand programs to assist the most vulnerable amongst us. I envision a greater focus on mentorship and training; increased financial opportunities for those in need; more programs devoted to navigating the job market and the publication and research processes; increased teaching resources; and a continued commitment to support diversity in all forms. We must also seek new sources of revenue and new opportunities for public engagement. Above all, my vision will put the voices of the less privileged at the forefront, knowing that those who have lived these experiences will offer the best guideposts for the future. SHAFR has been a fundamental part of my professional life for three decades. It would be an honor to try to ensure that it remains equally as significant for future generations.

Council

At-Large Seat #1

Megan Black is associate professor of history at MIT, specializing in US and the world, environmental history, and political economy. Her recent book, *The Global Interior: Mineral Frontiers and American Power* (Harvard University Press, 2018), examined the surprising role of the US Interior Department in pursuing minerals across zones, including Indigenous reservations, formal territories, foreign nations, the oceans, and outer space. The book received four top prizes in history, including the Stuart L. Bernath Prize for international history and George Perkins Marsh Prize for environmental history. She has published articles in *Diplomatic History*, *Journal of American History*, *Modern American History*, and *Humanity*. Black previously taught at the London School of Economics and completed postdoctoral research at the Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History at Harvard University and Dickey Center of International Understanding at Dartmouth College. She has been a SHAFR member since 2015. In recent years, she has served on the Marilyn Blatt Young dissertation fellowship committee and the program committee, becoming a co-chair for the latter with Ryan Irwin for the 2021 Annual Meeting. For responding to the COVID-19 crisis and creating the first virtual meeting, the pair received meritorious service awards and lifetime memberships from SHAFR.

Theresa Keeley: I am an associate professor at the University of Louisville. My research and teaching focus on human rights, religion, transnational social movements, gender, and law. My approach draws on my experience as a human rights advocate and attorney. My book, *Reagan's Gun-Toting Nuns: The Catholic Conflict over Cold War Human Rights Policy in Central America*, received the American Catholic Historical Association's John Gilmary Shea Prize and Duke University's Juan E. Méndez Book Award for Human Rights in Latin America. My new project involves medicine, children's health, and war.

SHAFR has been my scholarly home since 2009 and has been instrumental in shaping who I am as an historian. A Myrna Bernath Fellowship allowed me to pursue research in Central America. The 2011 Summer Institute and the 2022 Second Book Workshop encouraged me to think in new ways about my work and just as importantly, helped me to feel a sense of scholarly community. As a SHAFR Council member, I hope to continue fostering this sense of support and community for others. I am currently on the Committee on Women and the Bernath Scholarly Article Prize Committee. I previously served on the Program and Myrna Bernath Fellowship & Book Prize Committees.

At-Large Seat #2

Gretchen Heefner is an Associate Professor of History at Northeastern University. She earned her Ph.D. in History from Yale University in 2010. Gretchen is currently working on her second book, *From the Red Desert to the Red Planet*, about U.S. military engineering in extreme environments. Her first book, *The Missile Next Door: The Minuteman in the American Heartland* (Harvard University Press, 2012), was selected as a Choice Outstanding Academic title in 2013. Her work has appeared in *Diplomatic History*, *Environmental History*, *Endeavour*, and *Modern American History*, as well as in edited volumes such as the *Cambridge History of America and the World* and *The Military and the Market*. Gretchen has served SHAFR in many capacities, including cochair of the Program Committee for the 2020 annual meeting; member of the Bernath First Book Prize committee (2020-23); editorial board member for *Diplomatic History* (2017-20); and member of the search committee for the editorship of *DH*. She is currently on the Ways and Means Committee. Gretchen lives in Brookline, Mass., with her husband, two teenagers, and a pandemic puppy.

Marc-William Palen: I am a Senior Lecturer at the University of Exeter in England and am honored to be nominated for Council. I strongly endorse SHAFR's commitment to diversity and to its support for graduate students and the precariously employed. While among the latter in 2013, I was very fortunate indeed to receive SHAFR's W. A. Williams Junior Faculty Research Grant to support research on my first book, *The "Conspiracy" of Free Trade: The Anglo-American Struggle over Empire and Economic Globalisation, 1846-1896* (Cambridge University Press, 2016). At Exeter, I am editor of the history blog the Imperial & Global Forum, and co-director of History & Policy's Global Economics and History Forum in London. I have been a SHAFR member for over a decade, have published numerous articles in *Diplomatic History* and presented at numerous SHAFR conferences, have reviewed article manuscripts and books for *Diplomatic History* and HDiplo, and, since 2019, sit on SHAFR's Open Access Task Force. I look forward to expanding my service to SHAFR as a member of Council, and to bringing an international perspective through my work in the UK.

At-Large Seat #3

Jessica C. E. Gienow-Hecht is chair of the department of history at the John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies at Freie Universität Berlin. She has taught, among others, at Doshisha University (Kyoto), Sciences Po (Paris), Carleton University (Ottawa), Harvard, Heidelberg, Bielefeld, Cologne, and the Hertie School of Government (Berlin).

A lifetime member of SHAFR since 2000, she has won two book prizes from the society (Stuart Bernath & Myrna Bernath, for *Transmission Impossible: American Journalism as Cultural Diplomacy in Postwar Germany*, 1999) and published several pieces (including two roundtable contributions) in *Diplomatic History*. Her series at Berghahn Books, *Explorations in Culture and International History* (since 2003) seeks to promote junior scholars focusing on groundbreaking topics in the field. Moreover, she has served on five SHAFR committees, including: the *Diplomatic History* Editorial Board, the Bernath Article Prize Committee, the Membership Committee, the Michael Hunt Prize Selection Committee, and the SHAFR Task Force on Internationalization. As a Council member, she would like to focus on the effort to connect SHAFR to similar organisations outside of North America.

For a complete list of publications, research projects, teachings activities and services to the profession, see: https://www.jfki.fuberlin.de/en/faculty/history/persons/TeachingStaff/gienow_hecht1/index.html.

Andrew Johnstone: I am an Associate Professor of American History at the University of Leicester. My research focuses on internationalism and on relations between the state and private spheres in creating and mobilising domestic support for U.S. foreign policy. My current book project examines the relationship between the public relations industry and American foreign relations.

My most recent books are *Against Immediate Evil: American Internationalists and the Four Freedoms of the Eve of World War II* (Cornell, 2014) and, edited with Andrew Priest, *US Presidential Elections and Foreign Policy* (Kentucky, 2017). My articles have appeared in journals including *Diplomatic History*, the *Journal of Contemporary History*, *Global Society*, and the *Journal of American Studies*.

I first joined SHAFR as a Ph.D. student in 2001 and have since seen it as my organisational home. I attended my first conference that same year and have attended and appeared on the programme of most conferences since. In that time, I have seen SHAFR become more diverse in almost every way, and I would like to help it continue on that path. I will also bring a different international perspective to Council. I was previously elected to the Nominating Committee for a three-year term from 2016-2018.

Nominating Committee

Justin Hart: I am President's Excellence in Teaching Professor and Associate Professor of History at Texas Tech University, where I started teaching after completing my Ph.D. at Rutgers. In 2013, I published *Empire of Ideas* with Oxford University Press. I have also published a number of articles and book chapters on the cultural dimensions of U.S. foreign relations and the historiography of our field. I have been an active member of SHAFR for two decades and I have attended every annual meeting for at least the past decade. I have served on the program committee and on the editorial board for *Diplomatic History*. I am particularly interested in teaching issues, on which I have published for *Passport* and HDiplo. I am committed to continuing the recent strides that have been made in diversifying the organization, as well as to ensuring an influx of younger members in our era of heightened professional precarity.

Penny M. Von Eschen is Professor of History and William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of American Studies at the University of Virginia. My research explores intersections between the Cold War and colonialism/anticolonialism. Publications include: *Paradoxes of Nostalgia: Cold War Triumphalism and Global Disorder Since 1989*, Duke University Press, 2022; *Satchmo Blows Up the World: Jazz Ambassadors Play the Cold War*, Harvard University Press, 2004; *Race against Empire: Black Americans and Anticolonialism, 1937-1957*, Cornell University Press, 1997, winner of the 1998 Stuart L. Bernath book prize. Honors include: Fulbright Specialist, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, 2013; The Dave Brubeck Institute 2008 Award for Distinguished Achievement. SHAFR service includes: Council Member, 2014-2016; Women's committee: Mentor for second book proposal workshop, NOLA, 2022; Committee on Access, Representation, and Equity, 2019-present; Task Committee on Membership and Dues, 2016; Committee for Graebner Prize for lifetime achievement, 2012-2016, chair in middle term; Bernath Lecture Prize Committee, 2004-2007, Chair, 2006-2007.