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### President's Page

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Dear MAC members,

Happy New Year! As the calendar switches to January, we start to think of what will come during the year. At Ohio State University Archives, that includes an addition to our stacks after years of planning. As I watch the construction crews build the new space, I wonder—what collections will fill it up? Even the big new space will not last forever. What will we choose to include? Can we add to the voices in the stacks? Where can we find those voices?

Outreach is part of that growth. After the Fall Symposium on outreach and engagement, I returned to Columbus after two amazing days in Indianapolis and wondered what outreach activities should be on my list. The workshop helped me focus on a key program that has the potential to bring in new collections from underrepresented student organizations. What could it look like if those voices started to fill the stacks? What resources do we need to be successful? Who can help? While I am still in the planning phase as I write this column, I want to thank the speakers (Carey Champion, Carrie Schwier, and Carol Street) and the organizers (Bethany Fiechter and Jackie Shalberg) for creating a wonderful opportunity for members of MAC and the Society of Indiana Archivists. I learned so much from them and from the other attendees. I can't wait to continue the conversations in Chicago!

Speaking of Chicago and the Annual Meeting, I am very excited to announce that the Mark A. Greene Award for First-Time Meeting Attendees has been fully funded. This would not have been possible without the generosity of our members and especially of Kathy Marquis who provided matching funds so we



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could reach our goal. One of the many donors to the fund stated in an email, “Mark’s passion and impact on our industry in terms of how we now define archival processing and procedures to get more with less process has been amazing.” I think we can all agree! In addition to Kathy and the other donors, I would also like to thank Natalia Gutiérrez-Jones MAC’s development coordinator, who has been crucial to this campaign. Natalia wrote about fund-raising for the Greene Award, “it’s been moving to hear about the impact Mark had on his colleagues as well as the field.”

With the Greene Award fully funded, Council took the opportunity to review our other two awards—the Louisa Bowen Memorial Scholarship and the Archie Motley Memorial Scholarship for Students of Color. Due to MAC’s financial stability and your continuing support, Council voted to increase both scholarships to \$1,500 per award. I am extremely pleased that we are able to provide these additional funds to worthy students in our field. Please watch for a call from the awards committees and encourage those you know to apply.

Expanding our support for new archivists is a worthy goal for the new year. What is on your 2023 list? I hope you are including time to engage with MAC and that a trip to Chicago is in your spring plans.

If you have ideas for MAC, or any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me ([chute.6@osu.edu](mailto:chute.6@osu.edu); 614-292-3271). I always welcome a MAC conversation!

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in the spring.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tamar Chute". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tamar Chute

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