



Speaker Biographies

Thomas F.R. Clareson

Thomas F.R. Clareson joined PALINET as Program Director for New Initiatives in October 2005. Leading PALINET's digital collections creation and management services, preservation services, and consulting activities, he is responsible for establishing new services and funding sources, grant writing, and outreach to the museum and historical society communities. With over 15 years experience in preservation and digitization services, Tom was previously Global Product Manager at OCLC Online Computer Library Center, Inc.; he also served in various capacities at Amigos Library Services, Inc. Currently a representative from the Society of American Archivists to the Joint Committee on Archives, Libraries, and Museums, he also serves on the Board of Trustees of Heritage Preservation.

Gary Menges

Gary Menges is Preservation Administrator at the University of Washington Libraries. Before assuming his current position he was Head of Special Collections at the UW Libraries for 15 years and served as Chair of the ACRL Rare Books and Manuscripts Section. He teaches the "Preservation and Conservation of Library Materials" course at the UW Information School, is a consultant/trainer for the Western States and Territories Preservation Assistance Service and manages the PNW regional preservation listserv, "Preserve NW. He has served as PI/Project Director for a number of UW grant projects including the UW/Library of Congress Ameritech Digital Library project, "American Indians of the Pacific Northwest." Gary has been active in cooperative preservation activities in the Pacific Northwest and served as Chair of the Advisory Group for the state-wide Washington Preservation Initiative.

Gregor Trinkaus-Randall

Gregor Trinkaus-Randall was elected a Fellow of the Society of American Archivists in 2006. He is currently the Preservation Specialist at the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) where he is responsible for implementing the statewide preservation program, and the MBLC's Emergency Assistance Program. He has spoken widely on preservation, disaster preparedness, archival, and security topics, including the USA PATRIOT Act. With funding through IMLS National Leadership Grants, he and the staff of the Northeast Document Conservation Center developed dPlan: an Online Disaster Planning Tool. In 2004-2005 he represented the Society of American Archivists on the Heritage Preservation conference calls that coordinated cultural resource response to Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma and was also their representative to the Council of State Archivists meeting to develop a framework for creating a statewide disaster plan for records. He is the author of *Protecting Your Collections: A Manual of Archival Security*, (1995), "Library and Archival Security: Policies and Procedures to Protect Holdings from Theft and Damage," (1998), and "The USA PATRIOT Act: Archival Implications," (2005).

Laura K. Lee Dellinger

Laura K. Lee Dellinger, Senior Executive Vice President/Principal Metropolitan Group (MG). Laura is sought after on a national basis for her deep experience in the use of community engagement to mobilize stakeholders in community-based solutions to social and civic challenges and issues. She also has extensive experience in public private partnership development, marrying social issues with private philanthropic and social marketing resources to execute public will building programs. Laura has developed campaigns and programs for hundreds of nonprofits, membership organizations and public agencies throughout her career, and has earned national awards for the impact of her campaigns. She led MG's work with the Public Library Association, developing a successful, award-winning advocacy tool book, "Libraries Prosper with Passion, Purpose and Persuasion," that assists members in advocating for the resources they need to be successful in delivering library programs and services, and building capacity to sustain those resources.