

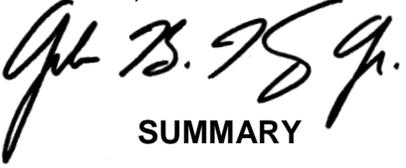


TO: Cultural Education Committee

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SUBJECT: Office of Cultural Education Conservation Lab

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AUTHORIZATION(S): 
SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

To ensure the appropriate stewardship of its holdings, the Office of Cultural Education has recently hired a conservator whose function will be to service the preservation needs of all three collecting institutions in OCE.

Reason(s) for Consideration

For Information.

Proposed Handling

Maria Holden, Director of Archival Services, will introduce OCE conservator, Dawn Mankowski and share with the Regents plans for operation of the conservation lab. She will also share information on current and upcoming preservation services and programs for the public.

Background Information

The State Archives, State Library and State Museum all hold paper-based collections, many in deteriorated or fragile condition. Some older archival materials in the State Library and State Archives suffered damage in the Capitol fire of 1911. Many items require conservation treatment before they can be handled or exhibited. OCE has had a professional conservation staff since 1984 to carry out treatment of collections. OCE recently formalized the operation of the conservation lab as an OCE wide program under the administration of the Archives.