

# Parchment & Titanium

## Preserving the Charters of Freedom



### Program Schedule

Registration

Continental Breakfast

Viewing of the Charters of Freedom

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
Professor Allen Weinstein  
Archivist of the United States (NARA)

Doris A. Hamburg  
Director, Preservation Programs (NARA)

Dr. Michael J. Kurtz  
Assistant Archivist, Office of Records Services–Washington, DC (NARA)

**SESSION I**  
Mary Lynn Ritzenthaler, Moderator

History and Context of the Charters of Freedom Documents

Dr. Milton O. Gustafson  
Chief, Diplomatic Branch  
(Retired NARA)

Encasement History, Theory, and Use as a Preservation Tool

Don Etherington  
President, Etherington Conservation Services

National Bureau of Standards Encasements:  
History and Examinations Prior to Disassembly  
Margaret Ann T. Kelly  
Research Chemist, Document Conservation Laboratory (NARA)

Dr. Charles R. Tilford  
Consulting Physicist, National Institute of Standards and Technology

New Encasement Design Criteria  
Norvell Jones  
Chief, Document Conservation Laboratory (Retired NARA)

**LUNCH BREAK**

**SESSION II**  
Catherine Nicholson, Moderator

Managing the Inter-Institutional, Multiyear Re-Encasement Project

Richard P. Judson  
Project Manager, Space and Security Management Division (NARA)

Encasement Fabrication and Testing: Processes and Innovations

Richard L. Rhorer  
Mechanical Engineer, National Institute of Standards and Technology

Design and Production of Paper for the New Encasements  
Timothy Barrett  
Paper Specialist and Research Scientist, University of Iowa Center for the Book

**AFTERNOON BREAK**

**SESSION III**  
Margaret Ann T. Kelly, Moderator

The Charters of Freedom Documents:  
Examination and Treatment  
Mary Lynn Ritzenthaler  
Chief, Document Conservation Laboratory (NARA)

Catherine Nicholson  
Supervisory Conservator, Document Conservation Laboratory (NARA)

Display Criteria: Access, Lighting, and Aesthetics  
Christina Rudy Smith  
Head of Exhibits, Museum Programs (NARA)

Michael L. Jackson  
Senior Exhibition Designer, Museum Programs (NARA)

Conclusions: Lessons Learned and Applications for the Field

Doris A. Hamburg  
Director, Preservation Programs (NARA)

### REGISTRATION FORM

19<sup>th</sup> Annual Preservation Conference  
Thursday, September 22, 2005  
National Archives and Records Administration  
Washington, DC

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A continental breakfast and afternoon break will be provided.

Attendees are on their own for lunch. NARA will provide a list of restaurants and eateries within a short walk of the National Archives Building.

Attendees are encouraged to use Metro or other means of mass transit as no on-site parking is available at the National Archives Building. The closest Metro stop is Archives/Navy Memorial on the Yellow/Green Line.

For information posted on the Internet, please visit [www.archives.gov/preservation/conference-2005.html](http://www.archives.gov/preservation/conference-2005.html).

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#### CONFERENCE THEME

The conservation, preservation, and re-encasement of the Charters of Freedom

#### TOPICS

History of the Charters of Freedom

The history of encasements for preservation storage and display

The design, fabrication, and testing of a modern encasement

The challenges of managing a multiyear interagency preservation project

What conservation staff learned during examination and treatment of the Charters

The fully accessible Rotunda and new display criteria for the Charters

Meeting the challenge to preserve the nation's best known and valued historical documents

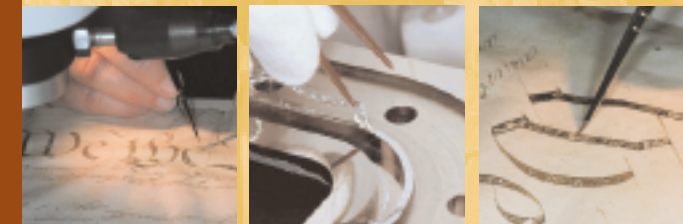
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National Archives Building  
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William G. McGowan Theater  
8:45 A.M. – 4:45 P.M.