

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)
22nd Annual Preservation Conference
March 10, 2008

The ABCs of Modern Fire Suppression in Cultural Institutions

William McGowan Theater
National Archives Building
Constitution Avenue and 7th Street NW
Washington, DC

The conference will provide an in-depth review of fire suppression systems appropriate for the protection of archives and other cultural property. There will be an examination of what has been utilized in the past and what modern systems are being used effectively today. The program will also feature insights on what technologies might be utilized in the future and how cultural institutions might adapt in an environment of shrinking budgets but with increasing volumes of holdings needing to be safeguarded.

The program will address recent advances and emerging technologies in specific fire suppression systems that are applicable to confined spaces, vulnerable materials, and electronic equipment and data.

Our intent is for attendees to leave the conference with an understanding of what the appropriate choices are for their institution and why the layout of building spaces, the configuration of shelving and storage units, and the nature of the materials to be protected all must be taken into account when designing and procuring a suppression system.

The conference will feature an exhibit by vendors who provide products related to the conference topic.

Please note the change of location from the 2007 conference.

**Please visit the conference website at
www.archives.gov/preservation/conferences/2008/
For information, please call 301-837-3617**

National Archives and Records Administration
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Conference Program

Opening Remarks

Dr. Allen Weinstein
Archivist of the United States
Dr. Michael J. Kurtz
*Assistant Archivist, Office of Records Services -
Washington, DC, NARA*
Doris A. Hamburg
Director, Preservation Programs, NARA

Fire Protection and Cultural Property

Catherine Nicholson
*Supervisory Conservator
Document Conservation Division, NARA*

Fire Protection: An Historical Overview

J. Andrew Wilson
*Associate Director for Fire Protection and Safety
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC*

Fire Detection and Suppression for Cultural Properties

Nick Artim
*Director, Fire Safety Network
Middlebury, Vermont*

Risk Assessment for Cultural Institutions:

Fire Testing vs. Computer Modeling

Dr. Frederick W. Mowrer
*Associate Professor
Department of Fire Protection Engineering
University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland*

Approaches to Fire Suppression in NARA Facilities: New Buildings and Renovations

Ron Noll
*Chief
Real Property Management Branch, NARA*

Low Oxygen Fire Suppression at the British Library

Julian Taylor
*Construction Project Sponsor,
British Library, London, England*

Update: R&D Project for Fire Protection in High Density Storage Facilities

Roberta Pilette
*Head, Preservation Department
Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut*

Why Williamsburg Went Wet Pipe

Patricia Silence
*Conservator of Exhibits
Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
Williamsburg, Virginia*

Fire Suppression in the Capitol Visitors Center Exhibit Gallery

Martha C. Sewell
*Exhibition Project Director
The Capitol Visitors Center, Washington, DC*

Fire Protection for the Rare Collections Library

Cornelius Rusnov
*Project Coordinator
The State Library of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania*

This program is subject to change.

Moderators

Morning: Mary Lynn Ritzenthaler
Chief, Document Conservation Division, NARA
Afternoon: Hilary A. Kaplan
Senior Conservator, Document Conservation Division, NARA

**Registration and Coffee 8:00–8:45 a.m.
Program 8:45 a.m.–5 :15 p.m. Morning and afternoon
breaks, and a box lunch will be provided.**

REGISTRATION FORM

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Seating is limited. Pre-registration by February 1, 2008, is encouraged.

Name _____
Job Title _____
Institution _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

Registration Fees: (Please do not send cash with this form.)

\$125 Standard Registration Fee _____

\$75 Student Registration Fee _____

Lunch Preference: Vegetarian Non-Vegetarian

If paying by check, please make it payable to:

National Archives Trust Fund (Preservation Conference)

Check Number _____

If paying by credit card, please complete the following:

VISA MasterCard

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Expiration Date: _____

Name as it Appears on Card _____

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Please mail completed registration form along with payment to:

Richard Schneider—Conference Coordinator

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8601 Adelphi Road, Room B-815

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You may phone in your registration and credit card payment to the
conference coordinator at 301-837-3617.

For correspondence, please write to richard.schneider@nara.gov.

For conference updates, please visit

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