

Rebecca Elder



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## EXPERIENCE

### Principal

**Rebecca Elder Cultural Heritage Preservation, Austin, TX**

**2014-present**

- Provide preservation consulting services including needs assessments, emergency preparedness planning, and training for libraries, museums and archives.
- Provide minor conservation services and mold remediation.
- Created semester-long undergraduate class in archival preservation, including writing and recording lectures and designing accompanying activities for a facilitator to present.
- Fit clients for respirators and provide training on respirator usage.

### Preservation Consultant/Field Services Officer

**Amigos Library Services, Inc., Dallas, TX**

**2004-2014**

- Conducted assessments and reported on preservation conditions in client libraries, museums and record centers; over 100 assessments conducted since 2004.
- Trained library, archive and museum professionals in book repair, photograph and audiovisual materials preservation, emergency preparedness, and best preservation practices in both face-to-face and live online environments.
- Created and updated presentations and workshops on a wide variety of preservation topics, including Preservation of Photographic Materials, Preservation of Audiovisual Materials, and Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery.
- Advised clients on grant writing for federal grants.
- Answered questions and provided advice to clients; provided telephone support to clients needing advice in emergency situations.

### Adjunct Instructor

**The University of Texas at Austin School of Information, Austin, TX**

**2010-present**

- Facilitate and supervise student group needs assessments of cultural heritage institutions.
- Instruct graduate students in basic principles of preservation administration, including emergency preparedness, grant writing, and collections care.
- Instruct graduate students in basic principles of book repair including structure, repair program administration and creation of protective enclosures.

### Adjunct Instructor

**Kent State University School of Information, Kent, OH**

**2017-present**

- Teach online graduate level introduction to preservation

**Harvard College Libraries, Cambridge, MA**  
**Collections Conservation Intern**

**2003**

- Observed and assisted in all facets of management of a large collections conservation lab, including

preservation review, disaster planning, hiring, and interaction with other departments in the Harvard College Libraries.

- Designed and conducted condition survey of 300,000-volume collection.
- Performed conservation treatments on circulating and non-circulating materials.
- Supervised and trained two entry-level part-time technicians in start-up phase of a new branch library conservation program.

## **EDUCATION**

### **The University of Texas at Austin School of Information, Austin, TX**

Master of Science in Information Studies

Certificate of Advanced Studies in Conservation of Library and Archival Materials

### **University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA**

B.A. English

## **PRESENTATIONS**

2012-18	Assn. of Tribal Libraries, Archives	Multiple presentations on preservation topics and Museums
2018	Oklahoma Museums Association	All About Preservation Assessments
2016	American Institute for Conservation	Making It Up As We Go Along
2016	Society of Southwest Archivists	Introduction to Archives and Preservation
2015	Society of Southwest Archivists	Preservation of Audiovisual Material

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- National Heritage Responders, Coordinator of volunteer emergency response team. Term indefinite.
- Nominating Committee, Society of Southwest Archivists. 2017-2019
- Chair, Society of American Archivists National Disaster Recovery Fund for Archives Grant Review Committee. 8/2011-8/2019
- Member at Large, Preservation Section, Society of American Archivists. 8/2014-8/2016
- National Planning Committee, Association of Tribal Libraries, Archives and Museums, 2017-2020

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Professional Associate of the American Institute for the Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works
- Society of American Archivists
- Association of Tribal Libraries, Archives and Museums
- Society of Southwest Archivists
- Oklahoma Museums Association