

Foreword

This is the eighth volume of *Postprints* published by the Objects Specialty Group (OSG). This includes most of the papers presented at the OSG Session, June 2, 2001 at the AIC meeting in Dallas, Texas. This volume will hopefully serve as a useful compendium of the papers presented for both those who attended that meeting and those who were unable to attend. The papers were minimally edited for format, punctuation, and English usage. This is not a peer reviewed publication, and readers will notice stylistic differences in the individual papers. Authors are encouraged to submit these papers to a peer-reviewed publication such as the *Journal of the American Institute for Conservation*. The authors retain all reproduction rights to their text and images.

The theme of this session is *Problem Solving: How Conservators Make Decisions When There Are No Easy Answers*. The papers covered a broad range of topics, but all managed to relate to each other. Four papers by Therese O’Gorman, Renee Stein, Lori Trusheim, and Pat Griffin all address how the deadlines associated with collections reinstallation can often present problems for conservators. Julie Wolfe and Nora Nagy address the problems associated with installing unstable modern materials, while Deborah Long speaks to the problems associated with exhibiting fragile organic materials. Three papers discuss planning for the travel of collections, whether it be traveling large fragile mosaics, as Paula Artal-Isbrand does in her paper, or moving whole collections to a new storage facility in another location as Leslie Williams, Emily Kaplan, and Sara Caspi do in their presentations. Finally, two papers discuss how conservators can accomplish projects when there is simply not enough time and resources. Mary Fahey, and Clara Deck discuss a collections care policy that guides conservation resources, while Beth Richwine describes decision making processes to successfully complete a treatment with a specific time and budget. Two presentations from the Poster Session have been expanded into papers and have been included in the volume of the *Postprints*.

On behalf of all of OSG, I want to give my sincere thanks to Virginia Greene for her commitment and dedication to producing these *Postprints* for all these years. I also want to offer a heartfelt thanks to all the speakers for their agreeing to share their thought processes in such an open and public forum. We all benefit from this kind of communication, and it will assist us all when we are faced with tough choices ourselves.

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