

FROM THE SFRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

From the President

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Things are chaotic right now, and between surging gas prices, global conflict, and the closure of Spirit Airlines, I am reflecting on what it means to lead an international organization which brings together members from around the globe. I am grateful to everyone who can travel to East Lansing, Michigan for the conference in June. It's going to be a great conference, and I look forward to seeing many of you there! We also have a high percentage of people presenting remotely this year, which is an understandable choice and an option that I'm glad we can provide.

SFRA is an important academic home for many of us, so what happens if this home becomes unaffordable? Hybrid format options for connecting to the field are good to have, but this also might be a great time to invest in our local SFRA communities through connections we've set up like the [SFRA Country Representatives](#) or the SFRA listserv. I am also thinking ahead to future conference locations. The SFRA depends on volunteer conference organizers, so if you would like to see the conference come to your area, please consider putting in a bid to host the conference. I'm happy to discuss what hosting the conference entails and how to go about putting a proposal together. Even if you are only curious at this stage, please feel free to reach out to me!

Members at-Large (elected to serve one three-year term with the possibility of running for a successive three-year term)

The at-large members represent the interests of the membership at large to the executive committee. They are voting members of the Executive Committee and participate in all ExCom meetings. They organize the Professional Development panel for the conference. Incoming at-large members will also have the opportunity to continue the amazing work that Kania Greer and Helane Androne have started to set up an SFRA mentorship program. We welcome any members for these positions, including graduate students, NTT faculty, and candidates representing our global membership.

We will be electing two candidates for this position. No prior experience is necessary. We would need a candidate statement that outlines your interest in the position. You can see examples of previous candidate statements [here](#). We publish the candidate statements in the Summer issue of the SFRA Review and run the elections in the fall. If you have any questions about this position, please feel free to contact me (satteber@calpoly.edu) or the current officers. We'll be happy to chat with you about position. Or alternately, if you're in Michigan for the conference, please feel free to find me to chat in person!