

Valerie Gerrard Browne Presented with Emeritus Member Award

At MAC's spring meeting in Chicago, MAC and its Membership Committee were honored to award Valerie Gerrard Browne with the title of Member Emerita. Valerie joined MAC in 1973 while an archivist at the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs at Wayne State University, Detroit. Since that time, Valerie has tirelessly given her time and talents to our organization, including work on the following committees: Local Arrangements, Program, Constitutional Revisions, Committee Guidelines Review, Emeritus Member Award, and President's Award. Her elected positions have included Nominating Committee, Council, Vice President, and MAC President (1991–1993).

Valerie's efforts to better the archival community have not been limited to MAC. She has also given equally to SAA, by serving on the Governing Structures Task Force of the College and University Archives Section, on the SAA By-Laws, Survey Update, and Audit committees, as chair and cochair of the Awards Committee, and as cochair of the Host and Nominating committees and of Council. In 2001, she was named a Fellow of the Society, the highest honor conferred by SAA on its members.

In her own work, Valerie has been equally successful. After her tenure at Wayne State, Valerie went to Chicago to serve as Assistant University Archivist at Loyola University. Later, she helped develop and found the Women in Leadership Archives of the Gannon Center for Women in Leadership, and she ultimately became the first director on a full-time basis in 1996. The archives attracted collections of women's organizations and of individual women who had taken leadership roles in educational institutions, social justice issues, faith institutions, public life, and the community.

Valerie's impact on the local, regional, and national archival communities is beyond measure, as is that of her late husband, Archie Motley. She has given generously to promote our developmental and educational missions. She is a model MAC citizen and thus is very deserving of the title Member Emerita.

Each winter the Membership Committee solicits nominations from the MAC membership for candidates to the status of Emeritus Member. The nominee must be retired from archival work and have been a MAC member for a minimum of 10 years (not necessarily consecutive). More importantly, nominees must have made a significant and



2005 Member Emerita Valerie Gerrard Browne (center) with incoming MAC President, Elisabeth Wittman, and Membership Committee Chair, Wesley Wilson.

substantial contribution to MAC during their archival career. The Emeritus Membership Award and special membership status of Emeritus Member were created to recognize those who have contributed to the success, growth, and visibility of MAC through committee work, programming, outreach, and governance. The award recognizes those who work behind the scenes for MAC, as well as those who have been honored by election to office.

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