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APSA Statement on Nomination of Dr. Colleen J. Shogan as Archivist of the United States

The American Political Science Association enthusiastically applauds the nomination of Dr. Colleen J. Shogan to be the next Archivist of the United States at the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Dr. Shogan has an outstanding record of executive leadership and service in government, an extensive record of research management, and an abiding commitment to the enduring value of the National Archives to our democracy and an informed citizenry. Currently, Dr. Shogan is the senior vice president and director of the David M. Rubenstein Center for White House History at the White House Historical Association.

We are especially proud that a political scientist is nominated to serve as the next archivist. While women have served as acting archivist in the past, Dr. Shogan would be the first woman appointed to the position in a permanent manner. Dr. Shogan received her doctorate in political science from Yale University and served as an APSA Congressional Fellow. She is a former APSA council member and served as president of the National Capitol Area Political Science Association. Dr. Shogan, an adjunct professor of political science at Georgetown University, has published numerous books and scholarly research articles on the presidency, Congress, and women in politics. Before joining the White House Historical Association in 2020, she held several senior positions at the Library of Congress and Congressional Research Service, including serving as the Assistant Deputy Librarian for Collections and Services, the Deputy Director of the Congressional Research Service, and the Deputy Director of National and International Outreach.

The Archivist plays a central and critical role as a steward of US government public records and is an integral part of the research community across disciplines and fields, and for professional and citizen archivists alike. We very much look forward to working with Dr. Shogan in her new role and congratulate her on her nomination.

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