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## CALL FOR JOURNAL SUBMISSIONS

### Special issue on “Sustainability within Conservation and Collections Care”

The Journal of American Institute for Conservation (JAIC) and the AIC Sustainability Committee are re-releasing our call for submissions for a special issue on the topic of “Sustainability within Conservation and Collections Care.” The issue will cover the ways in which conservators and collections care professionals in both institutional and private practices are experiencing the effects of our changing climate and adapting, changing, and rethinking their practices to be more sustainable.

Article types sought include research articles, short communications, technical notes (similar to expanded tips), literature reviews, and ethical considerations. Articles must be original works and will go through the usual peer-review process.

Areas of interest include but are not limited to:

- Research by conservators and scientists on more sustainable materials and use of those materials
- Life Cycle Assessments (LCAs) as a way to determine sustainable materials and actions
- Ways to limit energy use including widening of setpoints, re-evaluation of the long held 70/50 standards, shutdowns, seasonal drift, alternative energy sources, etc.
- Energy and waste audits in conservation labs or private practices
- Ways conservators and collections care professionals are factoring sustainability into their decision-making
- The intersections between sustainability and:
  - Risk-assessment
  - Preventive care
  - The ethical care of artwork
- Collaborative and sustainable practice
- Strategies to reduce waste, reuse and repurpose, etc.
- Efforts to source conservation materials more locally
- Ways conservators and collections care professionals have expanded the reach of their sustainability efforts
- Work with local communities and/or climate activists and organizations
- Lessons learned in forming Green Groups and getting institutional buy-in

#### SUBMISSION DETAILS

Authors are invited to submit an abstract (maximum 400 words) and article outline to the Sustainability Committee by September 15, 2023. Please email your abstract and outline to [aicsustainability@gmail.com](mailto:aicsustainability@gmail.com) and CC: [kate.fugett@gmail.com](mailto:kate.fugett@gmail.com). Articles selected by the committee will be due January 15, 2024, and should be submitted through our online portal at [www.editorialmanager.com/jac](http://www.editorialmanager.com/jac). You may send inquiries about the issue to Julio M. del Hoyo-Meléndez, JAIC Editor-in-Chief, at [jdelhoyo@mnk.pl](mailto:jdelhoyo@mnk.pl) as well as to the Sustainability Committee at the above email address.

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