

Anita Saggurti from Bank of America Joins the Board of Directors of the Foundation for Advancement in Conservation

Dedicated to Supporting the Preservation of Cultural Heritage, FAIC Board Expands



Anita Saggurti. Photo by Camilla Johannesen.

November 30, 2023 (Washington, D.C.) – The Foundation for Advancement in Conservation (FAIC) announced today that Bank of America Next Gen Strategy Executive **Anita Saggurti** has been elected to its Board of Directors, joining an eminent group of scholars, conservators, and nonprofit and philanthropic leaders dedicated to supporting the preservation of cultural heritage—from sites, monuments, and artifacts to the traditions, skills, and customs passed from one generation to another. With a background in providing specialized art counsel to financial institutions, as well as academic training in art law and cultural heritage preservation, Saggurti brings important expertise to the Board as it increases its impact in empowering conservation professionals, cultural institutions, and the public to work together to protect cultural heritage for future generations.

"Having recently celebrated FAIC's fiftieth anniversary and looking to the decades ahead, we are so pleased to welcome Anita Saggurti to the Board," said **Danielle Amato-Milligan**, President of the

Foundation for Advancement in Conservation and Philanthropic Strategist at Amato-Milligan & Associates. "Anita's affinity for cultural heritage has been a throughline in her career. Her depth of professional experience will be invaluable to the Foundation as we take new steps to build awareness of the critical importance of conservation for safeguarding the nation's collective memory and protecting the history, sites, and traditions treasured by communities across the U.S."

FAIC is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of up to 15 members, who work with the Board of Directors of the <u>American Institute for Conservation (AIC)</u>, the leading membership association for current and aspiring conservators and allied professionals. The FAIC and AIC Boards serve as leaders in supporting the preservation of the remarkable diversity of human cultural achievement and helping to address the threats to cultural heritage posed by conflict and climate change.

Prior to her current role as the Next Gen Strategy Executive, Saggurti served as the COO of the Bank of America's Art Services Group, helping collectors secure loans, sell art at auction, and create museums or donate to them. Anita received her J.D. from The University of Texas School of Law, where she focused on Art Law and Cultural Heritage preservation, and received her B.A. in Ancient History and English from the University of Pennsylvania.

"I am thrilled to join the Board of the Foundation for Advancement in Conservation, an organization committed to supporting those who preserve the irreplaceable record of what makes us human," said **Anita Saggurti**. "As someone who is deeply passionate about art, culture, and history, I am honored to collaborate with this group of interdisciplinary experts on helping to safeguard cultural heritage for generations to come. Conservators' work deepens the connections that people feel with their histories, identities, and each other, which is vital to creating an inclusive world."

As a member of the board, Saggurti will be highly involved in key FAIC initiatives, which include Connecting to Collections Care (C2CC) and the Collections Assessment for Preservation program (CAP), which provide small and mid-size cultural institutions with resources, professional development opportunities, and funding to care for their collections. FAIC's activities are guided by <u>Held in Trust</u>, a collaboration between FAIC and the National Endowment for the Humanities that articulates a vision of a vibrant and resilient future for conservation grounded in social justice, equity, and environmental action. *Held in Trust* is bringing together communities, conservators, and a range of audiences to work together to preserve the rich cultural heritage of the United States.

About The Foundation for Advancement in Conservation (FAIC)

The Foundation for Advancement in Conservation (FAIC) supports conservation education, research, and outreach activities that increase understanding of our global cultural heritage. Our mission is to save cultural heritage for future generations, protecting it from decay and destruction. We advance research and education, lead treatment and collection care initiatives, and deploy conservation expertise to where it is most urgently needed. Our work empowers conservation professionals, strengthens cultural institutions, and engages diverse audiences as we work together to protect cultural heritage for humanity. Learn more at <u>culturalheritage.org</u> and follow FAIC on <u>Twitter, Instagram, YouTube</u>, and <u>Facebook</u>.

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