

RESTORING AND REPAIRING HISTORIC TAXIDERMY

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*If you are interested in the care and conservation of historically significant taxidermy, I **strongly** recommend seeking the advice of an experienced professional. Not every taxidermist is well versed in the nuances of restoring and/or conserving taxidermy-it requires an intimate knowledge of historic and modern materials, methods to maintain the integrity of a work, and a nuanced understanding of ethics.*

*The care of a professional is not just an investment in maintaining your pieces now, but an investment in the future! These pieces will outlive us, and continue to impact future generations. Below is a list of links to various texts on the conservation of natural history artifacts. These are provided as a reading list for the curious, and **do not replace the advice of an experienced professional.***

I also recommend checking out the many resources provided by [SPNHC](#) and [NatSCA](#).

Assessment of museum staff exposure to arsenic in taxidermy and specimens

AMNH Article on residual pesticides

David Carter Care and Conservation of Natural History Collections 1999.

Elkin and Norris 2020 Preventive Conservation Collection Storage.

Huxley et al. 2020 Managing Natural Science Collections A Guide to Strategy, Planning and Resourcing.

Salick et al 2014 Curating Biocultural Collections: A Handbook.

Storage of Natural History Collections

Cuidado, manejo y conservación de las colecciones biológicas. Yaneth Muñoz-Saba.
John E. Simmons

Profiling natural history collections: A method for quantitative and comparative health assessment

The History of Taxidermy: Clues for Preservation by Amandine Pueginot

Finding back Carlos Berg's fish specimens: Naturalist preparation and collection management in object biography and conservation by Amandine Pueginot and Gustavo E. Chiaramonte

Conservation of Leather and Related Materials Edited By Marion Kite and Roy Thomson

Ethics and Practice of Conservation: Manual for the Conservation of Ethnographic and Multi-material Assets by Stefania Pandozy, and Mathilde De Bonis

The National Trust Manual of Housekeeping: A New Edition of the Practical Guide to the Conservation of Old Houses and Their Contents